

Ethical Principles in Leadership

Remember When Making Decisions:

- 1) Respect Autonomy: Decisions frequently alter the actions and behaviors of other individuals. Keep this in mind when making decisions, as others have the right to live an alternative lifestyle.
- **2) Do No Harm:** Avoid inflicting harm on any individual; this includes emotional, physical, spiritual and psychological pain.
- **3) Benefit Others:** Take special care in identifying the benefit in the decision that is made. This decision should provide or enhance the welfare of other individuals.
- **4) Be Justified:** Preserve and maintain the equal treatment of all other parties all individuals that will be affected by the result of your decision.
- **5) Be Faithful:** Be honest in all decisions that you make. Take into consideration promises that were made or other situations that were to be reflected on.

Ethics Check on Basic Decisions:

What is the legality of the decision?

Consider criminal and civil law, professional codes and educational policies

What is the balance of the decision?

Consider impartiality to all individual effected as well as short and long term effects.

How will I feel about my decision?

Consider your morality, your conscience and the possible thoughts of family/friends.

