

**CODE OF CONDUCT FOR
TOWN REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS**

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As a Member of the Thetford Academy Board of Trustees, I will strive to improve education at the Academy, and to that end I will:

1. Be knowledgeable about the school's mission and goals and represent them appropriately and accurately within the community;
2. Stay fully informed about current operations and issues by attending meetings regularly, coming to meetings well prepared, and participating fully in all matters. I will inform myself about current educational issues;
3. Recognize that the Board sets policy and focuses on long range and strategic issues. As a trustee, I will not become involved directly in specific management, personnel, or curricular issues;
4. Render all decisions based on the available facts and my independent judgment, and refuse to surrender that judgment to individuals or special interest groups;
5. Respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under the Board's decision to adhere to Vermont Open Meeting law;
6. Guard against conflict of interest, whether personal or business related, and recuse myself should a conflict of interest become apparent;
7. Communicate to the Board and the Head of School public reaction to board policies and school issues and refrain from responding to situations individually;
8. Recognize that each trustee has fiduciary responsibility to the school for sound financial management.