

Town of Chelmsford

Professional Conduct Policy

Town employees are expected to act honestly, conscientiously, reasonably and in good faith at all times with regard to their responsibilities, the interests of the Town and the welfare of its residents.

Employees have an obligation to be present at work as required and to be absent from the workplace only with proper authorization; to carry out their duties in an efficient and competent manner, and maintain specified standards of performance; to comply with reasonable employer instructions and policies and to work as directed; to respect the privacy of individuals and use confidential information only for the purposes for which it was intended; to neither use, nor allow the use of Town property, resources, or funds for other than authorized purposes; to incur no liability on the part of the Town without proper authorization; and, to maintain all qualifications necessary for the performance of their duties legally and efficiently.

The intent of this policy is to ensure that: 1) employees meet the Town's legitimate expectations in the areas of performance and behavior; 2) employees whose performance or behaviors are deficient are provided with the necessary assistance to meet the Town's expectations; and 3) disciplinary action initiated against an employee is fair and appropriate.

Failure to behave in a manner consistent with the standards of conduct and policies included herein may result in disciplinary action being initiated against the offending employee. The Town shall utilize a fair and equitable process in reviewing an employee's alleged violation of these standards and policies and shall discipline the employee, if called for, in a manner appropriate given the alleged violation.

This policy applies to all paid, appointed employees in the Town service other than those positions under the supervision and control of the School Committee. Employees subject to Massachusetts Civil Service Laws and/or collective bargaining agreements are subject only to those provisions in this order which are not specifically regulated by Civil Service Laws or collective bargaining agreements.