

The board encourages individuals and organizations to consider making a donation of real property, personal property or funds ~~gift or bequest~~ to the school system. Donations, whether in the form of a gift or a bequest, Such gifts foster community support for the schools and improve the school system for the benefit of students and others. As an expression of the board's gratitude, the superintendent shall provide for the appropriate recognition of donors.

**A. SUITABILITY OF DONATIONS**

The superintendent shall evaluate any donation offers in order to determinate whether the donation is suitable for the school or the school system ~~of gifts or bequests that are not revenues or gifts of nominal value.~~ Donations may not conflict with the school system's educational mission. In determining the suitability of a donation intended to benefit any program that is appropriately segregated by gender, such as a school athletic program, the superintendent must consider equity and Title IX issues in relation to overall funding and opportunities for participation.

Donations of real or personal property will be accepted only if the donor can demonstrate that he or she has clear and free title to the property. The superintendent also must consider the gift's suitability, any safety hazards associated with gifts of real or personal property, Donations must not impose any undue financial burden or obligation on the school system. Any donation that includes advertisements must be consistent with policy 5240, Advertising in the Schools, and the food and beverage marketing requirements of policy 6140, Student Wellness, and the cost of maintaining the gift and then make a recommendation to the board.

For computer equipment or other technological resources, the superintendent shall ensure that such items are compatible with minimum hardware and software standards set by the technology director. Any donation from an E-rate service provider must comply with gift rules applicable to federal agencies.

~~The board will decide whether to accept the gift on behalf of the school system.~~

~~Upon receiving notification of a donor's intent to offer a gift to a school, a principal shall give written notification to the superintendent that states the nature of the gift and the purpose for which it is donated. The superintendent shall ensure that any offered gift imposes no undue financial burden or obligation on the school system.~~

~~The board establishes the following conditions for the acceptance of gifts. Other conditions may be set as the board deems appropriate.~~

**B. ACCEPTING DONATIONS**

Upon receiving an offer of a donation to the school, a principal must give the

superintendent written notification that states the nature of the donation and the purpose for which it is donated. The principal does not have the authority to accept donations to the school.

1. — The superintendent may accept ~~gifts~~ donations on behalf of the board. The superintendent shall report any accepted ~~gifts~~ donations of more than a nominal value at the next board meeting. The board reserves the right to determine in each particular case the appropriateness of ~~any contribution~~ donation and may accept or reject a ~~contribution~~ donation as the board sees fit.

2. — ~~Gifts of real or personal property will be accepted only if the donor can demonstrate that he or she has clear and free title to the property.~~

### C. USE OF A DONATION

Unless otherwise specified in a written agreement approved by the board, any accepted donation becomes the permanent property of the school system. Anything purchased with donated funds, including funds raised through a crowdfunding campaign, project or platform, become the property of the school system, and the title to such property vests in the board. If the board at any time determines that property donated, or acquired with donated funds, is unnecessary or undesirable for public school purposes, the board may dispose of such property in accordance with state law.

~~The~~ A donor may request that a ~~gift or bequest~~ donation be designated for ~~use in~~ a particular ~~purpose~~ area. However, the board reserves the right to utilize the ~~funds~~ donation as it deems ~~ed~~ appropriate.

7. — ~~Any gift or donation that includes advertisement must be consistent with policy 5240, Advertising in the Schools.~~

Legal References: 47 C.F.R. 54.503; FCC Sixth Report and Order 10-175; G.S. 115C, art. 35; G.S.-115C-36, -47, -518; G.S. 115C, art. 35; 47 C.F.R. 54.503; FCC Sixth Report and Order 10-175

Cross References: Technology in the Educational Program (policy 3220), Advertising in the Schools (policy 5240), Student Wellness (policy 6140), Crowdfunding on Behalf of the School System (policy 7360/8225)

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