

# Houston County Board of Education

Monitoring:  <b>Review: Annually, in September</b>	Descriptor Term:  <h2 style="text-align: center;">Gifts and Bequests</h2>	Descriptor Code: <b>2.401</b>	Issued Date: <b>09/09/24</b>
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The Director of Schools is authorized to accept gifts to the school district and may designate others to accept gifts for particular schools on behalf of the Board.<sup>1</sup> The Board will officially express appreciation to the donor, and all major gifts shall be reported to the Board and publicly announced.

In instances where the Director of Schools/designee doubts the appropriateness or usefulness of an offered gift, the gift may be declined, or the matter referred to the Board.

In accepting gifts and donations, the following shall apply:

1. Unless otherwise expressly specified in writing, all property contributed, given, or otherwise placed on school premises shall, for all intents and purposes, be a gift and shall become school district property subject to the same controls and regulations that govern the use of other school-owned property.
2. Contributions of equipment or services that may involve major costs for installation, maintenance, or initial or continuing financial commitments from school funds shall be presented by the Director of Schools for board consideration and approval.
3. Individuals or organizations wanting to contribute supplies or equipment shall consult with school officials about the feasibility of accepting such contributions.
4. A list of durable equipment which has been contributed shall be reported to the Board by the Director of Schools/Designee annually.

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Legal References

1. [TCA 49-6-2006\(a\)](#)

Cross References

- Staff Conflicts of Interest 5.601  
 Staff Gifts and Solicitations 5.605
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