

Guilford County Board of Education

Descriptor Term: CONTRIBUTIONS AND PURCHASES BY OUTSIDE AGENCIES FOR SCHOOL USE		Descriptor Code: ECK	
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The Board of Education recognizes that within the community there are various agencies, organizations and individuals (referred to as “contributor(s)” for purposes of this policy) who wish to make donations to the school district, or to individual schools, in the form of cash, goods, services, constructed items, materials, supplies, furniture and equipment. While the Board of Education strongly advocates for adequate public funding of public schools and school districts, it does recognize that the active search for and prudent use of private philanthropic donations may help fund/support special initiatives and supplement ongoing programs.

The Board of Education will use designated/restricted donations for the purposes specified by the contributor(s) to the maximum extent practicable. Funds remaining after the project has been completed, or the purpose that generated the contribution(s) has been met, will be directed by the Superintendent and/or his/her designee to other projects and initiatives in alignment with district priorities.

General Donations of Cash, Goods and Services

Principals, department heads, regional superintendents and chief officers are authorized to accept general donations of cash, goods or services on behalf of GCS that are not related to new construction, facility additions and/or renovations. Before accepting any donation(s), school and district personnel should ensure that the donation:

- Is aligned with the Board’s vision, mission, goals and objectives as outlined in the GCS Strategic Plan;
- Meets GCS student needs;
- Adheres with all applicable State statutes as well as GCS policies, procedures and guidelines;
- Takes into consideration the impact of increases in operating costs for GCS; or, identifies a funding source and estimated budget for the increase in operating costs to GCS; and,
- Does not represent a conflict of interest.

All donations of cash, goods or services must be fully accounted for in keeping with federal and state statutes and GCS policies and procedures. GCS retains the right to refuse donations that do not meet district standards or do not align with school/district priorities.

It is understood that donations and contributions made by contributors, once accepted by the Board of Education, become the property of the Board of Education and are fully subject to applicable North Carolina statutes dealing with school property and finance.

The Board of Education does not assume any debts or liens attached to contributions to the school system. The Board of Education also maintains control of the educational program, use and purposes associated with its equipment and schools, including community use.

The Board of Education shall only be responsible for purchases made in accordance with the North Carolina General Statutes and purchases made in accordance with GCS purchasing policies and procedures.

Community/Shared Use

Contributors who desire access/use of GCS facilities are subject to Policy KG and Procedure KG-P, "Use of School Facilities," unless a separate partnership or shared use agreement has been approved by the Superintendent, Chief Financial Officer, and the Board of Education.

Naming Facilities

The Board of Education does not assign or grant permanent naming rights of any GCS facility, or program, or part of a facility or program, in exchange for donations. See Policy FDCA, FDCA-P, "Naming Facilities," for guidance. See also Policy ECKA, ECKA-P, Contributions for Capital Projects.

Procedures

The Board of Education directs the Superintendent/designee to develop appropriate procedures in keeping with this policy.