

706 ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS AND DONATIONS

I. PURPOSE

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

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

It is the policy of this school district to accept gifts and donations only in compliance with state law.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS GENERALLY

- A. 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 donation or any precondition, condition or limitation on use included in a proposed gift or donation furthers the interests of or benefits the school district and whether it should be accepted or rejected.
- B. All gifts or donations exceeding \$1,000 must be presented to the school board for approval. The gift or donation must meet the goals and objectives of the school district and the specific educational program.
- C. Acceptance of a gift or donation shall not imply school district endorsement or require use of any product or service.
- D. Acceptance of a gift or donation shall not cause a conflict with school board policies and procedures. Further, it shall not be in violation of state or federal law.
- E. All gifts and donations shall become the property of the school district.
- F. The gift or donation will not jeopardize other sources of state or federal funding.

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 or donation shall be the property of the school district unless otherwise provided in the agreed upon terms.

Legal References:

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

Minn. Stat. §465.03 (Gifts to Municipalities)

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