

Business and Non-Instructional Operations

Gifts, Grants and Bequests

Gifts of personal property to the district, including monetary donations, that meet criteria set forth in the administrative regulations established in accordance with this policy are welcomed and encouraged.

The Superintendent of Schools shall develop administrative regulations governing the acceptance of gifts and the procedure for examining and evaluating offers of gifts to the district.

A classroom teacher may approve gifts to the school that are valued at less than \$50 and meet the criteria established by the administrative regulations associated with this policy. The school principal may approve gifts to the school that are valued between \$50 and \$1000 and meet criteria established by the administrative regulations established in accordance with this policy. The Superintendent of Schools must accept gifts that are valued over \$1,000 and meet criteria established by the administrative regulations established in accordance with this policy.

The Superintendent, in consultation with the principal and considering the wishes of the donor, may determine the program(s) or facility(ies) to which the gift shall go if it is valued at more than \$1000. The Superintendent shall inform the Board of Education of any gift valued at more than \$1000 that has been accepted by the district.

If the Superintendent determines that a gift fails to meet the criteria established in the administrative regulations, the Superintendent shall inform the Board of Education. Any gift rejected by the Board of Education shall be returned to the donor or the donor's estate, with a statement indicating the reason for rejection of such gift.

Legal Reference:

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-237

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ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS REGARDING GIFTS, GRANTS AND BEQUESTS TO THE DISTRICT

Any gift presented to the school district that is valued at more than \$50 must be accompanied by a letter from the donor identifying the subject and purpose of the gift and any restrictions that may apply for official action and recognition by the Board of Education.

To be accepted, a gift must be used for the educational benefit of students and satisfy the following criteria:

- Have a purpose consistent with the purposes of the school district
- Will not begin a program that the Board of Education would be unwilling to take over when the gift or grant funds are exhausted
- Would not bring unanticipated costs to the school district
- Will place no restrictions on the school program
- Will be suitable for use in meeting the instructional needs of the school
- Will not be inappropriate or harmful to the best educational interests of students, as determined by the administration
- Will not imply endorsement of any business or product
- Will not be in conflict with any provisions of the school code or public law

All gifts, grants and bequests shall become school district property.