

## **STUDENT INCENTIVES**

### **Definitions**

- A. Prize: something of value conveyed as a result of chance, generally for promotional purposes, to one or more participants in a district-sponsored event.
- B. Award: Recognition or something of value conveyed as a result of competition, merit or in recognition of service to the district on the part of the recipient.
- C. De minimis: Minimal value, a small amount, lacking significance or importance, having little or no impact on public funds, so minor as to merit disregard.

### **Award/Prize Values**

The District will consider any prize or award amount equal to or less than \$50.00 (fifty) dollars to be de minimis. In determining whether an incentive is a de minimis amount, the district will consider whether the amount is insignificant to a recipient for tax purposes and insignificant to the district.

The value of an individual student prize will not exceed \$50.00 (fifty dollars).

### **Gifts**

The district is prohibited from using public funds to provide gifts.

The following are examples of prohibited gifts:

- Flowers purchased for celebrations or to express sympathy.
- Food, clothing or other items purchase for someone in need.
- Gift cards or gift certificates.

### **Associated Student Body Fundraising – Individual Student Incentives:**

All property and money acquired by the Associated Student Body (ASB), except private non-associated student body funds, are district funds and will be deposited and disbursed from the district's ASB program fund. The district may use a portion of ASB funds to award individual students efforts for fundraising that is related to ASB activities, but only if the activity is for a legitimate school purpose, spending is in accordance with the board-approved budget, and it is an award or prize of de minimis value.

Example: ASB students raise money for student body activities. The student who raises the most money receives a t-shirt incentive from ASB funds in recognition of their efforts. This is an acceptable incentive.

### **Corporate Incentives**

Corporate incentives provided to the district for the benefit of students become district property. If the incentive is made to an individual student directly from the corporation, the incentive becomes the personal property of the student and is not calculated as an incentive provided by the district. In order to be considered personal property, the incentive at no time may be presented to the district or be in possession of the district. Any vendor, group or organization that offers student incentives to support the district, must communicate with the district, prior to

providing the incentive to ensure its efforts are compatible with the district's educational goals. The district reserves the right to reject any student incentive that would not serve the interests of the district.

**Recording Incentives:**

Incentives provided to students will be recorded by the school. Administrators will record expenditures and keep copies of these expenses noting that the expenses were provided as incentives/awards, etc.

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