

**Policy Statement #5750 (Business) of the Board of Education
Regarding Donations**

- I. Purpose
 - A. To provide guidelines for the acceptance of donations to Calvert County Public Schools.
- II. Definition
 - A. Donations – equipment, materials, money, or improvement to real property given to the school system for use with educational programs or extracurricular activities.
- III. Policy Statement
 - A. The Board of Education of Calvert County is committed to quality education and comparability of programs for all students. The Board welcomes donations from individuals, organizations, and corporations that enhance the educational programs or extracurricular activities for students. However, the acceptance of donations must include a review of non-monetary items to ensure their safety and usability by the school system. Accepted donations will be used in a manner that is consistent with the mission and goals of Calvert County Public Schools.
- IV. Delegation of Authority
 - A. The Superintendent of Schools is directed to develop administrative procedures to implement this policy in accordance with all local policies and local, state and federal laws and regulations, and to communicate this policy and accompanying procedures to all relevant parties.
- V. Exceptions
 - A. There are no exceptions to this policy. However, the Board, by majority vote, may temporarily suspend all or part of this policy. Suspension of all or part of this policy, however, in no way relieves the Board of its obligation to comply with the pertinent local, state and federal laws and regulations or the rules and regulations of the Maryland State Board of Education and the Maryland State Department of Education.
- VI. Review
 - A. This policy will be reviewed at the end of four years, or sooner, if approved by majority vote of the Board of Education in public session.
- VII. Effective Date
 - A. This policy is effective August 12, 2021.

Citations

State Law: §§ 4-114 and 4-118 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

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State Reg.:
Federal Law:
Adm. Reg.:
Neg. Agr.:
Other Citation:

Related Policies:

1015 Equity
1040 Naming of Public Schools and School System Facilities in Calvert County
1047 Display and Distribution of Materials
1118 Discrimination
1740 Ethics
1930 Individuals Registered on a Public Offender Registry

§4-114.

- (a) All property granted, conveyed, devised, or bequeathed for the use of a particular public school or school system:
- (1) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, shall be held in trust for the benefit of the school or school system by the appropriate county board or, for real property in Baltimore City, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore; and
 - (2) Is exempt from all State and local taxes.
- (b) Money invested in trust for the benefit of the public schools for any county or city is exempt from all State and local taxes.
- (c) (1) A private entity may hold title to property used for a particular public school or local school system if the private entity is contractually obligated to transfer title to the appropriate county board on a specified date.
- (2) The conveyance of title of school property to a private entity for a specified term under this subsection may not be construed to prohibit the allocation of construction funds to an approved school construction project under the Public School Construction Program.
 - (3) A county or county board may convey or dispose of surplus land under the jurisdiction of the county or county board in exchange for public school construction or development services.

§4-118.

- (a) Each county board may receive a donation of any:
- (1) School land;
 - (2) School site; or
 - (3) Suitably located house adapted to school purposes.
- (b) A county board may not improve any site or occupy any house donated under this section until it has acquired either a valid title to the property or a leasehold interest in it for a term longer than the probable useful life of the proposed improvement to the site or of the house donated.