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Professional Boundaries

Maintaining professional boundaries is essential for fostering trust, respect, and safety in school communities. Clear boundaries help protect students, staff and the Principal and Vice-Principal, while supporting a positive school culture.

The **Professional Standards for BC Educators** emphasize that educators must act **ethically, responsibly, and with integrity**, including:

- Maintaining appropriate professional relationships with students, staff, and community members.
- Avoiding situations where personal interests or behaviours could conflict with professional responsibilities.
- Modeling respectful and ethical conduct at all times

Tips to stay proactive:

- Be conscious of the line between professional support and personal involvement
- Keep interactions with students and staff transparent, consistent, and documented when appropriate
- Seek guidance from your BCPVPA if unsure about a situation.

Strong professional boundaries protect everyone, reinforce your leadership, and ensure your practice aligns with the standards expected of BC educators.