

STUDENT WORKBOOK



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Welcome to the Texas Educator Ethics Training Course. This course has been developed by the Texas Education Agency to assist Texas educators in identifying key ethical issues and educating them on proper and expected behaviors both inside and outside of the classroom.

Module One Questions.

Directions: Select the one best answer.

1. What is the correct percentage of Texas teachers charged with ethics violations each year?
 - a. 25%
 - b. 20%
 - c. 10%
 - d. 1%
- 2) Which of the following statements by Ridgemont shows poor judgment?
 - a. "Sit with me on the bus and I'll help you settle those butterflies."
 - b. "I'm looking forward to the UIL competition this weekend."
 - c. "In fact, you're becoming one of the most talented flute players I've ever taught."
 - d. "You've really been making an effort to improve and it shows."
3. Which of the following is NOT a risk in the incident in which the teacher gives the student a ride home on a motorcycle?
 - a. There is no appearance of anything inappropriate.
 - b. It encourages physical contact between student and teacher.
 - c. It could give the impression of favoritism.
 - d. The student could possibly get hurt.
4. Which of the following summarizes Wright's concerns about boundaries?
 - a. They are not necessary.
 - b. They are easily recognized by all teachers and students.
 - c. They help maintain respectful and professional relationships.
 - d. They are needed to keep teachers from caring about students.
5. Which of the following is the least appropriate way to redirect student behavior when a student is caught sleeping?
 - a. Ask all students to stand for a "stretch break," especially if other students seem sleepy.



- b. Vary the class activity, possibly providing some engagement.
 - c. Adjust the room temperature or provide more air flow.
 - d. Use a loud, startling sound such as an air horn to wake the student up.
6. Which of the following is an appropriate response when a teacher witnesses another teacher engage in inappropriate contact with a student?
- a. Consider the record of the offending teacher. If they have a clean record, do nothing.
 - b. If you know them outside of school and they seem OK, then don't report the conduct
 - c. The observer should report any questionable contact between a teacher and a student.
 - d. Avoid reporting the incident as it's too uncomfortable to deal with.
7. Which of the following statements accurately characterizes a relationship between a high school teacher and an 18 year old student?
- a. It is never appropriate for a teacher to have a relationship with a student, regardless of age.
 - b. The relationship is fine as long as the student is not actually being taught by the teacher in the relationship.
 - c. 18 is the age of consent, so it's OK for a teacher to have a relationship with the student.
 - d. The relationship is fine as long as there is parental consent.
8. In times when rumors are easily spread through texting and social media, what is the safest assumption to make about rumors regarding student-teacher relationships?
- a. Administrators and parents will take the side of an adult over a child.
 - b. It's possible to keep such relationships secret if you trust the right people.
 - c. People will assume they are false if the teacher has no previous record of such relationships.
 - d. Whether people believe them or not, rumors like this can destroy your credibility. Avoid compromising situations.



9. Based on the video, which of the following is a safe assumption to make about awareness among teachers regarding ethical behavior?
- a. Human resources take care of that at the hiring meeting.
 - b. Too much attention is placed on these issues for no reason.
 - c. Most teachers are fully aware of the basics of ethical teacher behavior.
 - d. Thorough training in teacher ethics is needed both in pre- service and in-service settings.
10. Which of the following is NOT part of the instruction given to the teachers at McCorkle?
- a. Touching students is out of bounds.
 - b. Gift –giving is OK.
 - c. When counseling a student, leave your room door open.
 - d. Flirtatious speech is intolerable.



Module Two Questions.

Directions: Select the one best answer.

