The definition of ethics is a system of moral principles. What does this mean to me as an individual? To me it can mean a lot of different things. It means values, what do I stand for as a person, a mother, and a wife. As a person, values have been taught to me from my religion, from the culture I grew up in, my family, and mostly from my personal experience. I have been taught over the years to be an honest, respectful, trustworthy, and understanding person. My parent’s brought me up to respect myself and respect others. We should all treat everyone as equals, and respect each and every person we come in contact with over the years. As a mother and a wife my values are geared towards making my family respectful and understanding to all people. I want my children to grow up thinking their mother is a great role model and without great personal ethics they may not be able to do so. I need to make sure I follow the rules and obey the laws. I would expect my children to do the same and without seeing the rights and wrongs from their dad and I they will never learn what is ok. I believe as an ethically correct person you really have to experience certain things before you can really know what the right way of doing something is. Personal experiences are my top reason for doing things I do as an individual. I think in order to do something right you have to first experience and learn from it. So, I guess I would have to say personally I am a very caring, understanding, respectful, and empathetic person. I think all of these values are great for me as an educator it will take each one of these traits to be the best educator I can possibly be. Not only do these traits affect my personal code of ethics but they are also going to strongly affect my professional code of ethics as well.

Some of my ethics have been learned along the way and in turn have been adopted because of the ever changing perspective of what is acceptable in today’s society. As a future educator, I believe that an educator should be held to a certain standard that makes them accountable for their actions and decisions. The three areas that a teacher must maintain a professional stance on are between the student to teacher, teacher to teacher, and the teacher to parent relationship.

As a professional educator I accept personal responsibility for teaching students character qualities that will help them evaluate the consequences of and accept the responsibility for their actions and choices. I strongly affirm parents as the primary moral educators of their children. Nevertheless, I believe as an educator I am obligated to help foster civic virtues such as integrity, diligence, responsibility, cooperation, loyalty, fidelity, and respect-for the law, for human life, for others, and for self.

I accept my position of public trust, and will measure my success not only by the progress of my own self, but also that of each student’s realization of his or her own personal potential, and the shaping of the student as a valued citizen of society. As a professional educator, I will assume responsibility and accountability for his or her performance and will continually strives to demonstrate competence. I will endeavor to maintain the dignity of the profession by respecting and obeying the law, and by demonstrating personal integrity in and out of my classroom.

As the professional educator, I will exemplify ethical relations with colleagues, and will accord just and equitable treatment to all members of the profession. I will pledges to protect public sovereignty over public education and private control of private education. As a professional educator, I will recognizes that quality education is the common goal of the public, boards of education, and educators, and that a cooperative effort is essential among these groups to attain that goal.