



## Washington County BOARD OF EDUCATION

### Washington County Board of Education Operating Norms

*Operating Norms should be reviewed and/or revised by the full Board at least at each reorganization following an election.*

As Board Members we pledge to:

1. Make decisions based on student achievement
2. Respect others by listening to all points of view and communicating openly and honestly
3. Start Board meetings on time. (Each Board member is responsible for his or her own attendance and meetings will not be delayed if a Board member is running late.)
4. Come prepared to all meetings and ask relevant questions that add value to the decision making process
5. Adhere to Board Communication Processes
6. Share ideas and information
7. Seek consensus and honor the majority decision
8. Contact colleagues personally to discuss or resolve an issue
9. Not challenge colleagues on their vote after a debate has been held and a vote taken
10. Maintain confidentiality
11. Observe *Robert's Rules of Order*. (Training in *Robert's Rules of Order* will be provided upon request.)
12. Limit use of electronic devices during Board meetings to business use.

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