1. Which of the following is the safest assumption for teachers using social media?
 - a. Teachers should be accessible to everyone.
 - b. Students will not post inappropriate comments to your page.
 - c. a. It's best not to link to students and to limit who can see your pages.
 - d. Social media are an appropriate way to show students you are "cool" and one of them.
2. Teachers are sometimes sympathetic to students who appear_____ and want to try to help them.
 - a. self-sufficient
 - b. confident
 - c. successful
 - d. Needy
3. The best way to deal with a student relationship that goes beyond the appropriate boundary is to_____.
 - a. Let a campus or district administrator know and ask for their help.
 - b. Approach the student angrily and end the relationship.
 - c. Ignore it. The student will soon find other interests.
 - d. Ask the parents for help.
4. Which of the following was NOT part of the training the teachers in the video received on social media and students?
 - a. There are eyes everywhere.
 - b. Keep your personal life private.
 - c. Always be available to your students.
 - d. Be friendly but not a friend to your students.



5. Other issues to be aware of in using social media include all of the following EXCEPT_____.
- a. tone
 - b. federal privacy laws
 - c. the viral nature of social media
 - d. Most content cannot be shared



Module Three Questions.

Directions: Select the one best answer.

1. In the video the teacher's _____ is being challenged.
 - a) institutional authority
 - b) youthfulness
 - c) expert knowledge
 - d) experience
2. The situation is exacerbated by the teacher's _____.
 - a. respect for his students
 - b. friendliness
 - c. patience
 - d. blogging
3. Mrs. Kaminski is inconsiderate to one of her _____.
 - a. gifted students
 - b. special needs students
 - c. athletes
 - d. colleagues
4. Even in a competitive athletic coaching situation it is inappropriate to _____.
 - a) have students repeat skill activities
 - b) lets students intentionally harm teammates
 - c) insist on sound fundamentals
 - d) have players run laps
5. In their instruction, the teachers at McCorkle were taught all of the following EXCEPT:
 - a. de-escalate, not escalate
 - b. use appropriate language
 - c. show students when the teacher is angry
 - d. show patience and respect when dealing with all students



6. Which of the following is the most likely reason teachers alter or falsify test scores?
- a. They haven't been teaching.
 - b. They teach at exemplary schools.
 - c. They are inexperienced teachers.
 - d. They feel pressure to perform well on tests.
7. Which of the following is NOT a reason to avoid test cheating?
- a. Each teacher signs an oath swearing to handle test procedures properly.
 - b. Principals want higher test scores and exemplary ratings.
 - c. Cheating sets a bad example for students.
 - d. Such conduct is unethical.
8. Which of the following is the least likely result when teachers and principals get caught altering test results?
- a. The school will achieve an exemplary rating.
 - b. The teachers involved will lose their state certification.
 - c. Anyone involved could be subject to a lengthy suspension.
 - d. The principal, if found to be involved, will lose his or her certification.



Module Four Questions.

Directions: Select the one best answer.

1. In the road rage incident involving Flement, the important thing to keep in mind is _____.
 - a. stand up for yourself
 - b. not to let the other person get to you
 - c. keep weapons handy in case you are challenged
 - d. be aware that losing your temper and threatening physical violence is never appropriate--in public or in private.
2. Being a teaching professional means that one recognizes that _____.
 - a. you have the same rights as everyone else
 - b. society holds teachers to a higher standard of conduct
 - c. people know your work is stressful and they understand you may need to blow off steam
 - d. Even though you work with students every day, people usually won't recognize you when you aren't on the campus
3. The hardest thing for many first year teachers is _____.
 - a. Earning the respect of the students
 - b. getting your students to like you
 - c. winning the confidence of your principal
 - d. becoming a department chair
4. The appropriate action regarding teens and alcohol, especially if you are a teacher, is _____.
 - a. make sure they drink alcohol away from home
 - b. do not provide or condone teen use of alcohol
 - c. since you know they are going to drink it, have them do it under your supervision



- d. buy it for them, but make them earn it by doing chores for you
5. It's important for teachers to understand that, no matter where they are in the classroom, at a school sponsored event, or out in the community, that they have

_____.

- a. the right to privacy
- b. freedom of self-expression
- c. the responsibility to be a positive role model
- d. no need to worry about how they are perceived by others
6. Did this training module clarify grey areas of ethics for you?

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7. Do you think more videos of this nature would assist you when you are placed in a questionable situation?

8. What did you learn from these videos?

