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#### 1129 - **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The proper performance of school business is dependent upon high standards of honesty, integrity, impartiality, and professional conduct by School Board employees. Further, such characteristics are essential to the Board's commitment to earn and keep the public's confidence. For these reasons, the Board adopts the following procedures to assure that conflicts of interest do not occur. These procedures are not intended to be all inclusive, nor to substitute for good judgment on the part of all District Board members, employees, officers, and agents.

- A. No employee, officer, agent, or Board member ~~or agent~~ shall engage in or have a financial interest, directly or indirectly, in any activity that conflicts with the employee's job duties and responsibilities in the school system.
- B. No employee, officer, agent, or Board member ~~or agent~~ shall engage in business, private practice of their profession, the rendering of services, or the sale of goods of any type where advantage is taken of any professional relationship they may have with any student, ~~client~~, or parents of such students, or clients in the course of their employment with the District.  
Included, by way of illustration rather than limitation, are the following:
1. the provision of any private lessons or services for a fee;
  2. the use, sale, or improper divulging of any privileged information about a student or client gained in the course of the employee's employment or through access to District records;
  3. the referral of any student or client for lessons or services to any private business or professional practitioner if there is any expectation of reciprocal referrals, sharing of fees, or other remuneration;
  4. the requirement of students or clients to purchase any private goods or services provided by an employee or any business, or professional practitioner with whom any employee has a financial relationship, as a condition of receiving any grades, credits, promotions, approvals, or recommendations.

C. No employee, officer, agent, or Board member or agent shall make use of materials, equipment, or facilities of the District in private practice. Examples would be the use of facilities before, during, or after regular business hours for service to private practice clients, or the checking out of items from an instructional materials center for private practice.

Exceptions to any provision in parts A through C of this policy shall be approved in advance by the Superintendent and shall be consistent with State law.

No employee, officer, agent, or Board member with a real or apparent conflict of interest may participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by the Federal award. A conflict of interest includes when the employee, officer, agent, or Board member, any member of their immediate family, their partner, or an organization that employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein, has a financial or other interest in or a tangible personal benefit from an entity considered for a contract. Employees, officers, or agents may not participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by a Federal grant/award if s/he has a real or apparent conflict of interest. Such a conflict of interest would arise when the employee, any member of his/her immediate family, his/her partner, or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the parties described in this section, has a financial or other interest in or a tangible personal benefit from a firm considered for a contract.

An employee, officer, agent, and Board member of the District may neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors. Employees, officers, or agents may neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors or parties to subcontracts.

However, pursuant to Federal rules, the School District has set standards for situations where the financial interest is not substantial or the gift is for when an employee, officer, agent, or Board member may accept a gift of an unsolicited item of nominal value. For purposes of this section, "nominal value" means that the gift has a monetary value of \$100.00 or less.

If the District has a parent, affiliate, or subsidiary organization that is not a State, local government, or Indian tribe, the District may not conduct a procurement action involving the parent, affiliate, or subsidiary organization if the District is unable, or appears to be unable, to be impartial in conducting a procurement action involving a related organization.

Employees, officers, agents, and Board members must promptly and agents must disclose any potential conflict of interest that may lead to a violation of this policy to the School District. Upon discovery of any potential conflict of interest, the School District will promptly disclose, in writing, the potential conflict of interest to the appropriate Federal awarding agency or, if applicable, the pass-through entity.

The District will also promptly disclose whenever, in connection with the Federal award (including any activities or subawards thereunder), it has credible evidence of the commission of a violation of Federal criminal law involving fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, or gratuity violations found in Title 18 of the United States Code or a violation of the civil False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. 3729-3733). The disclosure must be made in writing to the Federal agency, the agency's Office of Inspector General, and pass-through entity. The District is also required to report matters related to recipient integrity and performance in accordance with Appendix XII of 2 C.F.R. Part 200. Employees, officers, agents, and Board members must disclose, in a timely manner, all violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity that affect a Federal award to the appropriate Federal awarding agency or, if applicable, the pass-through entity.

Employees, officers, and agents, and Board members found to be in violation of this conflict of interest policy will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination, pursuant to Board Policy 1139.01, Discipline of Administrative Staff, and/or State law.