(b) In fulfilling obligations to students, an educator

(1) repealed 10/25/2000;
(2) may not deliberately distort, suppress, or deny access to curricular materials or educational information in order to promote the personal view, interest, or goal of the educator;
(3) shall make reasonable effort to protect students from conditions harmful to learning or to health and safety;
(4) may not engage in
   (A) physical abuse of a student or sexual conduct with a student and shall report to the commission knowledge of such an act by an educator; or
   (B) sexual conduct with a former student whom the educator taught, supervised, or exercised authority over, including in coaching or other school-sponsored activity; the restrictions against sexual conduct in this subparagraph apply to an educator for one year after the student has graduated from or ceased to attend high school, and an educator shall report to the commission knowledge of such an act by an educator;
(5) may not expose a student to unnecessary embarrassment or disparagement;
(6) may not harass, discriminate against, or grant a discriminatory advantage to a student on the grounds of race, color, creed, sex, national origin, marital status, political or religious beliefs, physical or mental conditions, family, social, or cultural background, gender identification, or sexual orientation; shall make reasonable effort to assure that a student is protected from harassment or discrimination on these grounds; and may not engage in a course of conduct that would encourage a reasonable student to develop a prejudice on these grounds;
(7) may not use professional relationships with students for private advantage or gain;
(8) shall keep in confidence information that has been obtained in the course of providing professional service, unless disclosure serves a compelling professional purpose or is required by law;
(9) may not falsify a document, or make misrepresentation on a matter related to
   (A) licensure;
   (B) employment, including an employment application;
   (C) employment evaluation;
   (D) test results; or
   (E) professional duties;
(10) may not intentionally make a false or malicious statement about a colleague’s professional performance or conduct;
(11) may not intentionally file a false or malicious complaint with the commission;
(12) may not seek reprisal against any individual who has filed a complaint, provided testimony, or given other assistance in support of a complaint filed with the commission;
(13) shall cooperate fully and honestly in investigations and hearings of the commission;
(14) repealed 10/25/2000;
(15) may not unlawfully breach a professional employment contract;
(16) shall conduct professional business through appropriate channels;
(17) may not assign tasks to unqualified personnel;
(18) may not continue in or seek professional employment while unfit due to
   (A) use of drugs or alcohol that impairs the educator’s competence or the safety of students or colleagues;
   (B) physical or mental disability that impairs the educator’s competence or the safety of students or colleagues;
   (19) may not interfere with a colleague’s exercise of political or citizenship rights and responsibilities.

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(Eff. 1/30/75, Register 53; am 6/16/84, Register 90; am 8/5/90, Register 115; am 7/21/91, Register 119; am 7/28/94, Register 131; am 4/8/99, Register 150; am 10/25/2000, Register 156; am 9/27/2017, Register 223; am 8/2/2018, Register 227)

**20 AAC 10.035. MORAL TURPITUDE.**

For the purposes of AS 14.20.030(a)(2),

1) “moral turpitude” means conduct that is wrong in itself even if no statute were to prohibit the conduct; and

2) “a crime involving moral turpitude” includes
   (A) homicide;
   (B) manslaughter;
   (C) assault;
   (D) stalking;
   (E) kidnapping;
   (F) sexual assault;
   (G) sexual abuse of a minor;
   (H) unlawful exploitation of a minor;
   (I) robbery;
   (J) extortion;
   (K) coercion;
   (L) theft;
   (M) burglary;
   (N) arson;
   (O) criminal mischief;
   (P) forgery;
   (Q) criminal impersonation;
   (R) bribery;
   (S) perjury;
   (T) unsworn falsification;
   (U) interference with official proceedings;
   (V) witness tampering;
   (W) jury tampering;
   (X) terroristic threatening;
   (Y) possession or distribution of child pornography;
   (Z) unlawful distribution or possession for distribution of a controlled substance;
   (AA) unlawfully furnishing alcohol to a minor;
   (BB) felony possession of a controlled substance;
   (CC) unlawfully furnishing marijuana or products containing marijuana to a minor.

(Eff. 4/8/99, Register 150; am 12/25/2005, Register 176; am 8/2/2018, Register 227)

**Authority:** AS 14.20.030; AS 14.20.450; AS 14.20.460

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**State of Alaska**

**Code of Ethics of the Education Profession**

Members of the teaching profession (as defined in AS 14.20.370) are obligated to abide by the code of ethics and professional teaching standards adopted by the Professional Teaching Practices Commission.

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**20 AAC 10.020. CODE OF ETHICS AND TEACHING STANDARDS.**

(a) The following code of ethical standards governs an individual holding a teaching, administrative, or special services certificate issued under 4 AAC 12, a student teacher authorization issued under 4 AAC 30.020, and all other members of the teaching profession. A violation of this section is grounds for discipline as provided in AS 14.20.030.