

840 – PUBLIC GIFTS TO THE SCHOOLS

The District appreciates the generosity of booster clubs, parent-teacher organizations, service groups and other community organizations, which donate gifts that enhance and extend the work of our schools. The District encourages those who wish to make contributions to consider equipment or services that are less likely to be acquired with public funds. At the same time, the Board must maintain control over the District's educational programs and student activities and ensure equality of educational opportunity. Outside funds will not dictate the direction of programs nor hamper their objective evaluation.

Gifts or bequests over \$2,500.00 in value will be referred to the Board for acceptance or rejection. Such gifts or bequests may be accompanied by a letter from the donor expressing intent and use, if any. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any gift or bequest donated from any organization or from any individual.

Gifts or bequests of \$2,500.00 or less may be accepted by the District Administrator or his/her designee. The Board will be informed of gifts or bequests that are accepted at a regular Board meeting.

Acceptance of any gift must satisfy the following:

- Be offered in a manner that is acceptable to the Board or District;
- Will not begin a program that the Board is unwilling or the District is unable to take over when funds are exhausted;
- Would not bring undesirable or hidden costs to the District;
- Place no restrictions on a school program;
- Will not be inappropriate or harmful to the best education of students;
- Will not require or imply endorsement of any business or product; and
- Will not be in conflict with school regulations or public law.

Once an item is accepted it becomes the permanent property of the District for use as directed by Administration and/or Board.

The School District of Auburndale shall not discriminate in the acceptance of gifts, bequests, scholarships or other aids, benefits or services to students from private agencies, organizations or persons on the basis of gender, race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability/handicap. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures.

Legal Reference: Sections 118.13 & 118.27 Wisconsin Statutes
PI 9 Wisconsin Administrative Code

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