



ONLINE: Ethics for Education Professionals

“I was pleasantly surprised at the respectful and compassionate tone that the course took towards teachers who are tempted to commit boundary violations.”

– Christopher L.

It's easy for boundaries to become blurred. In the past it was rare for a student to call a teacher at home. Today, students and teachers are faced with numerous ways to contact one another 24/7. Things that previously may have been black and white are now gray. **Where do we draw the lines?**

Even though most people believe that their actions are guided by logic and reason, we all have an innate ethical sense that urges us to make predictable choices. We each find words to create rationales to support our choices or decisions. **Ethics education is about recognizing our own innate ethical sense and how it influences our behavior.**

We build our ethical sense on beliefs that we have brought with us. This is why ethics centers on an individual's personal choices. By stepping inside this course and through reflection and introspection, you'll discover a clearer understanding of the innate ethical self. You'll find tools and tips for bringing high standards of ethics into our schools and a variety of topics to explore practical ways of addressing ethical decisions.

Standards:

This course aligns to the INTASC Standards including Learner Development, Learning Differences, Learning Environments, Content Knowledge, Application of Content, Planning for Instruction and Instructional Strategies.

It also aligns to the McRel Teacher Evaluation Standards including Teacher Leadership, Diverse Learners and Teachers Know Content.

Each online PD course includes:

- **Convenient access** anytime, anywhere, any device
- Interactive **online** textbook
- Implement **practical suggestions** immediately
- Demonstrate comprehension with **quizzes** and checks for understanding
- Print **certificates** of completion
- Easily assign courses to align with each teacher's **personalized PD needs**
- **Integrate** with school and district-wide initiatives
- **Low cost solution for all courses, all teachers, all school year**
- **Reports** for school administrators





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Course Outline

LESSON 1: Ethics in School

- Examining morals, ethics and laws while understanding subtle differences between these.
- Insight on schools of thought and ethical models.
- Professionalism and how it applies to teachers.
- Reviewing basic ethical practices.

LESSON 2: Ethical Boundaries

- Types of boundaries and establishing boundaries through communication, both verbal and non-verbal.
- Transference
- Insight on challenging ethical issues including excessive thinking, jealousy and inappropriate relationships, as well as how these may be avoided.

LESSON 3: Ethical Behaviors

- Professional habits, including the infusion of modesty, fidelity and civility.
- Understanding appropriate behavior in areas including touch and conversation.
- Practical strategies that can be used to maintain positive professional relationships with students, colleagues and parents.
- Virtues and the traits that are the cornerstone for every professional teacher.

LESSON 4: Ethics in Practice

- A framework for making ethical decisions in the context of the classroom and school.
- Strategies to promote school-wide ethical practice including mentoring, PD, ethical committee, ethical code of conduct and honor code.