

Code of Ethics

The Purchasing Department of Northland Pioneer College is committed to guide our activity through adherence to the following commonly shared values and ethical codes set forth by the National Association of Educational Procurement (NAEP).

- 1) Give first consideration to the objectives and policies of my institution.
- 2) Strive to obtain the maximum value for each dollar of expenditure.
- 3) Decline personal gifts or gratuities.
- 4) Grant all competitive suppliers equal consideration insofar as state or federal statute and institutional policy permit.
- 5) Conduct business with potential and current suppliers in an atmosphere of good faith, devoid of intentional misrepresentation.
- 6) Demand honesty in sales representation whether offered through the medium of a verbal or written statement, and advertisement, or a sample of the product.
- 7) Receive consent of originator of proprietary ideas and designs before using them for competitive purchasing purposes.
- 8) Make every reasonable effort to negotiate an equitable and mutually agreeable settlement of any controversy with a supplier, and/or be willing to submit any major controversies to arbitration or other third part review, insofar as the established policies of my institution permit.
- 9) Accord a prompt and courteous reception insofar as conditions permit to all who call on legitimate business missions.
- 10) Cooperate with trade, industrial and professional associations, and with government and private agencies for the purposes of promoting and developing sound business methods.
- 11) Foster fair, ethical and legal trade practices.
- 12) Counsel and cooperate with other purchasing professionals and promote a spirit of unity and a keen interest in professional growth among them.