

DONATIONS AND STANDARDS

Including: Go Fund Me, DonorsChoose.org, Got Kids, PTSA, Student Funds, Businesses, Private Parties, etc.

Standards are a useful tool for to ensure the use of consistent equipment and materials across multiple facilities. Standards enable the district to meet current operations and maintenance needs, streamline purchasing and maintenance, and reduce operating costs while attaining a consistent level of quality.

Why set standards?

- Equity and Perception - Standards can also ensure that district staff can maintain each school equally
- Maintenance- Standards make maintenance more efficient
- Purchasing & Storage - Standards streamline purchasing and storage. Rather than buy and stock different types of light bulbs, air filters, ceiling tiles, and toilet paper to fit every type of holder, standards can help limit variation in these sorts of consumables and replacement products, saving time, money, and storage space.

The bottom line is that streamlining purchasing, storage, and maintenance can reduce costs and direct more operational dollars towards expenditures that directly benefit students, while also providing a more positive and appealing physical environment.

To ensure that schools can benefit from donations and items purchased new for the purpose of donating to a school, it is important for all school sites and donors to adhere to district standards.

Donations may serve as an unfortunate drain on school and district staff and fiscal resources if they do not meet minimum standards or if they are not in good condition.

Donated items must not violate state and federal law, California Education Code, Public Contract Code, Government Code, Health and Safety Code, Environmental Protection Agency, OSHPD, ANSI /BIFMA.

Please note that there can be no expectation that donated equipment will be able to be repaired or replaced if it becomes inoperable.

EXAMPLE 1 (True Story)

PTSA goes to KMART and purchases a swing set for a school site. Parents install swing set over weekend. Following week, swing set is removed because it violates not only district standards but laws and codes.

EXAMPLE 2 (True Story)

Teacher registers on donors choose and receives a HP ink jet printer. Teacher requests that printer is connected to network. Printer does not meet district standards and is unable to be connected to network due to driver requirements. Teacher unable to use HP printer.

MORAL OF THE STORIES

All donated items and/or items purchased using donated funds must meet district standards.

To ensure a successful process, please contact the purchasing department regarding standards specifications prior to seeking donations and or donation funds.