

## HCE: Gifts, Bequests & Grants

The Board may accept on behalf of and for the School District any bequest or gift of money or property for a purpose deemed by the Board to be suitable, and to utilize such money or property so designated. The Board reserves the right to refuse any gift that, in the opinion of the Board, is not in the best interests of the District or unnecessarily restricts the actions or decisions of the Board. Unless otherwise provided, no part of such property nor the income from the property shall be diverted or used for any other purpose.

To be acceptable, a gift must satisfy the following criteria:

- ✓ Has a purpose consistent with those of the school.
- ✓ Is offered by a donor acceptable to the Board.
- ✓ Will not add to staff load.
- ✓ Will not begin a program which the Board would be unwilling to take over when gift or grant funds are exhausted.
- ✓ Will not bring undesirable or hidden costs to the School District.
- ✓ Will place no restrictions on the school program.
- ✓ Will not be inappropriate or harmful to the best education of students.
- ✓ Will not imply endorsement of any business or product.
- ✓ Will not be in conflict with any provision of the school code or public law.
- ✓ Will become school district property.
- ✓ If the gift is school equipment or supplies, it was procured in an ethical manner as determined by the Board or its designee. The Board or designee may request documentation from the donor to verify compliance with this requirement.
- ✓ If generated through a fundraising activity, the fundraising activity was conducted in compliance with any applicable law, did not violate school district policy, does not conflict with the district's mission and goals, and did not jeopardize the safety of any district students or staff involved.
- ✓ Any money raised for the District must be accounted for using proper checks and balances and best account practices. The Board or designee may request documentation from the donor to verify compliance with this requirement.

The Superintendent may establish additional criteria to be met in the acceptance of gifts and the procedure for examining and evaluating offers of gifts to the District.

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Cross Ref:	Policy FGC	Scholarships and Awards to Schools Relations with Vendors
Legal Ref:	NDCC 1-08-04	Authorizing state and counties, cities, and other municipality to accept devises, bequests, legacies, and gifts

**Divide County  
School District**

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