

Book	POLICY MANUAL
Section	100 SCHOOL BOARD OPERATIONS
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The School Board and individual School Board members have legal and ethical obligations to avoid situations in which their objectivity as elected public officials may be compromised due to a financial or other significant personal interest in a District business transaction or in other matters that come before the School Board. Similarly, each member of the School Board has obligations to avoid engaging in conduct which is incompatible with the proper discharge of his/her duties and authority as a public official.

Each individual School Board member is ultimately responsible for personally identifying and taking appropriate action with respect to his/her own conflicts of interest in accordance with School Board policy and applicable law.

Due to the legal doctrine of incompatibility of office, no School Board member who is currently in office may be simultaneously employed by the District in any other capacity. At the School Board's discretion, a School Board member may be authorized by the Superintendent to serve as a volunteer coach, supervisor of an extracurricular activity, or bus driver.

A School Board member may serve as a volunteer coach or a supervisor of an extracurricular activity if all of the following apply:

1. The School Board member does not receive compensation for serving as a volunteer coach or supervisor.
2. The School Board member agrees to abstain from voting on any issue that comes before the school board that substantially and directly concerns the activity that he or she coaches or supervises while he or she is serving as a volunteer coach or supervisor.
3. The School Board receives the results of a criminal background investigation of the School Board member

A School Board member may serve as a volunteer school bus driver if all of the following apply:

1. The School Board member has received authorization to operate a school bus from the department of transportation in the form of a school bus endorsement.
2. The School Board member holds a valid commercial driver license
3. The School Board member does not receive compensation for serving as a volunteer school bus driver.
4. The School Board member agrees to abstain from voting on any issue that comes before the school board that substantially and directly concerns school bus drivers.

Authorized by Superintendent? Confirm

If not authorized, reviewed by School Board?

This policy will be reviewed annually with the School Board.

Legal [Section 19.42 \[statutory definitions related to the code of ethics for local government officials\]](#)
[Section 19.46\(2\) \[advisory opinions from the ethics commission\]](#)

[Section 19.59 \[ethical standards for local government officials\]](#)

[Section 19.59\(5\) \[advisory opinions regarding local government code of ethics; district legal counsel\]](#)

[Section 120.20 \[school board members; compatible positions\]](#)

[Section 946.12 \[misconduct in public office\]](#)

[Section 946.13 \[private interests in public contracts prohibited\]](#)