

## Gifts and Solicitations

Students and their parents 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 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 principal or supervisor. Advertising is not allowed in the building without the superintendent’s approval.

END OF POLICY

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### 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 Ethics  
DJG - Vendor Relations  
GBC - Staff Ethics  
KH - Public Gifts to the District  
KI/KJ - Public Solicitation/Advertising in District Facilities  
KJA - Materials Distribution