

Ethical Guidelines for the Parent Legislative Team

Members of the Parent Legislative Team have many opportunities to interact and communicate with students, parents, administration, School Board members, and legislators. PLT members understand they are charged with the following recommended set of principles while serving as a member of the PLT. These Ethical Guidelines serve as a guide for responsibilities and obligations as a PLT member and not as a personal ethical code.

1. PLT members will always operate under a positive, information-based approach when interacting with students, parents, staff, administrators, school board members and legislators.
2. PLT members will determine member agreement/consensus. Once a position has been formulated on an issue, a PLT member must use that as the platform from which to state issues while representing the PLT. Personal opinions not representing the consensus of the group must be stated as such.
3. PLT members will treat as confidential all sensitive information concerning students, parents, administrators, School Board members, and legislators.
4. PLT members will present information honestly and will not intentionally misrepresent records or fact relating to legislative issues.
5. PLT members neither give nor accept gratuities, gifts, or favors to obtain special advantage on behalf of the PLT.
6. PLT members will act in a non-partisan fashion when representing the team.
7. PLT members will not advocate for, campaign or endorse specific candidates on behalf of or in the name of the PLT.
8. Any public communication, oral, written or electronic (such as letters to the editor, letters to legislators, etc.) shall contain no references to membership in the PLT unless approved by member agreement/consensus.

Signed _____ Date _____