

Board Member Conflict of Interest

Section A - Introduction

In making decisions concerning matters before the Board of Education, members of the Board shall maintain the educational welfare of all students as their paramount consideration.

Section B - Conflict of Interest

No School Board member shall:

1. Have a beneficial interest directly or indirectly in any contract, work, or business of the District unless permitted by State or Federal law; or
2. Solicit or accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors, potential contractors, or parties to agreements or contracts with the District (105 ILCS 5/10-9).

Situations in which the interest is not substantial or the gift is an unsolicited item of nominal value must comply with State law and Board Policy 2:105 - Ethics Act and Gift Ban.

Section C - Economic Interest Statement

Board members must annually file a Statement of Economic Interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Each Board member is responsible for filing the statement with Cook County by May 1.

Section D - Federal and State Grant Awards and Purchases Funded with Local Funds

No Board member shall participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by a Federal award or State award governed by the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) (30 ILCS 708/), or a purchase awarded with local funds if he or she has a real or apparent conflict of interest. A conflict of interest arises when a Board member or any of the following individuals has a financial or other interest in or a tangible benefit from the entity selected for the contract:

1. A member of the Board member's immediate family;
2. The Board member's partner or spouse; or
3. An entity that employs or is about to employ the Board member or one of the individuals listed in one or two above.

It is the responsibility of the Board member to declare such a conflict to the Board President or designee and refrain from participating in any decisions relating to the disbursement of public and student activity funds impacted by such conflict.

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