

ETHICS ADVISORY PANEL

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To facilitate implementation of ethics regulations, the Washington County Board of Education has created a standing Board advisory committee, known as the Ethics Advisory Panel. This panel shall be comprised of active community members who are interested in the interpretation and application of ethics regulations.

THE COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES

1. Render advice as requested by school board members or employees regarding applicability and interpretation of ethics regulations.
2. Investigate complaints filed in writing regarding possible violations of ethics regulations.
3. For complaints with merit, conduct a hearing with affected parties and transmit a report to the elected Board.

MEMBERSHIP SPECIFICATIONS

The members of the Ethics Advisory Panel shall be appointed by the Board. Membership on the Ethics Advisory Panel shall be limited to no more than five (5) members of the community. One (1) of the voting members shall be a representative from the legal community.

TERMS OF OFFICE

1. Individuals may be appointed to a term of office of up to three (3) years.
2. The terms of office may be staggered to allow for the rotation of up to 1/3 of the membership of the Committee every three (3) years.
3. No individual shall be appointed to serve for more than two (2) consecutive terms on the Committee unless specifically exempted by the Board. Reappointment to a second term is not automatic.

OPERATIONAL SPECIFICATIONS

1. The committee will report to the Board as requested.