

**THE RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
RYE, NEW YORK**

**1810**

**GIFTS TO SCHOOL PERSONNEL**

In the event an individual wishes to express appreciation or gratitude to a Rye City School District employee, the District encourages and welcomes personal letters or notes as the preferred form of such expression of appreciation. Sending a copy of such a letter or note to Central Administration is also welcomed and encouraged.

This policy does not prohibit students from presenting token and inexpensive gifts, i.e., the proverbial “apple for the teacher,” to faculty, staff, administrators or coaches. However, please note that School District employees are prohibited by state law from accepting any gift having a value of \$75 or more, per student per year.

Any gift from a group (e.g., a class, class section, team, club, or any other activity group) must be made in the name of the group as a whole or in the names of all members of the group, regardless of, and without any delineation concerning, who within the group actually contributed or how much.

Donations in honor of a School District employee may be made directly to the District (see District policy 1800 for guidelines concerning gifts to the District) as well as to the Rye Education Fund, Inc., a 501(c)(3) corporation.

In accordance with the commitment of the School District and the School District’s employees to adhere to the highest ethical standards in education, School District employees are prohibited from accepting any gift, regardless of value, if the gift is intended or it could be inferred that the gift is intended to influence or reward the employee in the performance of his or her official duties.

*References: Rye City School District Board of Education Policy 1800 and 2160  
NYS, Article 18 of the General Municipal Laws, Section 805-a (1)(a)*

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