

POLICY & PROCEDURES MANUAL

Title:	Code of Ethics		
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Purpose:

The National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council (EHAC) requires ethical conduct by each volunteer and staff member engaged in fulfilling the mission of EHAC. The organization requires that every volunteer and staff member exhibit the highest standards of professionalism, honesty, and integrity. The services provided by EHAC require impartiality, fairness, and equity. All persons involved with EHAC activities must perform their duties under the highest standards of ethical behavior. It is the purpose of this document to detail the ethical standards under which we agree to operate.

Policy:

All members of the National Environmental Health Science & Protection Accreditation Council shall adhere the Code of Ethics detailed on page 2 of this policy document.

Procedures:

Each Council Member, upon election to the Council, shall be provided with a copy of the Code of Ethics, which he or she will sign and return an original to the Council office.

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Code of Ethics

We, the elected members of the National Environmental Health Protection and Accreditation Council, in recognition of the importance of the work of environmental health education and practice, do hereby commit ourselves to the highest ethical and professional conduct and agree:

1. To accept responsibility in making accreditation decisions consistent with the bylaws, policies, accreditation guidelines and best interest of the schools that EHAC represents;
2. To avoid real or perceived conflicts of interest whenever possible, and to disclose them to affected parties when they do exist;
3. To maintain and improve our competence in the field of environmental health;
4. To treat fairly all persons regardless of such factors as race, religion, gender, disability, age, or national origin;
5. To assist colleagues and co-workers in their professional development and to support them in following this code of ethics;
6. To not use EHAC nor our service on the Council for our own personal advantage or for the individual advantage of friends, colleagues or supporters;
7. To perform our duties to the best of our abilities and expertise;
8. To keep all confidential information confidential;
9. To not engage in personal attacks or offer ill treatment to anyone;
10. To approach all Council agenda items and issues with an open mind, prepared to make the best decision for the whole organization and for environmental health as a profession;
11. To do nothing to violate the trust of those who elected us to the Council or of those academic programs whom EHAC represents;
12. To focus our efforts on the mission of EHAC and not on our personal goals;
13. To never exercise their authority as an EHAC Council except when acting with the full Council or as delegated by the Council; and
14. To conduct ourselves honorably, responsibly, ethically, and lawfully so as to enhance the reputation and effectiveness of EHAC.

Council Member

Date