

Business and Non-instructional Operations

Gifts, Grants and Bequests

The Board of Trustees may accept any bequest or gift of money or property on behalf of the district. While greatly appreciating suitable donations, the Board discourages any gifts which may directly or indirectly impair its commitment to providing equal educational opportunities for all district students.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

Before accepting a gift, the Board shall consider whether the gift:

1. Has a purpose consistent with the district's philosophy and goals.
1. Begins a program which the Board would be unable to continue when the donated funds are exhausted
3. Entails undesirable or excessive costs
4. Implies endorsement of any business or product

(cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)

The Board shall carefully evaluate any conditions or restrictions imposed by the donor in light of district philosophy and operations. If the Board feels the district will be unable to fully satisfy the donor's conditions, the gift shall not be accepted.

Gift books and instructional materials shall be accepted only if they meet regular district criteria.

(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)

All gifts, grants and bequests shall become district property. Donors are encouraged to donate all gifts to the district rather than to a particular school. At the Superintendent or designee's discretion, a gift may be used at a particular school.

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

1834 Acquisition of materials and apparatus

35162 Power to sue, be sued, hold and convey property

41030 School district may invest surplus monies from bequest or gifts

41031 Special fund or account in county treasury

41032 Authority of school board to accept gift or bequest; investments; gift of land requirements

41035 Advisory committee

41036 Function of advisory committee

41037 Rules and regulations

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