

Gifts to School Personnel

Except as provided herein, district employees shall not accept any personal gift from any student, parent/guardian, group or firm. No district employee shall accept for personal use any commission, expense-paid trip or anything of value from individuals or companies selling equipment, materials or services required in the operation of the district's programs. This does not prohibit the acceptance of materials and/or services which are of use and benefit to the district. Nor does it prohibit district employees from accepting token gifts rendered by students, parent/guardians or groups in appreciation of services rendered for district programs.

Honors, awards and legitimate grants from institutions and groups shall not be considered as gifts.

The Governing Board may consider, as appropriate, the presentation of token gifts to retiring members of staff who have rendered service for an extended period.

The provisions herein shall not be interpreted to discourage opportunities of benefit to the district, in which case Board approval is required.

(cf. 3310 - Purchasing Procedures)

(cf. 3290 - Gifts, Grants and Bequests)

(cf. 9270 - Conflict of Interest)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

60071 Bribery of school official by publisher or manufacturer

60072 Acceptance of bribe by school official

60073 Penalties for violation of article

60074 Supplying sample copies

60075 Receiving sample copies

60076 Inapplicability of article

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SOLICITATION OF FUNDS FROM AND BY STUDENTS

Solicitations on Behalf of Nonschool Charitable Organizations

The Governing Board recognizes that fund-raising enables nonprofit, nonpartisan charitable organizations to fulfill important, worthwhile goals. The school district, by example, can help students develop a true sense of social responsibility.

Funds may be solicited or materials distributed for those nonprofit, nonpartisan organizations that are properly chartered or licensed by state or federal law. All such solicitations on school premises shall be approved in advance by the Board. (Education Code 51520)

Solicitations on Behalf of the School

With the approval of the Superintendent or designee, official school-connected organizations (PTA, booster club, etc.) may organize fund-raising events involving students.

(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)

Parents/guardians should be informed of the purpose of fund-raisers benefiting the school or school groups. After the fund-raiser is held, parents/guardians should be told how much money was raised and how it was spent.

All Solicitations

Whether solicitations are made on behalf of the school or on behalf of another charitable organization, the Board particularly desires that no students shall be made to feel uncomfortable or pressured to provide funds. Staff is expected to emphasize the fact that donations are always voluntary. No students shall be barred from an activity because they did not participate in fund-raising.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish regulations as needed to guard student safety.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

51520 Prohibited solicitations on school premises (except such nonpartisan, charitable organizations as approved by the governing board)

51521 Unlawful solicitations of contribution or purchase of personal property for benefit of public school or student body; exception

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

17510-17510.7 Charitable solicitations

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