

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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Public Gifts/Donations to the Schools

The Board assumes responsibility, within its financial capabilities, for providing at public expense all items of equipment, supplies, and services that may be required in the interest of education in the school units under its jurisdiction. Gifts, donations, grants, or bequests will be accepted and the action recorded, provided the conditions of acceptance do not remove any degree of control of the School District from the Board and will not cause inequitable treatment of any student(s) or student group(s). It will be the policy of the District to accept gifts, grants and bequests in the form of money and/or property when it is in the best interest of the school District to do so.

A gift shall be defined as money, real or personal property, and personal services provided without consideration. Gifts from organizations, community groups, and/or individuals that will benefit the District shall be encouraged by the District administration. Individuals or groups contemplating presenting a gift to a school or the District shall be encouraged to discuss, in advance, with the building principal or the Superintendent what gifts are appropriate and needed.

Community groups or individuals may donate equipment to the District. Such equipment shall be added to the District's inventory, provided it is operative at the time of donation and meets an educational purpose of the District.

The District reserves the right to accept or decline any proposed gifts. In determining whether a gift will be accepted, consideration shall be given to District policies, goals, and objectives (with particular emphasis on the goal of providing educational opportunities to all students) and adherence to the basic principles outlined in Board-approved regulations.

The CDA School District encourages staff to seek grant funding from sources outside our district. Prior to submitting any grant application, the District requires staff to submit a ~~Grant-Intent Form~~ Fundraiser and Grant Authorization Form (Finance Department) to provide basic grant information, to understand and approve the purpose and amount of the grant, and to anticipate needed supports.

Propositions giving funds, equipment, or materials to the school with a "matching agreement" or restriction are generally not acceptable. Acceptance of donated equipment or materials may depend upon the compliance with the Board's policy of standardizing materials and equipment in the District which could restrict gifts given by the parent-teacher organizations to individual schools. The acceptance of a gift for a particular school, however, indicates the Board's approval of the use the benefactor specified.

Any person or organization that desires to give a gift or make a donation, grant, or bequest to the Board should contact the Superintendent/designee who may accept the gift, thank the donors, and

inform the Board, except that offers of real property will be accepted only by the Board. Also, where the appropriateness of a gift is in doubt, the Superintendent will refer the matter to the Board for its acceptance or rejection. For example, single gifts of considerable value exhibiting the donor's name or business shall be considered on an individual basis by the Board.

All conditional gifts must be approved by the Board.

Once accepted by the District, the gift, grant, or bequest becomes the sole property of the District subject only to the control of the school District and the requirements of state and federal laws.

Policy Reference: 5270 Personnel Conflicts of Interest

Legal Reference: Title IX, Education Amendment of 1972, 20 U.S.C §1681, et seq.

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