Professional Ethics

CSNA Leadership Training

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The mark of a professional . . . .

- **NOT!**
  - Cell phone conversations
  - Skipping meetings
  - Talking in meetings
  - Gossiping

- **YES!**
  - Working together
  - Follow through
  - Using democratic process
  - Financially responsible
  - Appropriate dress
What does it Look Like ??

- Hard to define
  - Know it when I see it
- Attitude and behavior
- Doing the right thing even when no one is looking
- Keep your commitments
  - Do what you say
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Code of Ethics

- A systematic collection of principles or practices regarding conduct that are based on moral values.
Why is a code of ethics important to an association?
CSNA Code of Ethics

Members of the California School Nutrition Association are committed to the improvement of community-directed quality child nutrition programs. Members are charged to fulfill an obligation to their association, school, community, and related professional groups in achieving common goals.
CSNA Code of Ethics

- To guide professional conduct by the highest professional standards
- To uphold the **CSNA mission**
- To embrace *continuous learning* within the profession and apply this knowledge to improve the quality of the program
- To participate in the development of *pertinent legislation*
CSNA Code of Ethics

☐ To promote public support to improve the image of school nutrition programs

☐ To appreciate the value, dignity, and differences of all persons

☐ Too use the highest ethical and moral standards while conducting business
Conflict of Interest

☐ A situation in which a person has a duty to more than one person or organization but cannot do justice to the actual or potentially adverse interests of both parties
SNA’s Conflict of Interest Policy

☐ No member, while serving the Association in a leadership capacity will take personal advantage of his or her leadership role by allowing a situation to exist that may be construed as a conflict of interest situation.

☐ What does that mean?
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- Case Study
Why Do We Care?

It’s WHO WE ARE!