

***CODE OF ETHICS FOR VERMONT EDUCATORS:
A STATEMENT OF BELIEFS***

The essential qualities of the competent and caring educator include moral integrity, humane attitudes, reflective practice, and a sound understanding of academic content and pedagogy. The public vests educators with trust and responsibility for educating the children of Vermont. We believe that fulfilling this charge requires educators to demonstrate the highest standards of ethical conduct.

We, as professional educators, respect the dignity and individuality of every human being. We are committed to, and model for our students, the lifelong pursuit of learning and academic excellence. We are dedicated to effective scholarly practice, further enhanced by collaboration with colleagues and those in the greater educational community. Furthermore, we are dedicated to compassionate service on behalf of our students and their families and advocate for them in the school and community settings.

We recognize and accept both the public trust and the magnitude of responsibility inherent in our profession. To this end, we put forth this statement of beliefs as the foundation for ethical practice for all Vermont educators to honor and follow.