

**CHAPTER 238. PENNSYLVANIA MODEL CODE OF ETHICS FOR  
EDUCATORS—STATEMENT OF POLICY**

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**Authority**

The provisions of this Chapter 238 added under section 5(a)(12.2) of the Educator Discipline Act (24 P.S. § 2070.5(a)(12.2)), unless otherwise noted.

**Source**

The provisions of this Chapter 238 added February 11, 2022, effective February 12, 2022, 52 Pa.B. 1009, unless otherwise noted.

**§ 238.1. Adoption of the Pennsylvania Model Code of Ethics for Educators—statement of policy.**

The Professional Standards and Practices Commission (PSPC) adopts by reference the Model Code of Ethics for Educators, 2015 Edition, published by the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification, as the Pennsylvania Model Code of Ethics for Educators. A copy of the publication may be obtained from the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification, 1629 K Street NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20006, on the Internet web site of the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification at [https://www.nasdtec.net/page/MCEE\\_Doc](https://www.nasdtec.net/page/MCEE_Doc), and on the Internet web site of the PSPC at <https://www.pspc.education.pa.gov>.

**§ 238.2. Using the Pennsylvania Model Code of Ethics for Educators—statement of policy.**

(a) The Professional Standards and Practices Commission (PSPC) will use the Pennsylvania Model Code of Ethics for Educators to:

- (1) Assist current and future educators and other persons employed by a school entity in making ethical decisions.
- (2) Facilitate discussion among current and future educators and other persons employed by a school entity concerning issues related to ethical questions. The Executive Director shall plan training for school entities and educator preparation providers that includes the Pennsylvania Model Code of Ethics for Educators.

(b) The Executive Director shall also identify and publish on the PSPC's web site a list of available resources to assist school entities, educator preparation

providers, and educational organizations in incorporating the Pennsylvania Model Code of Ethics for Educators and ethical instruction into their programs and practices.

**§ 238.3. Clarification on the use of the Pennsylvania Model Code of Ethics for Educators—statement of policy.**

The Pennsylvania Model Code of Ethics for Educators will not be used to constitute standards of professional conduct for educators.

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