

GIFTS TO SCHOOL PERSONNEL

No district officer or employee shall directly or indirectly receive any gift having a value of fifty dollars (\$50) or more, whether in the form of money, services, loans, travel, entertainment, hospitality, etc., under circumstances in which it could reasonably be inferred that the gift was intended to influence the performance of his/her duties. No formal presentation of gifts or commemorative scrolls from district funds shall be made to retiring members of the Board. However, the Board of Education welcomes the writing of letters or notes to staff and Board members expressing gratitude or appreciation.

Nothing herein should be construed as prohibiting the traditional exchange of holiday gifts provided discretion is used to ensure that gifts of value are not accepted by staff employees or officers. Gifts from children that are principally sentimental in nature and of insignificant financial value may be accepted in the spirit in which they are given. Students and their parents or guardians shall be discouraged from the presentation of gifts to district employees.

Cross-ref: 2160, School Board Member Ethics

Ref: General Municipal Law '805-a

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