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According to Eloise Salholz, “Living up to basic ethical standards in the classroom- discipline, tolerance, honesty- is one of the important ways children learn how to function in a society at large.” Ethical issues strongly influence the everyday lives of teachers which build into the everyday ethics of teaching. Classrooms, playgrounds, sporting fields, and hallways are filled with the issues and arguments if something is right or wrong, or appropriate or not appropriate. Teachers ethically influence students in three ways: by their personal example, by the classroom climate they create, and by the dialogue they establish (Ryan, Cooper, 245).

According to Ryan & Cooper, ethics refers to a system or a code of morality embraced by a particular person or group. However, the Code of Ethics for Educators was established by the AAE (Association of American Education) Advisory Board and by the Executive Committee of AAE. Under this, the educator strives to generate a learning environment that fosters to fulfillment the potential of all students as well as acting with a diligent effort and attitude to illustrate the highest ethical standards. The Code of Ethics for educators gives four basic principles which relate specifically to the rights of students as well as the educators.

It is important for educators to have a code of ethics due to multiple issues in which they may come across involving students, parents, and colleagues. The main focus of a teacher is to provide a quality education to all students. A code of ethics must be put into place demonstrating that teachers will

not show favoritism or discrimination. Teachers must abide by the code of ethics in which they will not take advantage of students nor bully the students in any way, shape, or form. Without safety, however, education would not be possible. It is under the teacher's code of ethics to ensure that each student feels and is safe on the school property. If a student reports or if a teacher suspects neglect, it is under the code of ethics to report the situation immediately. Not only must educators work with their students, they must also know how to effectively communicate with colleagues and parents without disagreements or arguments. Communication must be kept professional.

While comparing and contrasting the four different principles relating to the rights of educators and students, two common themes were approached- professional and responsibility. The two principles that I found to compare/contrast at ease was Principle I and Principle III. Principle I refers to the ethical conduct towards students. Educators are expected to make a constructive effort to protect the students safety, confidential work and student status, as well as working alongside the student while presenting information to the students without distortion or personal prejudice. On the other hand, Principle III suggests the ethical conduct toward professional colleagues. In this manner, the educator will create a positive, well-maintained, ethical relation with his/her other colleagues. With this, each principle requires the educators to hold responsibility and understand that each and every individual is different. Therefore, it is essential to watch the personal bias of subjects within the classroom with the students as well as outside of the classroom with colleagues.

Following, the code of ethics by the NEA (National Education Association) reveals that educators are required to maintain a nondiscriminatory attitude as well as ensuring that the entire student body is able to learn which is a huge similarity compared to the code of ethics from AAE. Most of these maintain similar with the common theme of responsibility and treating students, parents, and colleagues with the utmost respect and dignity.

There are many codes of ethics that evolve in the educational world as well as the world outside of the school systems. Identifying each one of them and the exact ethics is difficult, however, it is important that each educator understands the importance of the dignity for each student, parent, and colleague. Ethical issues are all around in the school systems which can make a huge impact on each teacher and his/her teaching style. Therefore, it is important to know some code of ethics to maintain support and understandings.