# ALLOWAY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT Alloway, New Jersey FILE CODE: 4119.21/4219.21 Monitored Mandated Policy Type Code: 4119.21/4219.21

# CONFLICT OF INTEREST

An employee of the Alloway Township School District shall not have any interest, financial or otherwise, direct or indirect, or engage in any business or transaction or professional activity which is in conflict with the proper discharge of their duties.

An employee of the board shall not use or attempt to use their position to secure unwarranted privileges or advantages for themself or others.

An employee of the board shall not act in their official capacity in any matter wherein they have a direct or indirect personal financial interest such as selection or purchase of any textbook or other materials on which they receive a royalty.

An employee of the board shall not accept any benefit, favor, service or other thing of value under circumstances from which it might be reasonably inferred that such benefit, service or other thing of value was given or offered for the purpose of influencing them in the discharge of his/her duties.

Bribery and corrupt practices by employees as described in the criminal justice code are forbidden and shall be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

### Political Activities of Staff

All employees are prohibited from engaging in political and/or campaign activities on school property that potentially present a conflict of interest.

All employees are prohibited from engaging in any activity in the presence of students during performance of the employees' duties, which activity is intended or designed to promote, further or assert a position on any voting issue, board issue, or collective bargaining issue.

#### **Disciplinary Action**

Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action.

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### Key Words

Royalties, Conflict of Interest, Political Activity of Staff

<u>Legal References</u>: N.J.S.A. 2C:27-1 et seq. Bribery and Corrupt Influence

See particularly:

N.J.S.A. 2C:27-5, -10,-11

N.J.S.A. 18A:6-8 Interest of school officers, etc., in sale of textbooks or

supplies: royalties

N.J.S.A. 18A:6-8.4 Right to hold elective or appointive state, county or

municipal office

N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1 General mandatory powers and duties

N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 et seg. School Ethics Act

See particularly:

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## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST** (continued)

N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24

N.J.S.A. 18A:54-20 Powers of board (county vocational schools)
N.J.S.A. 19:34-15 Electioneering within or about polling place;

misdemeanor

N.J.A.C. 6A:4-1.1 et seq. Appeals

N.J.A.C. 6A:28-1.1 et seq. School Ethics Commission

<u>Green Township Education Association v. Rowe, et al., 328 N.J. Super 525 (App. Div. 2000)</u>

**Possible** 

**Cross References:** \*1140 Distribution of materials by students and staff

1313 Gifts to district employees

\*4112.8/4212.8 Nepotism

4117.50 Standards for staff discipline

4118.2 Freedom of speech \*4119.22/4219.22 Conduct and dress

\*4119.23/4219.23 Employee substance abuse \*4138/4238 Nonschool employment \*9270 Conflict of interest

<sup>\*</sup>Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.