

Exploring Ethical Professional Practice: Environmental Consciousness & Eco Justice

Trust

The Ethical Standard of Trust

The ethical standard of Trust embodies fairness, openness and honesty. Members' professional relationships with students, colleagues, parents, guardians and the public are based on trust.



Anishinaabe
Representation
of Trust



Rotinonhsyón:ni
Representation
of Trust

Perspective of an Educator

“Every living being has their own unique role to play and a reliance on others to keep the natural world in balance. As educators, we need to model behaviour that cares for and learns from the natural environment. We need to help all learners to better understand our interconnectedness with the natural spaces that surround us. There are trust relationships everywhere in biodiversity.”

– Sarah Taylor, OCT



Perspective of an Anishinaabe Educator

“The animals are a part of the important ecosystem; each has a role within the cycle of life as do all other living things. Everything is connected for a reason.”

– Bruce Beardy, OCT

(Exploring the Ethical Standards for the
Teaching Profession through Anishinaabe
Art)



Perspective from *Laudato Si'*:

“As the Catechism teaches: “God wills the interdependence of creatures. The sun and the moon, the cedar and the little flower, the eagle and the sparrow: the spectacle of their countless diversities and inequalities tells us that no creature is self-sufficient. Creatures exist only in dependence on each other, to complete each other, in the service of each other.” (LS, 86)



Reflective Inquiries

See

My experience

What grounds my trust in Creation?

Judge

Understanding experience in the light of faith

In what ways does teaching and learning about caring for the environment help to foster relationships of trust?

Act

What am I called to

How can I teach not only interdependence between creatures but also relationships of trust and service? Try making a “web of trust” around a single element of nature (e.g., water or a particular crop or animal). What are the trust relationships that exist among and between the elements that serve and are served by this part of Creation?