



Framingham Public Schools

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Framingham Public Schools *Gift Policy*

Parents and Guardians:

Below is the official School Committee Policy on gifts.

Acceptance of Gifts

Believing that it may cause hardships to some families and may lead to undesirable competition to some pupils, it shall be a policy that individual gifts from pupils to teachers shall be strongly discouraged.

The School Committee upon recommendation of the Principal of the recipient school will only accept gifts to schools with the concurrence of the Superintendent. Individuals are discouraged from promoting or advancing self-serving fund raising campaigns, particularly those involving student participation and financial commitment.

Gifts to a teacher by an entire class, for special reasons, shall be permitted only after permission has been obtained from the Superintendent of School or his/her designee.

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Teachers also are bound by state ethics laws and guidelines. To provide more detail, please be advised that it is unlawful for a teacher to accept a gift valued at \$50.00 or more. "Municipal employees may not accept gifts and gratuities valued at \$50 or more given to influence their official actions or because of their official position. Accepting a gift intended to reward past official action or to bring about future official action is illegal, as is giving such gifts. Accepting a gift given to you because of the municipal position you hold is also illegal. Meals, entertainment event tickets, golf, gift baskets, and payment of travel expenses can all be illegal gifts if given in connection with official action or position, as can anything worth \$50 or more. A number of smaller gifts together worth \$50 or more may also violate these sections."