

**Milton-Freewater  
School District 7**

Code: **GBI**  
Adopted: 11/23/93  
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**Gifts and Solicitations**

Teachers and other employees will not accept items of material value from students. The Board welcomes as appropriate the writing of letters by students to staff members expressing gratitude and appreciation.

Material value is defined as \$50 from a single source in a single year.

Individual employees will limit giving gifts<sup>1</sup> 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.

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.

All employees are prohibited from accepting items of material value from companies or organizations doing business with the district.

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

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<sup>1</sup>“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 Oregon Revised Statute 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 Members Standards of Conduct  
DJG - Vendor Relations  
GBC - Staff Ethics  
IGDF - Student Fund-Raising Activities  
KH - Public Gifts to the Schools  
KI - Public Solicitation in District Facilities  
KJ - Advertising in District Facilities  
KJA - Materials Distribution