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Discovery Charter School
POLICY No. 2.4.3
GIFTS TO BOARD MEMBERS AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

I. PURPOSE

It is the purpose of this policy to discourage gift giving to Board Members and School Administrators.

II. POLICY STATEMENT

From time to time students, parents, and community groups may desire to show their appreciation to Discovery Charter School Administrators and Board members. However, the Board recognizes the need to avoid the appearance of impropriety or the appearance of a conflict of interest with respect to gifts given to Administrators or Board members. Therefore, it is the policy of Discovery Charter School to discourage gift giving to Administrators and Board members.

III. DEFINITIONS

“Gift” means money, real or personal property, a service, a forbearance or forgiveness of indebtedness, or a promise of future employment, that is given without something of equal or greater value being received in return.

IV. LIMITS ON GIFTS

It is a violation of this policy for a School Administrator or Board member to accept a gift from a student, parent, community member or community group if the gift has a value greater than \$10.00.

V. ACCEPTABLE TOKENS OF APPRECIATION

A. It is not a violation of this policy for a School Administrator or Board member to accept from a student, parent, community member, or community group the following:

1. Thank you notes or letters expressing appreciation; or

2. Small tokens of appreciation such as plaques if such token has only nominal value.
- B. When questions arise as to what constitutes “nominal value”, the full Board shall determine whether the gift has more than nominal value.

VI. SOLICITATION OF GIFTS

It is a violation of this policy for an Administrator or Board member to solicit or receive anything of value from any person or entity doing business with or seeking to do business with Discovery Charter School.

VII. EXCEPTIONS

This policy does not prohibit School Administrators or Board members from accepting free samples of textbooks or teaching materials. This policy also does not prohibit School Administrators or Board members from accepting promotional items of nominal value (water bottles, binder clips, golf balls, etc.) provided by vendors at educational fairs or conferences.

VIII. NON-APPLICABILITY

This policy does not apply to gifts given to School Administrators or Board members by personal friends, family members, or others where the reason for the gift does not arise out of the School Administrator or Board member’s employment with Discovery Charter School or service on the Board.

Cross References: Minn. Stat. §127A.10 (Disinterested School Board Members)
Minn. Stat. §43A.38 (Code of Ethics for Executive Branch)
Minn. Stat. §10A.071 (Gifts by Lobbyists and Principals)
Minn. Stat. §471.895 (Gifts to Local Officials)