

GIFTS AND DONATIONS

GIFTS TO PERSONNEL

No public servant shall solicit or accept, directly or indirectly, anything of economic value as a gift or gratuity from any person or from any officer, director, agent, or employee of such person, if such public servant knows or reasonably should know that such person:

1. Has or is seeking to obtain contractual or other business or financial relationships with the public servant's agency, or
2. Is seeking, for compensation, to influence the passage or defeat of legislation by the public servant's agency.

No public employee shall solicit or accept, directly or indirectly, anything of economic value as a gift or gratuity from any person or from any officer, director, agent, or employee of such person, if such public employee knows or reasonably should know that such person:

1. Conducts operations or activities which are regulated by the public employee's agency.
2. Has substantial economic interests which may be substantially affected by the performance or nonperformance of the public employee's official duty.

In no event shall any employee, volunteer, or any other person affiliated with the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board make any commitment, obligation, or offer in exchange for any gift to the School Board.

DONATIONS

The Jefferson Davis Parish School Board recognizes that individuals and organizations may want to contribute or donate money, supplies, equipment, and/or property to the School Board or school district to enhance or extend school district programs or facilities. The School Board shall encourage community groups, organizations, and individuals to assist the School Board in providing material and financial resources to the School Board or schools which otherwise might not be available.

The Jefferson Davis Parish School Board may accept and administer any donation that may be made to it for educational or literary purposes and shall enumerate details of the contents of such donations in a document made publicly available on its website. If accepted, the School Board as donee shall administer the property entrusted to them in conformity with the directives contained in the act of donation and for that purpose the School Board is vested with all the necessary powers of administration. The School Board reserves the right, however, to examine the provisions of any and all prospective donations

to a school, the School Board, or a School Board-related entity to ascertain the propriety of the donation.

Unrestricted donations may be accepted by the School Board, or any school, subject to approval guidelines of the School Board. Items donated to schools may be retained by the receiving school under the ownership of the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board. The School Board shall retain the discretion to remove, repair, or modify any item which it considers obsolete, worn-out, or unsafe. Principals shall be required to keep a permanent record of donations received by the school from community groups, organizations, or individuals, exclusive of funds raised by the school or funds provided by students for special activities, such as field trips.

GIFTS FROM VENDORS

Vendors shall be encouraged to benefit the school district by such incentives as reduced prices rather than benefiting individual employees by gifts. Employees of the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board shall not be permitted to accept personal gifts.

SCHOOL FUND EXPENDITURES

School funds shall not be used to provide any form of gift to an employee, and no employee shall accept such gift; except that which is dedicated for that specific purpose. No cash gifts shall be given to School Board employees, whether in appreciation, as a "bonus," or for any other reason. For purposes of this policy, gift certificates for merchandise shall be considered cash and shall not be given as a gift. This includes payment from athletic booster clubs or other organizations to coaches, sponsors, or employees.

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