

Philosophies

Statement of Professional Ethics

1. The Moorpark College faculty, guided by a belief in the value of knowledge, recognize our responsibility to maintain high levels of scholarly excellence in our areas of expertise. In communicating our knowledge to students, we accept an obligation to do so with self-discipline, good judgment and intellectual honesty.
2. As members of the Faculty, we serve as mentors and encourage an unfettered pursuit of learning for our students. We respect their individuality, while acknowledging that differences exist in their abilities. We evaluate all students fairly and impartially.
3. We recognize the importance of all relationships to the learning process. Therefore, we seek to encourage and inspire our students and our colleagues*. To protect the necessary trust, unless extraordinary circumstances dictate otherwise, we respect the confidential nature of these relationships.
4. As professionals dedicated to the well being of students and colleagues, we refrain from any conduct that is exploitative, discriminatory, demeaning or disrespectful of them or their opinions.
5. As colleagues, the nature of our interaction with one another is based on the same standards of behavior as those we adhere to with students.
6. As members of the college community, we accept responsibility for shaping our professional lives and the life of our college by sharing in the governance of the institution.
7. We should be ever mindful that even though we are private citizens, we are also Moorpark College faculty and that when we speak about our college or colleagues in the classroom or in the community, we influence the opinions of others. Accordingly, we seek to foster fair impressions of our institution and its purposes.

* The term “colleagues” here, means not only all persons employed by the Ventura County Community College District but also all persons within the venture of education.

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