

STAFF ETHICS/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

An employee speaking or writing as a citizen should be free from institutional censorship or discipline, but his/her special position in the community carries special obligations. The employee must remember that the public may judge the profession and institution by his/her utterances. Hence the employee should, at all times, be accurate, exercise appropriate restraint, show respect for the opinion of others, and make every effort to indicate that he/she is not a school spokesperson.

Employees of the District will not engage in, or have a financial interest in, any activity that raises a reasonable question or conflict of interest with their duties and responsibilities as members of the school staff. This includes, but is not limited to:

1. Employees will not participate for financial remuneration in outside activities wherein their position on the staff is used to sell goods or services to pupils or their parents.
2. Employees who have patented or copyrighted any device, publication, or other item will not receive royalties for use of such item in the District schools.
3. Employees will not engage in any type of work where the source of information concerning customer, client, or employer originates from information obtained through the school system.
4. School employees will not solicit or sell for personal gain any educational materials or equipment in the attendance areas served by the school to which they are assigned. Nor will any employees make available lists of names of students or parents to anyone for sales purposes.
5. The District will not purchase supplies or materials from a staff member of the School District, or from a member of the household of the staff member.

To avoid nepotism in the supervision of personnel, the Board directs that no employee be assigned in any position where the employee would be responsible to a relative.

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