



ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS

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I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the acceptance of gifts by the school board.

II. General Statement of Policy

The policy of this school district is to accept gifts only in compliance with state law.

III. Acceptance of Gifts Generally

The school board may receive, for the benefit of the school district, bequests, donations or gifts for any proper purpose. The school board shall have the sole authority to determine whether any gift or any precondition, condition, or limitation on use included in a proposed gift furthers the interests of or benefits the school district and whether it should be accepted or rejected. The school board delegates the responsibility for determining which gifts, including grants should be communicated about to the board of education prior to application being made or action being taken by the district regarding the grant gift proposal to the superintendent.

The board of education retains the sole discretion and authority to accept or reject any and all gifts or grants. Additionally, no group may of its own accord, solicit, advertise or perform any other action that projects the appearance of providing funding, gifts or grants to the district without district authorization.

IV. Gifts of Real or Personal Property

The school board may accept a gift, grant or devise of real or personal property only by the adoption of a resolution approved by two-thirds of its members. The resolution must fully describe any conditions placed on the gift. The real or personal property so accepted may not be used for religious or sectarian purposes.

V. Administration in Accordance with Terms

If the school board agrees to accept a bequest, donation, gift, grant or devise which contains preconditions, conditions or limitations on use, the school board shall administer it in accordance with those terms. Once accepted, a gift shall be the property of the school district unless otherwise provided in the agreed upon terms. The receipt of all gifts or grants, including monetary awards must be recorded and noted by the business office and the school board. Principals and administrators are responsible for assuring this procedure is adhered to.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. 123B.02, Subd. 6 (General Powers of Independent School Boards)

Minn. Stat. 465.03 (Gifts to Municipalities)

Cross References: Policy 101 - Legal Status of the School District

Policy 101.1 - Name of the School District

Policy 201 - Legal Status of the School District

Policy 421 - Gifts to Employees

Policy 511 - Student Fundraising