

**DONATED EQUIPMENT, GIFTS AND PRIVATE GRANTS**

The Board of Education may accept gifts of real and personal property for the benefit of the District if the Board believes the donation is in the District's best interest and that no conflict of interest or appearance of impropriety will be created by acceptance of the gift.

The Superintendent will develop appropriate regulations to implement the policy.

Reference: Education Law §§ 404; 1709(12); 1709(12-a)

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**DONATED EQUIPMENT, GIFTS AND PRIVATE GRANTS REGULATION**

The Board may accept donated equipment, gifts, and grants of real and personal property to be used by the schools or to be held in trust for the purpose of awarding scholarships. Grants of real property for siting school buildings may be accepted without voter approval, although the voters must approve any construction to be done on the land. The Board will accept donated equipment, gifts, or private grants only when legally and ethically appropriate.

The following guidelines will be used in determining the propriety of proposed donated equipment, gifts, or grants:

1. the donated equipment, gift, or grant should have a use or a purpose consistent with those of the District;
2. the donated equipment, gift, or grant should be offered by an acceptable donor;
3. the donated equipment, gift, or grant should not begin a program the Board would be unwilling or unable to fund, once the donated equipment, gift, or grant has been expended;
4. the donated equipment, gift, or grant should not result in additional or hidden costs to the District;
5. the donated equipment, gift, or grant should not place undue restrictions on the school program;
6. the donated equipment, gift, or grant should not be inappropriate or harmful to the students' education; and
7. the donated equipment, gift, or grant should not imply endorsement of any organization, enterprise, business, religion, or product.

Ideally, all donated equipment, gifts, or grants should be given to the District without restrictions or conditions attached, although testamentary gifts or devises may provide for a return of the property or unused funds to the decedent's estate if no longer used for school district purposes. Moreover, donated equipment, gifts, or grants should be offered to and accepted by the District for the benefit of the entire District, although the Board, in its discretion, may direct the Superintendent of Schools to apply the donated equipment, gift or grant to one particular school.

The Board is prohibited from making contributions from school district funds, assets, or property to any charitable organization, no matter how worthy it may be.

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