

Code of Ethics

The Louisiana Music Educators Association believes music education is essential for all students. The conduct of music educators must always be professional and ethical. Louisiana music educators must clearly understand their responsibilities to ensure the integrity of our profession.

Commitment to Students

Music educators shall maintain relationships with students and their families that are professional in nature.

1. The teacher shall treat all students with dignity, respect, and integrity without discrimination.
2. The teacher shall not take advantage of or engage in inappropriate relationships with students.
3. The teacher shall not deny opportunities or participation in musical activities to students based on race, color, creed, sex, disability, national origin, marital status, political or religious beliefs, family, social or cultural background, or sexual orientation.
4. The teacher shall maintain student confidentiality and privacy unless the law requires disclosure.
5. The teacher shall do their utmost to guide and encourage students in their musical endeavors.

Commitment to Colleagues

Music educators shall maintain relationships with colleagues that are professional in nature.

1. The teacher shall treat all colleagues with respect regardless of personal relationships or opinions.
2. The teacher shall refrain from making false or malicious statements about colleagues.
3. The teacher shall not accept nor offer any gratuity, favor, service, or gift that would appear to result in special concession or diminished capacity of impartial professional judgment.
4. The teacher shall not falsify information, financial records, or documents nor compel others to do so.
5. The teacher shall refrain from disclosing personal or sensitive information about colleagues unless it is professionally necessary or legally required.

Commitment to Society

Music educators shall maintain the highest level of professionalism and integrity in their conduct.

1. The teacher shall conduct themselves in a professional manner and be a model of conduct for the educational community.
2. The teacher shall strive to develop positive relationships with their school and community.
3. The teacher shall accurately represent their professional experiences and qualifications.
4. The teacher shall seek to continue professional growth and abilities.
5. The teacher shall strive to promote music education in their local community and in the field of education.