

PURCHASING CODE OF ETHICS

All Board staff involved in procurement related activity shall be guided by the Ontario Public Buyers' Association (OPBA) Code of Ethics (<https://www.opba.ca/chapters/nigp-opba/documents/codeofethics04.pdf>) and the Purchasing Management Association of Canada (PMAC) Code of Ethics (<http://www.pmac.ca/PDF/Code%20of%20Ethics.pdf>).

In accordance with the above Codes of Ethics, Board staff shall conduct all procurement related activity based on the following:

- i) highest standard of integrity in all business relationships within and outside of the Board
- ii) highly demonstrated level of respect for each other and the environment
- iii) consideration for the interests of the Board and its students in all transactions
- iv) transparency and fairness in obtaining the best value for public funds
- v) demonstrated responsible, efficient and effective manner of using public resources
- vi) avoidance of any activity that may create, or appear to create, a conflict of interest
- vii) gifts and/or gratuities in excess of reasonable hospitality will not be accepted
- viii) seek counsel from Purchasing as required
- ix) compliance with laws in the Province of Ontario and Canada
- x) buy without prejudice in order to achieve maximum value for money
- xi) avoidance of one's authority being used for personal gain

