

Teacher Candidate* Conduct Code
NDSU School of Education

*A teacher candidate is any NDSU student enrolled in any teacher preparation course or admitted to the NDSU School of Education. The following code of professional conduct serves as a reminder to teacher candidates about their obligations to the university, school districts, cooperating teachers, and the K-12 students in these settings.

Teacher candidates shall exemplify honesty and integrity while a member of the NDSU community. The teacher candidate will engage in ethical conduct. Ethical conduct includes, but is not limited to:

❖ Abiding by the following:

- [NDSU Policy 601: Code of Student Conduct](#)
- [NDSU Policy 335: Code of Academic Responsibility and Conduct](#)
- [North Dakota Code of Professional Conduct for Educators](#)
- District and school policies at clinical placement sites

❖ Avoiding the following:

- Inappropriate electronic communication such as email, text messaging, social media, telephone calls and/or instant messaging with a student during a field placement.
- Using any platform not approved by the clinical placement site or outside of an educational purpose.
- Soliciting, encouraging, or consummating an inappropriate written, verbal, electronic or physical relationship with a student during a clinical placement.
- Using a professional relationship with a student for personal advantage or gain.
- Engaging in physical abuse of a student or sexual conduct with a student.
- Revealing confidential information concerning students unless disclosure serves lawful professional purposes or is required by law.
- Plagiarism as described in NDSU Policy 335.

Any violation of this code of conduct constitutes grounds for disciplinary action which may include but is not limited to:

- Issuance of a warning or reprimand (as outlined in the Admission and Retention Policy found in the [NDSU Teacher Education Handbook](#))
- Assigned a grade of F for the enrolled course(s)
- Removal from clinical placement
- Suspension and/or dismissal from the program

By signing this form, I do hereby affirm that I understand my obligation to abide by this NDSU Teacher Candidate Code of Conduct, the NDSU Code of Student Conduct, the NDSU Code of Academic Responsibility and Conduct, and the North Dakota Code of Professional Conduct for Educators. Further, I understand that violations of the provisions in these documents can result in suspension and/or termination from the NDSU teacher education program.

I agree that my electronic signature has the same validity and legally binding equivalent to my handwritten signature.

Signed _____

Date _____