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**TITLE 126
LEGISLATIVE RULE
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**SERIES 162
TEACHER CODE OF CONDUCT (POLICY 5902)**

§126-162-1. General.

1.1. Scope. -- Code of conduct for all teachers employed in the public schools of West Virginia.

1.2. Authority. -- W. Va. Code §18-2e-5.

1.3. Filing Date. -- February 25, 1992.

1.4. Effective Date. -- March 26, 1992.

§126-162-2. Application and Enforcement.

2.1. Application. This legislative rule applies to every teacher in the public schools of West Virginia.

2.2. Enforcement. The enforcement of this legislative rule is vested with the State Superintendent of Schools.

2.3. This policy is to complement the Staff Evaluation policy of the state board of education. (Policy 5310)

§126-162-3. Purpose.

The West Virginia Board of Education recognizes that the capabilities and conduct of teachers greatly affect the quality of education provided students in the public schools. Students deserve, and the general public expects, each teacher to demonstrate a commitment to excellence, equity and effectiveness in performing the role and responsibilities of a teacher. The purpose of the Teacher Code of Conduct is to define appropriate standards of conduct for teachers in the public schools of West Virginia.

§126-162-4. Teacher Code of Conduct.

To provide students with quality educational opportunities which reflect both excellence and equity, every teacher in the public schools of West Virginia shall:

4.1. Demonstrate a belief that all students can learn;

4.2. Give assignments that make learning relevant;

4.3. Teach responsible citizenship and life skills;

4.4. Treat each student fairly;

4.5. Promote a safe and positive learning environment;

4.6. Be a good adult role model;

4.7. Exhibit a caring, honest and professional attitude;

4.8. Maintain professional growth and development;

4.9. Communicate with parents;

4.10. Recognize the community as a partner in educating students;

4.11. Maintain confidentiality; and

4.12. Abide by policies and regulations.

126CSR162**§126-162-5. Responsibilities for Implementation.**

5.1. The county board of education shall provide a copy of the Teacher Code of Conduct to all teachers employed in the county, including substitute teachers.

5.2. The school principal shall consider the Teacher Code of Conduct in evaluating each teacher's professionalism pursuant to Policy 5310.