

Winston-Salem Piano Teachers' Association Code of Ethics

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Winston-Salem Piano Teachers' Association is to support and promote the professional excellence of piano teachers and their students; and to increase awareness of the value of piano study, and to cultivate music making and music appreciation in the community. The Association encourages members to teach with competence, act with integrity, volunteer time to the organization, provide professional support for colleagues, respect and abide by the WSPTA constitution, and comply with all laws and regulations that impact the piano teaching profession.

Code of Ethics:

COMMITMENT TO STUDENTS – Members shall conduct the relationship with students and families in a professional manner.

- Members shall respect the personal integrity and privacy of students unless the law requires disclosure.
- Members shall clearly communicate in a letter the expectations and policies of the studio.
- Members shall encourage, guide and develop the musical potential of each student.
- Members shall treat each student with dignity and respect, without discrimination of any kind, and refrain from critiquing or evaluating any student publicly.
- Members shall respect the student's right to obtain instruction from the teacher of his/her choice.

COMMITMENT TO COLLEAGUES – Members shall maintain a professional attitude in regard to colleagues in the profession, and are encouraged to build strong fellowships and camaraderie with fellow members of the Association.

- Members shall maintain professional studios with studio policies and fees clearly communicated to all students.
- Members shall respect the reputation of colleagues and act toward them with integrity.
- Members should be knowledgeable regarding the WSPTA Constitution, attend meetings to the best of their ability, and inform themselves about future projects, the selection of executive officers, and all other matters that require a vote by the membership – striving to cast an informed vote when appropriate.
- Members are encouraged to support and participate in events that are planned and sponsored by the Association.
- Members shall participate in a student's request for change of teacher with open communication between parties, being sensitive to the privacy rights of the student and his/her family.

COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY – Members shall maintain the highest standard of professional conduct and personal integrity.

- Members shall accurately represent his/her professional qualifications, and strive for continued growth and professional competencies.
- Members shall not discriminate against students or others in the Association or in society on the basis of race, national origin, age, religious affiliation, gender, marital status, sexual orientation or disability.