

Butler University Statement of Guiding Principles

Institutions of higher education are entrusted by society with great resources and commensurately great responsibilities for the creation, dissemination, and preservation of knowledge. The purpose of the University is to provide a quality education, and each member of the community aspires to maintain the highest professional standards in working to assure that students are well prepared for life-long learning following the Butler experience.

As members of the Butler University community, faculty, staff, students, volunteers, contractors, vendors and consultants all have a responsibility to adhere to and abide by the guiding principles established by the University to assure that the highest standards of ethical conduct are maintained in all University relations. These include but are not limited to the ethical dispositions of open-mindedness, creativity, curiosity, intellectual flexibility and civility.

The foundation of the guiding principles is based on an atmosphere of respect and dignity for each individual in all social interactions in the Butler University community. It is expected that all individuals behave in a fair and honest manner when dealing with member of all constituencies, and strive to promote an open and tolerant environment for voicing opinions. Members of the University community adhere to the established University policies and procedures which assure that all aspects of the University are conducted in an ethical and legal manner. The documentation for the guiding principles is found in the Faculty and Staff Handbook under Policies and Procedures. These include but are not limited to Code of Conduct, Workplace Violence, Anti-Harassment and Complaint, Consensual Relationships, and Conflict of Interest.

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