



Budget Policies BP 06-13

Board Policy: Gifts and Awards

It is the intent of the GCC that expenditure of school funds must be for a direct and primary public purpose and should generally benefit the education of its students. The GCC prohibits making any gift of public money to any individual, corporation or other government agency unless specifically allowed under the provisions of a unique funding source. Gifts for Birthdays, weddings, funerals and holidays are strictly prohibited.

According to the Attorney General per E.C. 44032, Employee appreciation meals are not considered actual and necessary. Employee meals do not provide a direct and/or substantial purpose and therefore could be perceived as a gift of public funds. In order to emphasize the commitment and value placed on staff development, the GCC authorizes lunch or breakfast to be offered during staff development training that exceeds 3 hours in one day for a maximum of five times per year. This is not intended to be a requirement and must not exceed the daily per-person allowable meal reimbursement amount. The decision to provide a meal or refreshment during staff development is at the discretion of the Principal and verification of available funds must be pre-approved by the Chief Business Official. To receive a reimbursement/payment submissions must be accompanied by original receipts, a detailed agenda and sign-in sheets.

The Board may make awards to staff pursuant to Education Code 44015.

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