

**Bylaw**

ROLE OF THE MEMBER

It is understood that the members of the board have authority only when acting as a board legally in session. The board shall not be bound in any way by any action or statement on the part of any individual board member except when such statement or action is in pursuance of specific instructions from the board.

Members of the board shall adhere to the code of ethics for board members in bylaw 9271.

Members of the board shall maintain the confidentiality of staff and students when reviewing confidential information for the discharge of his or her duties. Board members shall not reveal information from confidential records or divulge information discussed in executive sessions of the board until such information is released to the public by the board.

No board member, by virtue of his/her office, shall exercise any administrative responsibility with respect to the schools or as an individual command the services of any school employee.

Board members visiting the schools for any reason shall observe district regulations for all visitors.

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Key Words

Individual Board Member, Board Members' Role

**Legal References:** N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1 General mandatory powers and duties  
N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 et seq School Ethics Act  
N.J.S.A. 18A:54-20 Powers of board (county vocational schools)  
N.J.A.C. 6A:28-1.1 et seq. School Ethics Commission

**Possible**

**Cross References:** \*1250 Visitors  
\*9020 Public statements  
\*9271 Code of ethics

\*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.