COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Gifts to the Corporation

This policy outlines the conditions under which the NKEC Board of Directors may accept gifts from individuals, organizations, or education foundations. All gifts must:

- Be accepted by the Board of Directors or, if under $1,000, by the CEO or designee. Individuals should obtain pre-acceptance approval before identifying the Corporation, any school, or school program as a fundraising beneficiary.
- Be given without a stated purpose or with a purpose deemed by the accepting authority to align with the Board's educational objectives and policies.
- Support equitable educational and extracurricular opportunities throughout the Corporation in compliance with Title IX.
- Maintain fairness and resource balance among all learning centers.
- Be viewpoint neutral if the gift involves any messaging or signage; the CEO or designee will manage the review and approval of such donations.
- Comply with all applicable federal and state laws, including the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Health/Life Safety Code for Public Schools.

Upon acceptance, all gifts become the property of the Corporation. Acceptance of a gift does not constitute endorsement by the NKEC Board of Directors, the Corporation, or any school of any product, organization, or program. The method of donor recognition will be determined by the party accepting the gift.

Legal Reference:
20 U.S.C. §1681 et seq., Title IX of the Education Amendments; 34 C.F.R. Part 106.
105 ILCS 5/16-1.
23 Ill.Admin.Code §200.40.

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