

**Policy**

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GIFTS TO SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Students and their parents are discouraged from the routine presentation of gifts to district employees on occasions such as Christmas and the end of the school year. If a student, parent or guardian feels strongly about giving a gift, they should restrict their selection to school supplies that will benefit the classroom or educational program. No gift that is elaborate or unduly expensive shall be accepted. Personal gifts worth in excess of \$50.00 shall be reported to the principal.

The board welcomes appropriate written expressions of gratitude or appreciation to staff members. The chief school administrator may seek the cooperation of the school community association in the implementation of this policy.

Acts of generosity in unusual situations such as flowers or food for condolences shall not be discouraged.

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**Legal References:** N.J.S.A. 18A.11-1                      General mandatory powers and duties

**Possible**

**Cross References:** \*1000/1010                      Concepts and roles in community relations  
                                 \*1100    Communicating with the public  
                                 \*1230    School-connected organizations  
                                 \*3280    Gifts, grants and bequests

\*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.