

TRITON COLLEGE BOARD POLICY

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As elected officials representing the public interest, each Trustee of the Board is committed to adhering to the following:

1. To represent all district constituents honestly and equally and refuse to surrender Board responsibilities to special interest or partisan political groups.
2. To avoid any conflict of interest or the appearance of impropriety and not use Board membership for personal gain or publicity.
3. To recognize that a Board member has no legal authority as an individual and that decisions can be made only by a majority vote at a Board meeting.
4. To take no private action that might compromise the entire Board or administration and to respect the confidentiality of privileged information.
5. To abide by majority decisions of the Board, while individually retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions through ethical and constructive channels.
6. To encourage and respect the free expression of opinion of all Board members and others who seek a hearing before the Board.
7. To be involved and knowledgeable about not only local educational concerns, but also about state and national issues.
8. To further the development of educational programs that meet the individual needs of every student, regardless of ability, race, creed or social standing.
9. To encourage the development of procedures for the regular and systematic evaluation of programs, staff performance, and Board operations, ensuring progress toward educational and fiscal goals.
10. To develop effective Board policies that provide direction for the operation of the College and delegate authority to the President for their administration.

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11. To encourage the development of systematic communications which ensure that the Board, administration, staff, students and community are fully informed and that the staff understands the community's aspirations for the College.
12. To develop sound business practices which ensure that every dollar spent produces maximum benefits for the College and the Triton community.