

## **GBEA - STAFF ETHICS**

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 written or spoken statements. 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.

### **EMPLOYEE CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Employees will not engage in, or have a financial interest in, any activity that raises a reasonable question of conflict of interest with their duties and responsibilities as employees. 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.
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 District.
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.

To avoid nepotism in the supervision of personnel, the School Board directs that no employee be assigned in any position unless approved by the Superintendent to cover special circumstances where the employee would be responsible to a relative.

#### Statutory/Regulatory/Policy/Handbook Cross References

Handbook (Referenced in Personnel Handbooks)

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