

## **BMCC's Teacher Education Department Student Professionalism Policy Statement**

The Teacher Education Department of the Borough of Manhattan Community College supports the development of all students so that they will conduct themselves in a professional manner during class, site visits, internships, and interactions with members of the Teacher Education Department. The Teacher Education Department defines professional behavior in alignment with [National Association for the Education of Young Children \(NAEYC\) Code of Ethics](#) and the [New York State Education Department Code of Ethics for Teachers](#) (follow links.)

Key components of these codes include that we:

- Base our work with children on knowledge of child development;
- Respect the dignity, worth and value of each individual (child, family member and colleague);
- Help children and adults achieve their full potential in the contexts of relationships that are based on trust, respect and positive regard.

The essence of each of these codes states that educational professionals will not cause physical or emotional harm to others. This also implies that students and faculty will not:

- Engage in discriminatory practices;
- Use harmful language;
- Engage in harmful behavior.

Students who do not conduct themselves according to these professional standards will have their actions reviewed by the Teacher Education Departments Professional Standards Review Committee. The committee will work to ensure that any harm caused by the student's actions are repaired with the appropriate consequences. Generally, the Teacher Education Professional Standards Committee will use the following process to address each incident:

- Conference with Teacher Education faculty and student(s) directly involved in the incident.
- Develop written documentation of incident and plan for changing behavior to be filled with the department and the Dean of Student Affairs. A copy will be provided to the student.
- The Dean of Student Affairs may recommend disciplinary procedures; *any alleged violation of the Henderson Rules or Academic Integrity policies will be referred to the Student Conduct and Academic Integrity Officer or Dean of Student Affairs.*
- At all times, students may bring an advocate of their choice to any and all conferences/meetings.

This policy statement is presented to ensure that all members of the department work, learn and grow in a positive, supportive atmosphere.

Please sign and date below to indicate that you have received this statement and had the opportunity to discuss any questions you might have about this document:

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