

**Greater Albany SD 8J
Board Policy**

Code: **GBI**
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Orig. Code(s): BP 8600, BP 1740

Gifts and Solicitations

Students and their parents or guardians¹ shall be discouraged from giving gifts to district employees. The Board welcomes as appropriate the writing of letters by students to staff members expressing gratitude and appreciation.

Individual employees will refrain from giving gifts to staff members who exercise any direct or indirect administrative or supervisory jurisdiction over them. Collecting money for group gifts is discouraged except in special circumstances such as bereavement, serious illness or for retirement gifts. Staff-initiated “sunshine funds” are exempt from this policy.

Individual employees need to be accountable for maintaining integrity and avoid accepting anything of value offered by another for the purpose of influencing his/her professional judgment.

All employees are prohibited from accepting items of material value from companies or organizations doing business with the district. Material value is defined as \$50 from a single source in a single year.

No organization may solicit funds from staff members within the schools, nor may anyone distribute flyers or other materials related to fund drives through the schools without the superintendent’s approval. Staff members may not be made responsible or assume responsibility for collecting money or distributing any fund-drive literature within the schools without the superintendent’s approval.

The soliciting of staff by sales people, other staff or agents during on-duty hours is prohibited. Any solicitation should be reported at once to the building principal or supervisor. Advertising is not allowed in the building without the superintendent’s approval.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 244.040](#)
[ORS 339.880](#)

[OAR 584-020-0000](#) to -0045

¹As used in this policy, the term parent includes legal guardian or person in a parental relationship. The status and duties of a legal guardian are defined in ORS 125.005 (4) and 125.300 - 125.325. The determination of whether an individual is acting in a parental relationship, for purposes of determining residency depends on evaluation of those factors and a power of attorney executed pursuant to ORS 109.056. For special education students, parent also includes a surrogate parent, and adult student to whom rights have transferred and foster parent as defined in OAR 581-015-0005 (18).

Cross Reference(s):

[BBF](#) - Board Member Ethics

[GBC](#) - Staff Ethics

[KH](#) - Public Gifts to the District

[KI](#) - Public Solicitation in District Facilities

[KJA](#) - Materials Distribution