



## Code of Ethics Of the Professional Educators Of Bethany Lutheran School

### Preamble

The mission of Bethany Lutheran School is to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to its students and families and to assist parents in the nurture and education of their children. Recognizing that we have a right, responsibility, and calling to educate, we desire to adhere to the highest Christian and professional ethical standards. To that end, we are committed to the following principles:

### Principle I:

*Commitment to the Lord and His church*

Bethany Lutheran educators are dedicated to serving their Lord Jesus Christ. By His grace they are empowered to recognize that the school is one of many ministries of the church and that their call is also to assist Bethany Lutheran congregation as it seeks to equip the saints.

In fulfillment of the obligation to the congregation, Bethany Lutheran educators:

- ❑ Are regular in worship attendance.
- ❑ Are visible at major congregational functions.
- ❑ Serve in additional capacities beyond teaching in the school.
- ❑ Promote a spirit of unity among the various ministries of the church.
- ❑ Are regular in their study of the Word.

### Principle II:

*Commitment to the student*

Bethany Lutheran educators strive to help all children realize their God-given potential and their worth as one of His children.

In fulfillment of the obligation to the student, Bethany educators:

- ❑ Present a daily living model of the Christian faith.
- ❑ Nurture and protect students physically, emotionally and spiritually.
- ❑ Present subject matter clearly, without suppression or distortion.
- ❑ Encourage students to learn independently.
- ❑ Treat students fairly and honestly.
- ❑ Respect student privacy and confidentiality.

### **Principle III:**

#### *Commitment to the families*

Bethany Lutheran educators recognize that ministry extends beyond the classroom doors to the homes of its individual students.

In fulfillment of the obligation to families, Bethany educators:

- ❑ Show respect for parental authority and choice in decisions regarding students.
- ❑ Encourage parents in their God-given duty to train up their children in the way they should go.
- ❑ Extend personal invitations to school families for worship and major functions at Bethany Lutheran Church.
- ❑ Keep parents informed of student progress and daily happenings at the school.
- ❑ Except where prohibited by law, respect family privacy and confidentiality.

### **Principle IV:**

#### *Commitment to the profession*

Bethany Lutheran educators are committed to the Lutheran school teaching profession and dedicated to upholding professional standards.

In fulfillment of the obligation to the teaching profession, Bethany educators:

- ❑ Model a life of faith.
- ❑ Present a professional appearance in dress and demeanor.
- ❑ See themselves as life-long learners, not finished products, both professionally and spiritually.
- ❑ Keep abreast of best practices and research in education.
- ❑ Teach to the adopted standards of the school.
- ❑ Support, respect and cooperate with their fellow educators.
- ❑ Promote a spirit of unity with the entire church/school staff.
- ❑ Speak well of the school ministry in the community.