

## BOARD MEETING NORMS<sup>1</sup>

Ivy Preparatory Academy Governing Board members commit to being. Specifically, board members will BE...

1. **Prepared.** Participate in meetings having read and processed meeting materials; knowing, understanding, and revising board policies and procedures; and focusing on the role and responsibility of the board to govern and provide financial stewardship.
2. **Proactive.** Anticipate challenges and opportunities and respond to requests and questions from board members and school leadership in a timely manner.
3. **Punctual.** Begin and end meetings on time.
4. **Present.** Fully engage in meetings with limited distractions.
5. **Personable.** Interact with other board members, school leadership, and members of the community with grace and professionalism.
6. **Principled.** Work within the school community with transparency and efficiency without ethical challenges and conflicts of interest, or the appearance thereof.
7. **Proficient.** Pursue ongoing board training and development to increase and enhance governance skills.
8. **Passionate.** Advocate for the school and its leadership, staff, and scholars encouraging and providing academic and financial support.

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<sup>1</sup> Norms are agreed-upon expectations among board members working together as a decision-making body and between the governing board and the community to include school leadership and staff, scholars and their families, and strategic partners and supporting friends. Norms are reminders and guide posts. They work in partnership with vision and mission statements. Norms are particularly helpful in areas where policy is unclear or there is some need for additional guidance.