

1. J. Additional Compensation

Gifts and Favors = Additional compensation

Can you take gifts from people? State laws may differ but generally the answer is NO. You are not allowed to take gifts, meals, prizes, etc. from your district or anyone else that may be considered a vendor. You can substitute teach or work in other districts, but not your own. If the district ever offers you anything more than something with a value of \$25 you are not allowed by law to take it. Don't get caught taking an illegal offering. In Ohio, the state law calls taking a gift worth more than \$25, additional compensation. Don't allow anyone to give you anything worth more than \$25, or the max allowed in your state. For example, your legal counsel may buy you lunch but not over \$25 value. In Ohio, see Ohio Revised Code - 1907.17. Additional compensation.