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# Montana Educator Licensure
# Notary Page

You must subscribe to the following oath or affirmation before a notary public or other officer authorized by law to administer oaths. (MCA §20-4-104.) "I solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support The Constitution of the United States of America and The Constitution of the State of Montana."

**Declaration:**
I hereby declare under penalty of perjury the information included in or with my application is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge. In signing this application, I am aware that a false statement of material fact, misrepresentations, or omissions of material fact in or with this application may lead to the denial, revocation or suspension of the license(s) I am seeking.

I acknowledge that I have read the attached Professional Educators of Montana Code of Ethics.

| **Name of applicant:**<br>(Please print legibly) | |
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| **Date of Birth** | **Last 4 numbers of SSN:** |

Signature of Applicant: _____

This above oath was sworn and the document was signed before me on the_____day

of_____, 20_____
(Month) (Year)

By_____.
(Print name of applicant)

Signature of Notary: _____

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Residing in the State of:_____County of: _____

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# Professional Educators of Montana Code of Ethics

Professional educators recognize and accept their responsibility to create learning environments to help all students reach their full potential. They understand the trust and confidence placed in them by students, families, colleagues, and the community. To achieve their professional purpose, educators strive to maintain the highest ethical standards. The Professional Educators of Montana Code of Ethics sets out these fundamental principles which guide their behavior.

*Principle I. Commitment to Students and Families. The ethical educator:*

A. Makes the well-being of students the foundation of all decisions and actions.
B. Promotes a spirit of inquiry, creativity, and high expectations.
C. Assures just and equitable treatment of every student.
D. Protects students when their learning or well-being is threatened by the unsafe, incompetent, unethical or illegal practice of any person.
E. Keeps information confidential that has been obtained in the course of professional service, unless disclosure serves a compelling purpose in the best interest of students, or is required by law.
F. Respects the roles, responsibilities and rights, of students, parents and guardians.
G. Maintains appropriate educator-student relationship boundaries in all respects, including speech, print, and digital communications.

*Principle II. Commitment to the Profession. The ethical educator:*

A. Fulfills professional obligations with diligence and integrity.
B. Demonstrates continued professional growth, collaboration and accountability.
C. Respects the roles, responsibilities, and rights of colleagues, support personnel, and supervisors.
D. Contributes to the development of the profession's body of knowledge.
E. Manages information, including data, with honesty.
F. Teaches without distortion, bias, or prejudice.
G. Represents professional qualifications accurately.

*Principle III. Commitment to the Community. The ethical educator:*

A. Models the principles of citizenship in a democratic society.
B. Understands and respects diversity.
C. Protects the civil and human rights of students and colleagues.
D. Assumes responsibility for personal actions.
E. Demonstrates good stewardship of public resources.
F. Exemplifies a positive, active role in school-community relations.
G. Adheres to the terms of contracts, district policies and procedures, and relevant statutes and regulations.

***Amended by the Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council July 13, 2016. Educator to retain for ongoing reference.***