

Expenditure of District Funds for Meals, Refreshments and Gifts

The district recognizes there may be occasions when it is appropriate for Board members, administrators and others to expend district funds in the course of conducting district business to provide meals or refreshments. The purchase of gifts may also be approved, in certain situations. Such occasions may include, but are not limited to, various district and building level meetings, gatherings to celebrate district successes or recognize individual achievements, contributions or outstanding service to the district and other district and school-sponsored activities. Such expenditures may be made with prior superintendent approval only, subject to the provisions of this administrative regulation.

The use of district funds, as used in this regulation, means the use of money in any of the general accounts of the district. This includes the General Fund, Food Service Fund and others. It also includes money in student body accounts held at each school that are derived from any student activity or from parent organizations. Exceptions are funds collected from staff members or others for the specific purpose of providing gifts or parties. It is also recognized that buildings may have established a “social fund” or “sunshine fund” to which each staff member may voluntarily contribute. Such funds are generally used for birthday recognition, bereavement and illness acknowledgment activities, etc. These funds are also exempt from the following requirements.

Meals and Refreshments

District funds may be used to pay for individual or group meals when in conjunction with meetings or other district business:

1. Meals may be provided by the district to recognize the contributions of staff, through retirement dinners or other recognition events; and
2. As a part of Board or administrative work sessions, at district or building-level committee meetings or other district-approved activities.

Board members, principals and other district administrative staff may use district funds to provide refreshments for staff, parents or others at meetings, in-service programs or other similar district or school-sponsored activities.

The purchase of alcoholic beverages with district funds is strictly prohibited;