

## **Business and Non-Instructional Operations**

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

The Superintendent of Schools shall be authorized to accept, on behalf of the Board of Education, gifts to the school system. All gifts received become the property of the Board of Education to be expended or used at its discretion. Gifts shall include money, services, programs, equipment, or other items of value.

Community organizations, including parent/teacher organizations, raising funds for particular schools or school activities must have prior approval from the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee for such fund-raising for particular schools or school activities which will eventually result in donations or gifts to the school district.

1. There shall be sufficient educational or financial benefits to the school and/or students, either directly or indirectly, to justify fund-raising.
2. Anticipated gifts or donations will not supplant Board of Education responsibility for educational funding, nor shall outside funding produce major educational inequities among elementary schools.
3. School district involvement in fund-raising will neither be an unacceptable burden to teachers or other school staff members nor subject the school to any significant risks or responsibilities in handling funds.
4. Fund-raising shall be in good taste and appropriate for the school district.
5. School staff and the education program shall be safeguarded against any inappropriate influence or constraints from individual or corporate donors because of their contributions to the school district.
6. Public recognition for contributions received shall be appropriate and balanced.

Legal Reference:        Connecticut General Statutes  
                              7-194 Powers  
                              10-237 School Activity Funds

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