BCBA Ethics Code: Section Map

Ethics Code for Behavior Analysts (BACB). In effect since January 1, 2022; current PDF updated 08/2024. **6 sections, 85 standards**, 4 core principles.

1. Benefit others	2. Compassion, dignity, respect	3. Behave with integrity	4. Ensure competence
Client welfare first; no harm, conflicts	Equity, privacy, client choice	Honesty, accountability, follow-through	Stay in scope and stay current

Section	What the standards cover (our paraphrase)
1. Responsibility as a Professional 1.01-1.16 (16 standards)	1.01-1.03 truthfulness, law, accountability. 1.04-1.06 defined role, scope of competence, keeping competence. 1.07-1.10 cultural responsiveness, discrimination, harassment, personal bias. 1.11-1.14 multiple relationships, gifts, coercion, romantic relationships. 1.15-1.16 responding to requests, self-reporting.
2. Responsibility in Practice 2.01-2.19 (19 standards)	2.01-2.02 effective, timely services. 2.03-2.05 confidentiality, disclosure, records. 2.06-2.07 billing accuracy, fees. 2.08-2.11 plain communication, involving families, colleagues, consent and assent. 2.12 medical needs. 2.13-2.16 assessments, interventions, risk, describing plans in writing. 2.17-2.19 data, continual evaluation, barriers to services.
3. Responsibility to Clients and Stakeholders 3.01-3.16 (16 standards)	3.01-3.03 best interest and mandated reporting, stakeholders, accepting clients. 3.04-3.05 service and financial agreements. 3.06-3.09 other providers, third-party contracts. 3.10-3.11 limits of confidentiality, documentation. 3.12-3.13 advocacy, referrals. 3.14-3.16 continuity, discontinuing, transitions.
4. Responsibility to Supervisees and Trainees 4.01-4.12 (12 standards)	4.01-4.03 supervision rules, competence, caseload volume. 4.04-4.05 accountability, supervision records. 4.06-4.07 how you supervise, diversity. 4.08-4.10 feedback, delegation, evaluating your own supervision. 4.11-4.12 continuity and ending supervision.
5. Responsibility in Public Statements 5.01-5.11 (11 standards)	5.01-5.02 rights and confidentiality in public. 5.03-5.04 truthful statements, including those others make about you. 5.05-5.06 intellectual property, nonbehavioral services. 5.07-5.09 testimonials. 5.10-5.11 social media, websites, digital content.
6. Responsibility in Research 6.01-6.11 (11 standards)	6.01-6.03 laws, review committee, research during services. 6.04-6.05 consent, confidentiality. 6.06-6.07 competence, conflicts of interest. 6.08-6.09 credit, plagiarism. 6.10-6.11 data retention, accuracy.

Hard numbers in the code

- **$10:** gift limit (1.12)
- **2 years:** minimum wait before a romantic relationship with a former client or stakeholder (1.14)
- **6 months:** minimum gap before supervising a past partner (1.14)
- **7 years:** minimum supervision record retention (4.05)

Do not mix these up with the RBT code

- RBT Ethics Code (2.0): 29 standards in 3 sections. There is no BCBA "2.0".
- Self-reporting: **1.16** here, 3.04 in the RBT code
- Gifts: **1.12** here, 1.11 in the RBT code
- Multiple relationships: **1.11** here, 1.10 in the RBT code

Self-reporting: critical events go to the BACB within 30 days of becoming aware of them (BCBA Handbook, updated 10/2026, p. 46). Checked against the BACB's PDFs on November 4, 2026.

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