

GIFTS FROM THE PUBLIC

It shall be the policy of the district to accept a gift, provided it is made within the statutory authority granted to school districts and has received the approval of the Board of Education.

In granting or withholding its consent, the Board will review the following factors:

1. The terms of the gift must identify:
 - a. the subject of the gift
 - b. the purpose of the gift
 - c. the beneficiary or beneficiaries if any
 - d. all conditions or restrictions that may apply.
2. The gift must not benefit a particular or named individual or individuals.
3. If the purpose of the gift is an award to a single student, the determination of the recipient of such award shall be made on the basis that all students shall have an equal opportunity to qualify for it and shall not be denied its receipt on the basis of race, religion, sex, or disability.
4. If the gift is in trust, the obligation of the investment and reinvestment of the principal shall be clearly specified and the application of the income or investment proceeds shall be clearly set forth.
5. Donations of \$2,000 or more may be recognized by a standard size sign of not more than 2' x 3' to be displayed on the high school athletic field fence near the concession stand. Such sign must be provided by the donor and will be displayed for one calendar year commencing receipt of the annual donation. All wording for the sign must be approved by the school Superintendent prior to the construction of such sign.
6. No gift or trust will be accepted by the Board unless:
 - a. it is in support of and a benefit to all or to a particular public school in the district, or
 - b. it is for a purpose for which the school district could legally expend its own funds, or
 - c. it is for the purpose of awarding scholarships to students graduating from the district.
7. Equipment contributed to the schools becomes the property of the district and subject to the same controls and regulations that govern the use of other school-owned property. A list of supplies and equipment contributed primarily for school use shall be reported to the Board by the Superintendent of Schools at least annually.
8. Contributions of equipment or services that may involve major costs for installation or maintenance, or initial or continuing financial commitments from school funds, shall be presented by the Superintendent of Schools for the Board's consideration and approval.
9. Individuals wishing to contribute supplies or equipment will counsel with school officials regarding the acceptability of such contributions in advance of the solicitation of funds or the making of budgetary appropriations.

10. Because of the differences in economic resources available to the various schools and for other reasons, the purchase of equipment on a matching fund basis, (parts of costs provided by an individual or organization and part by the Board from public funds) shall not be encouraged.

Any gift rejected by the Board shall be returned to the donor or his/her estate within 60 days together with a statement indicating the reasons for the rejection of such gift.

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