

**Policy**

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GIFTS TO SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Student Gifts

Letters to staff members expressing gratitude or appreciation are welcomed by the River Edge Board of Education and considered appropriate expressions of gratitude. Although the giving of gifts is discouraged, teachers may accept token and inexpensive gifts such as cards, cookies, apples, child-made drawings or pictures. Teachers shall not accept any gift with a monetary value that exceeds \$25.00.

Vendor Gifts

No school employee shall accept any commission or gift from individuals or companies seeking to sell equipment or materials used in the district's operations. This includes but is not limited to the purchase of materials and supplies for the construction, repair and maintenance of the school plant; for the conducting classes; and for school organizations such as clubs, sports and other curricular and extracurricular activities.

This prohibition shall not be construed to prevent vendors from paying reasonable costs of providing opportunities for school officers and employees to see or hear about new ideas, equipment and/or materials.

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Gifts, Vendors, Gratitude, Appreciation

<b><u>Legal References:</u></b>	<u>N.J.S.A. 2A:135-7</u>	Officers or employees of institutions having interest in furnishing goods or supplies there to
	<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:6-8</u>	Interest of school officers, etc. in sale of textbooks and supplies; royalties
	<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:12-2</u>	Inconsistent practices prohibited (board of education members)

<b><u>Cross References:</u></b>	*4119.21/4219.21	Conflict of interest
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\*Indicates the policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.