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The board of directors recognizes its responsibility to protect students from physical and/or emotional harm. Staff members are expected to exhibit "good moral character and personal fitness" as they teach or supervise students. Staff members shall not engage in unprofessional conduct including, but not limited to:

- A. related acts of immorality and/or intemperance;
- B. violation of written contract;
- C. involving the physical neglect of children;
- D. the physical, emotional, or sexual abuse or mistreatment of children;
- E. sexual conduct with children or students;
- F. misrepresentation or falsification in the course of professional practice;
- G. possession, use or consumption or being under the influence of alcohol or of a controlled substance on school premises or at a school-sponsored activity involving students;
- H. disregard or abandonment of generally recognized professional standards;
- I. abandonment of contract for professional services;
- J. unauthorized professional practice;
- K. illegal furnishing of alcohol or a controlled substance to a student; or
- L. improper remunerative conduct (using one's position for monetary gain).

The above list does not, <u>in any way</u>, limit the district's ability to discipline or discharge an employee for acts of misconduct not listed above.

Cross References: Board Policy 5005 Employment: Disclosures, Certification,

Requirements, Assurances and Approval

5281 Disciplinary Action and Discharge

Legal References: RCW 28A.400.320 Crimes against children -- Mandatory termination of

classified employees -- Appeal -- Recovery of salary

or compensation by district

28A.405.470 Crimes against children -- Mandatory termination of

certificated employees -- Appeal – Recovery of salary

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		28A.410.090	Revocation or suspension of certificate or permit to teach Criminal basis Complaints Investigation Process.
		28A.410.100	Revocation of authority to teachHearings
		28A.410.110	Limitation on reinstatement after revocation – Reinstatement prohibited for certain felony crimes.
W	VAC	181-79A	Standards for teacher, administrator, and educational staff associate certification
		181-86	Professional certification – Policies and Procedures for Administration of Certification Proceedings.
		181-87	Professional Certification – Acts of Unprofessional Conduct

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