Weakley County Board of Education



Monitoring: Descriptor Term: Descriptor Code: **Staff Rights and Responsibilities**

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1 In fulfilling any citizenship rights and responsibilities, employees shall give proper consideration 2 to the educational welfare of the students and ensure that no conflict exists with their actual 3 4 duties.

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Each staff member has the right to:

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1. A work environment free from sexual, racial, ethnic, and religious discrimination/harassment.¹

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2. Academic freedom within the confines of state law and board policy in order to create an atmosphere of freedom in the classroom.

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Each staff member has the responsibility to:

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> 1. Make themselves familiar with and abide by, the laws of the state as these affect their work, the policies of the Board and the procedures designed to implement them.²

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2. To adhere to the Code of Ethics of the Tennessee Education Association.³

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3. Exercise good judgment in selecting issues for discussion and balance the relative maturity of his/her students and the students' right to know.

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4. Be courteous and helpful in interacting and responding to parents, visitors and members of the public.

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5. Keep all records. Prepare and submit promptly all reports that may be required by state law, state board regulations, board policy and administrative procedures.

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6. Wear appropriate dress for work according to board guidelines and local school rules.

Legal References:

¹ 42 U.S.C.A. § 2000 E-E-2; TCA 49-6-8002 through 8006

² TCA 49-5-201

3 TCA 49-5-501(3)

Cross References:

4.200 Curriculum Development 4.800 Controversial Issues