



Our Code | Our Standards

Discussion kit for teacher-led conversations with colleagues about the draft Code and draft Standards

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INTRODUCTION

This kit is to support you to lead a discussion with your teaching colleagues about the draft Code of Professional Responsibility and draft Standards for the Teaching Profession.

Once finalised, the new Code and Standards will become key platforms for what it means to be part of the teaching profession. We want this consultation process to stimulate professional conversations among the teaching community about what effective teaching practice looks like and what are the shared expectations of ethical and professional conduct.

The presentation and discussion questions aim to familiarise participants with the consultation document *Our Code, Our Standards* and to encourage them to provide their feedback to the Education Council by completing the online survey or writing a submission.

We invite you to lead a conversation with your colleagues on this important document. Your leadership and support is very much appreciated and we look forward to your feedback.

SUGGESTED FORMAT

We have developed a Prezi presentation to structure your discussion. The presentation can be played, forwarded, rewound, replayed or paused to suit the pace of your group. It provides a general agenda for a 30 minute discussion. It is your choice whether you wish to use this or not. You may like to use only part of it, or adapt it suit your needs.

SUGGESTED FORUM

You could use an existing staff meeting at your centre, school or place of work, or arrange a separate forum with an open invitation to your teaching colleagues to find out more about the draft Code and Standards.

CAPTURING THEIR FEEDBACK

The simplest way for teachers and professional leaders to provide their feedback is by completing the online survey. The survey should take about 15 minutes. You can choose to complete as many or as few questions as you like. You can complete it individually or as a group. Alternatively, you can submit your feedback using our submission template, or in a letter. All feedback we receive on the draft code will be considered carefully and will help shape the final version so it is ready for introduction on 1 July 2017.

Here is the link to the [online survey](#).

OUTLINE OF THE PREZI PRESENTATION

Suggested times	Item	Comments
3 mins	Opening video from Graham Stoop, Chief Executive, Education Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In this video Graham introduces the consultation draft <i>Our Code, Our Standards</i> and invites teachers and professional leaders to get involved and provide the Education Council with their views and suggestions.
2 mins	Our Code, Our Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief overview of <i>Our Code, Our Standards</i> and an explanation of why the code and standards have been combined into one document.
5 mins	What makes a great teacher?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brainstorm exercise. Invite them to reflect on the characteristics of a great teacher. Ask them to call out words that best capture those characteristics. Write up words on a flipchart or whiteboard. This exercise provides a good introduction to the draft Code.
2 mins	Draft Code: purpose and overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief overview of the draft Code, noting that it builds on and will replace the Code of Ethics.
7	Draft Code: four commitment statements and supporting principals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss each commitment statement and supporting principles. General questions are raised for consideration.
2	Draft Standards: purpose and overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief overview of the draft standards, noting that it is a revision of, and will replace, the Practising Teacher Criteria.
7	Draft Standards: six standards and indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss each standard and supporting indicators. General questions are raised for consideration.
2 mins	How to provide feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invite them to take the online survey. The survey can be completed as an individual or as a group. Alternatively, they can write a submission. Emphasise that their views are important and will help shape the final code and standards.

THANK YOU!

We really appreciate your role in leading these discussions. If you have any questions or have any feedback about this discussion kit, please get in touch by emailing feedback@educationcouncil.org.nz