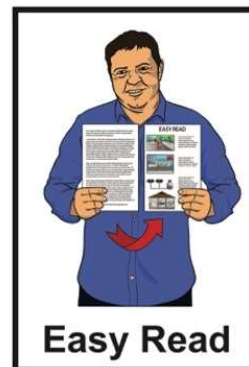




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Information about the Code of Conduct for State School Board Members

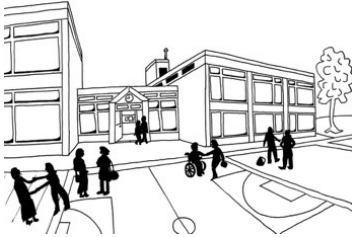


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What is a school board?



This Easy Read document has information for people who are on **state school boards**.



State schools are kura / schools that are funded by the Government.



A **school board** is a group of people who run a school.

The people on the school board are called board **members**.



Most kura / schools in Aotearoa New Zealand have a school board.



Parents of students at a kura / school vote for who is on the school board every 3 years.



The school board can be made up of:

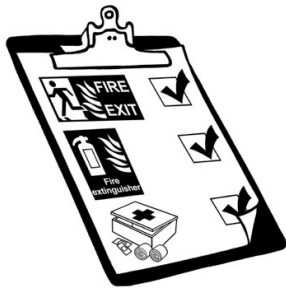
- parents of students at the school
- the principal
- a teacher
- a student
- people from the community.





The school board decides about things like:

- who works at the school
- what the school buys
- how the school looks after its buildings
- how the school can keep people safe.



The school board has to choose what is best for:

- students
- whānau / families
- the community.

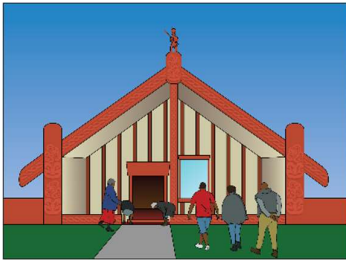




The school board should think about **Te Tiriti o Waitangi / The Treaty of Waitangi** when it decides on things.



Te Tiriti o Waitangi / The Treaty of Waitangi is an important agreement between Māori and the British Crown.



It is about Māori and the New Zealand Government:

- making decisions together
- protecting things that are important to Māori.



What is a code of conduct?



Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga – Ministry of Education has written a new **code of conduct** for people on school boards.



Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga – Ministry of Education is the part of the New Zealand Government that is in charge of schools.



Code of conduct is a list of rules about how people should behave.



From June 2023 everyone on a school board must follow the new code of conduct.



You can read the new code of conduct on the Ministry of Education **website** at:

<https://tinyurl.com/yy8mdduc>



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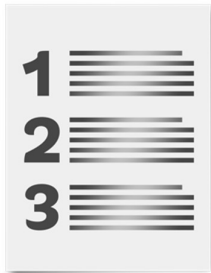


You may want to ask someone to support you to read it.

Where to find more information



If you have questions you can talk to someone at your local Ministry of Education office.



There is a list of local offices on the Ministry of Education **website** at:



<https://tinyurl.com/5n7ysn5s>



You can also contact the Ministry of Education by:

Phone: 04 463 8000



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