

## **3290 Gifts, Grants and Bequests**

The Governing Board may accept any gift, grant, or bequest of money, property, or service to the district from any individual, private agency or organization, or other public agency that desires to support the district's educational program. While greatly appreciating suitable donations, the Board shall reject any gift which may directly or indirectly impair its authority to make decisions in the best interest of district students or its ability or commitment to provide equitable educational opportunities.

Before accepting any gift, grant, or bequest, the Board shall carefully consider any conditions or restrictions imposed by the donor to ensure their consistency with the district's vision, philosophy, and operations. If the Board believes the district will be unable to fully satisfy the donor's conditions, the gift shall not be accepted.

In addition, the Board shall ensure that acceptance of the gift, grant, or bequest does not:

1. Involve creation of a program which the Board would be unable to sustain when the donation is exhausted.
2. Entail undesirable or excessive costs.
3. Promote the use of violence, drugs, tobacco, or alcohol or the violation of any law or district policy.
4. Imply endorsement of any business or product or unduly commercialize or politicize the school environment.
5. Advertise or endorse the use of non-nutritious food or beverages during the school day.

Any gift of books and instructional materials shall be accepted only if they meet regular district criteria for selection of instructional materials.

All gifts, grants, and bequests shall become district property. Donors are encouraged to donate all gifts to the district rather than to a particular school, classroom, or teacher. At the Superintendent or designee's discretion, a gift may be used at a particular school or classroom.

When any gift of money received by the district is not immediately used, it shall be placed in the county treasury in accordance with law. (Education Code 41030-41031)

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly provide a report to the Board indicating the gifts, grants, and/or bequests received on behalf of the district.

### **Online Fundraising**

Any person or entity who wishes to conduct an online fundraising campaign, including a crowdfunding campaign, for the benefit of the district, a school, or a classroom shall submit a written request for prior approval to the Superintendent or designee. Approval of requests shall take into consideration compatibility with the district's vision and goals, core beliefs, instructional priorities, and infrastructure; the manner in which donations are collected and distributed; equity of the use of funds; and any other factors deemed relevant or appropriate by the district.

Any person or entity approved to conduct an online fundraising campaign shall comply with relevant district policies and procedures, including ensuring financial transparency in describing the purpose and use of the funds and protecting student privacy as applicable. Such person or entity shall specify that the district, rather than a staff member, classroom, or school, will own the funded resources.

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Funds raised by an online fundraising campaign and donated to the district shall be subject to the same terms, criteria for acceptance, and accountability measures as any other donation as specified in this policy.

#### **Appreciation**

The Board may show appreciation for any donation to the district in any manner it deems appropriate. Such appreciation may take the form of letters of recognition or Board resolutions; plaques, commendations, or awards; planting of commemorative trees or gardens; or naming or renaming of buildings, grounds, or facilities. Conferment of any such honor shall be in accordance with applicable Board policy.

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