

Tumwater School District Board Policy

GIFTS, GRANTS, AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The Board of Directors of Tumwater School District No. 33 is duly appreciative of public interest in and good will toward the schools manifested through gifts and grants. The Board reserves the right, however, to specify the manner in which gifts are made, to define the type of gift or grant which it considers appropriate, and to reject those which it deems inappropriate or unsuitable.

Any gift to the district of real property can be accepted only by Board approval. Any gift to the district or to an individual school or department of money, materials or equipment having a value of \$500.00 or greater shall be subject to board approval. In no event shall any commitment be made by a staff member or other individuals in return for any gift to the district or to a school or department without the Board's authorization. The Board shall not authorize gifts that are inappropriate, which carry with them unsuitable conditions or which shall obligate the district to future expenditures from the general fund which are out of proportion to the value of the gift. All gifts shall become district property and shall be accepted without obligation relative to use and/or disposal. Acceptance of gifts that are valued at less than \$500.00 shall be at the discretion of the appropriate administrator or program.

The Board of Directors believes that it is bound by its public functions and responsibility to provide facilities, equipment, and staff adequate to maintain its regular instructional program and cannot in good conscience accept gifts which could be interpreted as an assumption of this responsibility on the part of the donor.

Gifts that fall outside of the restrictions specified in the previous section and which will heighten the educational experience of the student will be considered appropriate and acceptable. Gifts, which duplicate certain existing facilities and equipment, thus accelerating the attainment of particular education goals, will be considered appropriate and acceptable.

Prior to communicating their offers to the Board of Directors, prospective donors should consult with the appropriate instructional or administrative departments of the public schools and follow this by clearance with the central administration. In general, the Board will not accept gifts with conditions or contingencies attached.

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