

Coos Bay School District 9

Code: **GBI**
Adopted: 3/14/88
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Orig. Code(s): GBI

Gifts and Solicitations

Any district employee required to disclose a gift pursuant to Oregon law shall also file a report with the superintendent. Students and their parents shall be discouraged from giving gifts to district employees.

Individual employees will not accept 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" as defined as \$50 or more from a single source in a single year.

Individual employees will limit giving gifts¹ to staff members who exercise any direct or indirect administrative or supervisory jurisdiction over them. The collection of money for group gifts is discouraged except in special circumstances such as bereavement, serious illness, or for retirement gifts.

No staff member may solicit funds in the name of the school or district through the use of, including but not limited to, internet-sourced crowdfunding or other similar types of fund raising, without the approval of the superintendent.

Employees are subject to government ethics laws (ORS Chapter 244).

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 approval of the superintendent. Staff members may not be made responsible, or assume responsibility, for the collection of any money or distribution of any fund drive literature within the schools without the superintendent's approval.

The soliciting of staff by salesmen or agents during on-duty hours is prohibited. Any solicitation should be reported at once to the building principal or supervisor. The superintendent does not allow advertising in the building without approval.

END OF POLICY

¹“Gift” means something of economic value given to a public official or the public official’s relative or household member without valuable consideration of equivalent value, including the full or partial forgiveness of indebtedness, which is not extended to others who are not public officials or the relatives or household members of public officials on the same terms and conditions; and something of economic value given to a public official or the public official’s relative for valuable consideration less than that required from others who are not public officials. See ORS Chapter 244 for gift definition exceptions.

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 244.010](#) to -244.400

[ORS 339.880](#)

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

[OAR 199-005-0005](#) to -199-020-0020

Cross Reference(s):

BBF - Board Member Standards of Conduct

GBC - Staff Ethics

IGDF - Student Fund-Raising Activities

KH - Public Gifts to the District

KI/KJ - Commercial Advertising/Merchandise Sales

KJA - Materials Distribution