

POLICY

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Non-Instructional/Business
Operations

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS, GRANTS AND BEQUESTS TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Board may accept gifts, grants and/or bequests of money, real or personal property, as well as other merchandise which, in view of the Board, add to the overall welfare of the School District, provided that such acceptance is in accordance with existing laws and regulations. However, the Board is not required to accept any gift, grant or bequest and does so at its discretion, basing its judgment on the best interests of the District. Furthermore, the Board will not accept any gift, grant or bequest which constitutes a conflict of interest and/or gives an appearance of impropriety.

At the same time, the Board will safeguard the District, the staff and students from commercial exploitation, from special interest groups, and the like.

The Board will not accept any gifts or grants which will place inappropriate encumbrances on future Boards, or result in unreasonable additional or hidden costs to the District.

The Board of Education recognizes the valuable contributions that members of the community or community organizations make to the school district through gifts of books, pieces of equipment, and other similar contributions. While these contributions become the property of the school district, it is the intention of the Board of Education to assign such gifts in accordance with the request of the donor, providing that such assignment is deemed beneficial to the school district. Gifts are further defined to include long-term loans of books, equipment, or similar contributions to the school district which loans may return to the donors at the expiration of the useful life of the loans or disposed of in accordance with the conditions of the loans.

The Board is prohibited from making gifts/charitable contributions with School District funds that are prohibited by the New York State Constitution.

Gifts and/or grants of money to the District shall be annually accounted for under the trust and agency account in the bank designated by the Board of Education.

The Superintendent of Schools is given authority to accept appropriate gifts to the school district whose monetary value is \$100 or less. Other such gifts whose value exceeds \$100 shall be submitted by the Superintendent of Schools to the Board of Education for its consideration.

All gifts, grants and/or bequests shall become School District property. A letter of appreciation and confirmation of the gift will be sent to a donor/grantor in recognition of his/her contribution to the School District.

New York State Constitution Article 8, Section 1
Education Law Sections 1709(12), 1709(12-a) and 1718(2)
General Municipal Law Section 805-a(1)

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