MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT **FILE CODE: 3327**

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POLICY

RELATIONS WITH VENDORS

It is the purpose of this policy to implement the intent of the legislature to strictly limit the interest that officers and employees of the Board may have in purchases or contracts of the Board,

No person officially connected with the district may have a direct or indirect interest in any business item the expense of which is paid by this Board. Such persons include:

a. Members of the Board of Education

b. Those having whole or partial control of district management

c. Any employee of this district

d. Any person designated by the Board to act in any official capacity, such as a consultant.

Any person in the foregoing categories may not be an agent for, be in any way permanently or beneficially interested in, receive any compensation or reward of any kind for, or be a party either principal or surety to a sale, agreement, contract with or claim against the Board for:

1. The furnishing of any goods, chattels, supplies, textbooks, school apparatus or property of any kind whatsoever.

2. The construction of any building or any improvement, the expense of which is paid by this Board.

This shall not prevent any person from receiving royalties upon the sale of any textbook of which he/she is the author and which has been properly approved for use in the schools of this district.

The Board shall not knowingly purchase or contract for supplies, equipment or facilities from a firm in which an official or employee of this district or a member of their family has a direct or indirect interest. For purposes of this policy "family" shall be defined as: children, siblings, spouse, parents, in-laws or bonafide dependents of a Board member. Stock holdings of more than loft shall be defined as an interest, which is direct or indirect for purposes of this policy.

No person as afore defined shall accept gifts from any individual, group or entity doing, or desiring to do, business with the district. All business-related gratuities are specifically prohibited except nominal value advertising items widely distributed.

Legal References:

N.J.S.A.	10:5-1 et seq.	Law Against Discrimination
See particularly: N.J.S.A.		10:5-31through -35
N.J.S.A.	18A:6-8	Interest of school officers, etc., in sale of textbooks or supplies, royalties
N.J.S.A.	18A:11-1	General mandatory powers and duties
N.J.S.A.	18A:12-2	Inconsistent interests or office prohibited
N.J.S.A.	18A:12-21 et seq.	School Ethics Act
N.J.S.A.	18A:18A-1 et seq.	Public Schools Contracts Law
N.J.S.A.	18A:54-20	Powers of board (county vocational schools)
N.J.A.C.	6:4-1.6(c)	Employment/contract practices
N.J.A.C.	6:8-4.1	Review of mandated programs and services
N.J.A.C.	6A:28-1.1 et seq.	School Ethics Commission
N.J.A.C.	6A:30-1.1 et seq.	Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts

Manual for the Evaluation of Local School Districts (August 2000)

Multi-year Equity Plan for the Academic Years 2000-2001 through 2002-2003, New Jersey State Department of Education Division of Student Services Office of Bilingual Education and Equity Issues

Possible Cross References:

1250	Visitors
1313	Gifts to district employees
1330	Use of school facilities
2224	Nondiscrimination/affirmative action
3320	Purchasing procedures
4119.21	Conflict of interest
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