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District 77 Policy 706

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706 ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the acceptance of gifts by the school board.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

It is the policy of this school district to accept gifts only in compliance with state law.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS GENERALLY

The school board may receive, for the benefit of the school district, bequests, donations or gifts for any proper purpose. The school board shall have the sole authority to determine whether any gift or any precondition, condition, or limitation on use included in a proposed gift furthers the interests of or benefits the school district and whether it should be accepted or rejected. The following criteria will be used for the acceptance of gifts:

- a. Have a purpose consistent with District 77 goals
- b. Initiate only such programs as the District 77 would be willing and able to support when gift funds are exhausted
- c. Involve no disproportionate costs in excess of those covered by the gift for installation, maintenance, or operation of equipment
- d. Be compatible with present school equipment when parts or supplies are required for continued use of the equipment

IV. GIFTS OF REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY

The school board may accept a gift, grant or devise of real or personal property only by the adoption of a resolution approved by two-thirds of its members. The resolution must fully describe any conditions placed on the gift. The real or personal property so accepted may not be used for religious or sectarian purposes.

V. ADMINISTRATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH TERMS

If the school board agrees to accept a bequest, donation, gift, grant or devise which contains preconditions, conditions or limitations on use, the school board shall administer it in accordance with those terms. Once accepted, a gift shall be the property of the school district unless otherwise provided in the agreed upon terms.

Gifts to the District should not lead to unequal opportunities for students. The District administration should attempt to balance the educational effect of gifts, so that all students benefit.

Gifts for a building or class may be accepted by the building administrator if the cost of the gift is \$75.00 or less.

The principals should inform the superintendent of the acceptance of all gifts regardless of cost. The name and address of the donor should be included.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 123.40, Subd. 3 (bequests, donations, gifts)
Minn. Stat. § 465.03 (Gifts)

Cross References: