

Ethics and Boundaries Scenario Discussions Examples

DIRECTIONS

Have small groups of school staff consider the scenarios and the actions taken. Have boundaries been violated? Is the behavior ethical? Allow an open discussion to consider the question, "How would staff handle these situations in the best interests of the student, staff, and school?"

- 1. Your colleague is a long-time teacher who gives one extra credit point on exams if a student draws a cat on the front. Students have to learn this from their older siblings or friends.**
 - a. You decide to give one extra credit point for students who draw a dog on the exam.
- 2. A high school student you have been working with asks you to attend their religious confirmation.**
 - a. You go and bring a gift.
- 3. You create a professional facebook profile to accept friend requests from the school community. At 10:00 p.m., a student posts that they are thinking of suicide.**
 - a. You see the post, but do not act on it. You have told students you will not check posts after 4:00 p.m. You will check on the student in the morning.
- 4. A parent calls to tell you their car broke down and asks you to drive home their student from the GSA club after school. The other kids have all gone home. There are no buses.**
 - a. You drive the student home. You put them in the back seat. You don't tell anyone.
- 5. Your caring principal gives clothes and gas cards directly to a high school student who lacks basic needs.**
 - a. You appreciate your principal's kind actions and say nothing.