

SAMPLE RULING ON TUTORING ONE'S OWN STUDENTS FOR MONEY

When it comes to the challenges posed by educators offering private tutoring services, different states and school districts have their own policies and approaches. **Find out what policies are in place in your state and district.**

Here is how the Ethics Commission of one state described the inherent risk of a conflict of interest when educators tutor their own students for monetary gain.

[T]he teacher's responsibility to be objective in the in-school treatment of his or her students may be compromised when some of the students are also privately taking lessons from that teacher. A teacher who has a private contractual relationship with the parents of some of his or her students may be tempted to demonstrate favoritism to those students in grading, assignment of roles in school performances and events, and other in-class treatment.

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[W]here a teacher is privately contracting with the parents of his or her students during the course of the school year, there is the potential for the teacher's responsibility to treat the child impartially to be impeded by the desire to maintain a harmonious and profitable relationship with the child and parents in his or her private endeavor.