

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 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.

All employees are prohibited from accepting items 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.

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

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 of 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

DJG - Vendor Relations

GBC - Staff Ethics

IGDF - Student Fund-Raising Activities

KH - Public Gifts to Schools

KI - Public Solicitation in the Schools

KJA - Materials Distribution