Professional Ethics

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Our Primary Goals for Today

Explore some of the values that underpin ethical behavior and consider how these might sometimes conflict with one another.

Analyze specific case scenarios and consider various ways to resolve them.

Discuss what you should do if you face an ethical issue for which you have no answer.
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1. Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people. Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess. Don't take things that aren't yours. Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody. Wash your hands before you eat. Flush. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you. Live a balanced life—learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some.

2. Take a nap every afternoon. When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together.

3. Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the Styrofoam cup. The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.

4. Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the Styrofoam cup—they all die. So do we. And then remember the Dick-and-Jane books and the first word you learned—the biggest word of all—LOOK.

5. Everything you need to know is in there somewhere: The Golden Rule and love and basic sanitation. Ecology and politics and equality and three-child family. Take any one of those items and extrapolate it into sophisticated adult terms and apply it to your family life or your work or your government or your world and it holds true and clear and firm.

6. Think what a better world it would be if we all—all the whole world—had cookies and milk about three-o'clock every afternoon and then lay down with our blankies for a nap. Or if all governments had as a basic policy to always put things back where they found them and to clean up their own mess.

7. And it is still true, no matter how old you are—when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together.

By Robert Fulghum
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Ethical Values

Honesty  http://www.values.com/inspirational-stories-tv-spots/91-classroom


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General Provisions in Codes of Ethics

Avoid conflicts of interests – personal gain
Avoid undue influence
Maintain confidentiality
Promote trust and confidence
Avoid even the appearance of impropriety
Maintain competence – exercise best efforts
Small Group Scenario Discussions

Discuss your assigned scenario for 10 minutes (If you finish early, discuss the other scenario)

Be prepared to present your answer and reasoning

Have you experienced or observed a similar scenario that you can share?
Idea: Combined Government and Private Industry Cross-Training Program

Goals:
- Understanding one another’s capabilities and constraints
- Opportunities for collaboration and improved business practices

Ethical issues?
Preliminary conditions?
Worthwhile?
Final thoughts or questions?