

## **Ethical Dilemmas (1-2 pages):**

Ethics are the standards of conduct of a particular profession or group. Examples of a few ethical standards include:

- Journalists protect the identity of their sources and also avoid receiving money or other favors from those about whom they write.
- Healthcare professionals maintain patient confidentiality and also report public health hazards to government authorities.
- Mortgage lenders pledge to advise clients of all costs.
- Career counselors strive to avoid imposing their personal values or biases on those whom they advise.

A dilemma is defined as a situation in which one must choose between difficult alternatives. In an ethical dilemma, choosing between alternatives is challenging because ethical standards may be in conflict. Either choice may uphold one ethical standard but, at the same time, violate another. There may not be a clear-cut way to choose between right and wrong.

**Submit a paper** in which you discuss both points “1” and “2” below:

1. Identify and write about the ethical standards in your school. Some schools have their own written code of ethics. Many ethical standards of the education world have become law. You may wish to consult your teacher to learn what standards of conduct you are expected to follow.

2. And then, write about “a” or “b” below:

- a. Discuss a real ethical dilemma that actually has arisen at your school ... or ...
- b. Discuss a potential ethical dilemma that could arise in your school