

Code of Ethics for Volunteers

As a volunteer, I realize that I am subject to a code of ethics similar to that which binds the professional in the field in which I work. Like them, I assume certain responsibilities and expect to account for what I do in terms of what I am expected to do. I will keep confidential matters confidential. I interpret “volunteer” to mean that I have agreed to work without compensation in money, but having been accepted as a worker, I expect to do my work according to standards, as the paid staff expect to do their work.

I promise to take to my work an attitude of open mindedness, to be willing to be trained for it; to bring to it interest and attention. I realize that I may have assets that my co-workers may not have and that I should use these to enrich the students for whom we are working together. I realize also that I may lack assets that my co-workers have but I will not let this make me feel inadequate but will endeavor to assist in developing good teamwork.

I plan to find out how I can best serve the students and to offer as much as I am sure I can give, but no more. I realize that I must live up to my promises and, therefore, will be careful that my agreement is so simple and clear that it cannot be misunderstood.

I believe that my attitude should be professional. I believe that I have an obligation to my work, to those who direct it, to my colleagues, to those whom it is done and to the public.

Being eager to contribute all that I can to human betterment, I accept this code for volunteers as my code to be followed.