

STUDENT GIFTS AND SOLICITATIONS

GIFTS

Whereas it is the policy of the Brandon Valley School District to promote and enhance the quality of social, economic and cultural opportunities for every student regardless of their background, it behooves the enactment of a policy regarding the giving and receiving of gifts within the school institution as based on the following rationale:

1. There is the inherent problem of students vying with each other in the giving of gifts to district employees.
2. Students may easily suffer embarrassment caused by lack of money for employee gifts or because of parental opposition.
3. There is danger in using the size and price of the gift as a prestige factor among their peers.
4. Generally, public employees frown on gifts as not being compatible with the intentions of an educational institution.

When a student presents a gift to a staff member the gift may be elaborate or unduly expensive and staff is encouraged to accept such gifts in a discrete manner. The Board will consider as always welcome, and in most cases more appropriate than gifts, the writing of letters to staff members expressing gratitude or appreciation.

At the secondary level the policy provides for the allowance of small gifts of remembrances to the sponsor, coach, or directors at the completion of an activity. It can only be given in the name of a "group" with no listing of names, etc. of individual contributors. Monies for these gifts, if any, cannot be taken from the funds of any group held in school activity funds.

Holiday cards, letters of appreciation and other such remembrances are permissible, and any delivery of gifts to the home does not come under the jurisdiction of the school district.

This policy is made simply to insure that the whole school community-staff, students and parents recognize the responsibility of the school district in protecting the students from the possibility of anxiety and insecurity on such matters.

SOLICITATIONS

The superintendent or designee will annually approve all solicitants that are to be permitted in the schools. No organization may solicit funds from students in the schools, nor may anyone distribute flyers or other materials related to fund drives through school, without the approval of the superintendent or designee.

