

Position Statement

Ohio PTA Board of Directors Position Statement - PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT for EDUCATORS

Ohio PTA Board of Directors support the belief that educators serve as positive role models to students and their families. As a result they are responsible for preserving the dignity and integrity of the teaching profession according to the highest ethical standards. This includes devoting themselves to providing a safe and nurturing environment in which all students can learn, free from harassment or intimidation.

Educators in Ohio strive for excellence through high expectations that they hold for themselves and their students in alignment with the Standards for Ohio Educators and the Ohio Academic Content Standards for Students.

Ohio PTA Board of Directors support and promotes the Licensure Code of Professional Conduct for Ohio Educators.

Ohio PTA Board of Directors opposes any educator engaging in criminal activity (including the use of alcohol on school property or illegal drugs) as evidenced by a criminal conviction, guilty plea, finding of guilt, or participation in a court-ordered diversion or treatment in lieu of conviction program. Educators shall accurately report any criminal activity to the local board of education or governing board, superintendent/designee, state education agency, federal agency or state or federal law.

Ohio PTA Board of Directors recognizes that educators are entrusted with public funds and school property in the course of performing job duties and must maintain a high level of honesty, accuracy and accountability to ensure that privileges are not used for personal gain.

Ohio PTA Board of Directors support educators making decisions that are not based on bias or prejudice regarding students or families, influenced by socioeconomic status of families or gifts given by families or businesses.

Ohio PTA Board of Directors support discipline at both the state and local level be imposed on educators who violate one or more of the principals of the Licensure Code of Professional Conduct for Ohio Educators and set forth by the State Board of Education. Discipline imposed must follow all local contractual provisions, including but not limited to due process, progressive discipline and just cause. This discipline may include the authority to suspend, limit, revoke or deny licenses; or issue a letter of admonishment.