

CODE OF ETHICS FOR BRIDGES' BOARD MEMBERS

As a member of the Board, I shall promote the best interests of BRIDGES Charter School as a whole and shall adhere to the following ethical standards:

Equity in Attitude

- I will be fair, just, and impartial in all of my decisions and actions.
- I will accord others the respect I wish for myself.
- I will encourage expressions of different opinions and listen with an open mind to others' ideas.
- I will seek to foster "positive, respectful and peaceful collaboration" in alignment with the charter vision.

Trustworthiness in Stewardship

- I will be accountable to the public by representing BRIDGES' policies, programs, priorities, and progress accurately and equitably.
- I will be responsive to the community by seeking its involvement in the School's affairs and by communicating its priorities and concerns.
- I will work to ensure prudent and accountable use of BRIDGES' resources.
- I will make no personal promise or take private action that may compromise my performance or my responsibilities as a Board Member.

Honor in Conduct

- I will tell the truth.
- I will share my views while working for consensus.
- I will respect the majority decision as the decision of the Board.
- I will base my decisions on fact rather than supposition, opinion, or public favor.

Integrity of Character

- I will refuse to surrender judgment to any individual or group at the expense of the School as a whole.
- I will uphold all applicable laws, rules, policies, and governance procedures.
- I will not disclose information that is confidential by law or that will needlessly harm the BRIDGES if disclosed.

Commitment to Service

- I will focus my attention on fulfilling the Board's responsibilities of school governance, goal setting, policymaking, and evaluation.
- I will diligently prepare for and attend Board meetings.
- I will avoid personal involvement in activities the Board has delegated to the Executive Director or designee.
- I will remain mindful of my position and authority as a Board Member and not use this position or authority, intentionally or otherwise, to obtain information, favors or benefits to which I would otherwise not be entitled.
- I will seek continuing education that will enhance my ability to fulfill my duties effectively.
- I will strive to always operate within the guidelines and laws as set forth in the Ralph M. Brown Act and will support my fellow Board Members to do the same.

Student-Centered Focus

- I will be continuously guided by what is best for all students of BRIDGES Charter School.

BOARD APPROVED ON: February 6, 2012