

# Let's Talk: Professional Ethics in PreSchool

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WHAT IS ETHICS?

CODE OF PROFESSIONAL ETHICS (NAEYC)

[http://www.naeyc.org/positionstatements/ethical\\_conduct](http://www.naeyc.org/positionstatements/ethical_conduct)

Ethical Responsibilities:

Ideals and Principles

Who? Administrators, Teachers, Volunteers, Subs

When & Where?

School –

Community –

WHY?????

HOW?

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

Recommended addition to employee files

Erika Sanchez, M.Ed.

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FROM THE NAEYC Code of ETHICAL CONDUCT:

Childhood is a unique and valuable stage in the human life cycle. Our paramount responsibility is to provide care and education in settings that are safe, healthy, nurturing,

and responsive for each child. We are committed to supporting children's development and learning; respecting individual differences; and helping children learn to live, play, and work cooperatively. We are also committed to promoting children's self-awareness, competence, self-worth, resiliency, and physical well-being.

We have made a commitment to

- Appreciate childhood as a unique and valuable stage of the human life cycle
- Base our work on knowledge of how children develop and learn
- Appreciate and support the bond between the child and family
- Recognize that children are best understood and supported in the context of family, culture,\* community, and society
  
- Respect the dignity, worth, and uniqueness of each individual (child, family member, and colleague)
- Respect diversity in children, families, and colleagues
  
- Recognize that children and adults achieve their full potential in the context of relationships that are based on trust and respect

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Between Teacher and Child

I have come to a frightening conclusion. I am the decisive element in the classroom. It is my personal approach that creates the climate. It is my daily mood that makes the weather. As a teacher I possess tremendous power to make a child's life miserable or joyous. I can be a tool of torture or an instrument of inspiration. I can humiliate or humor, hurt or heal. In all situations, it is my response that decides whether a crisis will be escalated or de-escalated, and a child humanized or de-humanized.

Haim Ginott