

# Vernonia School District 47J

Code: **GBI**  
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Orig. Code(s): GBI

## **Gifts and Solicitations**

All personnel shall refrain from accepting any gifts, special favors or other considerations from a school supplier or any other company that may be deemed capable of influencing their judgment in the area of purchasing.

Gifts to teachers, coaches or other personnel, purchased by collection among students are to be discouraged as are gifts purchased through student body or related funds. Each teacher shall assume the responsibility for making this policy clear to groups of students who might be so inclined.

Exceptions authorized by the Board are gifts to the school, floral pieces for funerals or gifts of flowers or similar tokens for illness or misfortune.

Individual employees will refrain from giving gifts 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.

All employees are prohibited from accepting things of material value from companies or organizations doing business with the school district. Material value is defined as \$50 from a single source in a single year. SB 10 of the new ethics law.

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. Advertising is not allowed in the building without approval by the superintendent.

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 Standards of Conduct

DJG - Vendor Relations

GBC - Staff Ethics

KH - Public Gifts to Schools

KI - Public Solicitation in the Schools

KJA - Materials Distribution