

**J-5: Code of Ethics for Leaders-Cindy Bader CODE OF ETHICS FOR TERRA LINDA
HIGH SCHOOL ASB OFFICERS, COMMISSIONERS, AND CLASS OFFICERS**

The effectiveness of student leaders depends on the degree to which they are respected and trusted by both students and faculty. Further, student leaders must hold themselves to a high standard because they serve as role models for other students who look to them to represent what it means to be a leader. With that in mind, this Code of Ethics articulates the expectations that will help student leaders maintain the trust and respect of their peers and of the faculty. No written formulas can cover all of the challenges that may face student leaders: *we expect student leaders to exercise good judgment and take personal responsibility for decisions that impact their ability to serve as leaders at Terra Linda High School.*

I, _____ as the _____ agree with the following the following expectations:

I will abide by the Major School Rules and:

- I will treat others, both within the community and beyond it, with respect, and I will act with respect for the property of others.
- I will be truthful all times, including in the submission of academic work and regarding my whereabouts.
- I will not possess, use, or distribute tobacco, illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia, or alcohol, or misuse prescription drugs or over the counter medications.
- I will share equally in all responsibilities of the Leadership Class/ASB.

I understand that if I break any of the above rules I will immediately lose my position. I understand if I am suspended from school for any reason I will lose my position.

I recognize that conduct unbecoming a leader - behavior which is serious enough to jeopardize the respect and trust of students and faculty, and thereby the leader's credibility and effectiveness - is unacceptable. I understand that this determination will be made by the Principal and Vice Principal and that any actions that result in appearance before the Principal/Assistant Principal/Dean are unacceptable in a Student Leader and may result in the loss of my position.

I will also abide by the school's minor rules including dress code regulations, riding with other students, driving, parking on campus, sign-out rules, and attendance expectations, and I understand that repeated infractions of minor school rules may result in suspension or loss of my leadership position.

I also understand that my responsibility as a role model for Terra Linda students continues when I am off campus. Therefore, if I make decisions or act in such a way that my credibility as a student leader is compromised by my behavior or by my circumstances, I recognize that *it is my responsibility* to step down from my position.

Date _____ Student Signature _____