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Professional Standards – an Overview

All BC Educators are held to nine Professional Standards as Certificate Holders. These serve both as ideals to which educators aspire and expectations that can be reasonably held.

1. Educators value the success of all students. Educators care for students and act in their best interests
2. Educators act ethically and maintain the integrity, credibility and reputation of the profession
3. Educators understand and apply knowledge of student growth and development
4. Educators value the involvement and support of parents, guardians, families and communities in schools
5. Educators implement effective planning, instruction, assessment and reporting practices to create respectful, inclusive environments for student learning and development
6. Educators demonstrate a broad knowledge base and an understanding of areas they teach
7. Educators engage in professional learning
8. Educators contribute to the profession
9. Educators respect and value the history of First Nations, Inuit and Métis in Canada and the impact of the past on the present and the future. Educators contribute towards truth, reconciliation and healing. Educators foster a deeper understanding of ways of knowing and being, histories, and cultures of First Nations, Inuit and Métis.

If a member ever finds themselves in a situation where a complaint has been filed against them – alleging a breach of one or more of the Standards – we strongly recommend that they reach out for representation and support to the BCPVPA as quickly as possible. The MSS team can be reached confidentially at mssinfo@bcpvpa.bc.ca.