

GIFTS, GRANTS AND BEQUESTS

Only the board of education may accept for the school district any bequest or gift of money, property or goods.

The board reserves the right to refuse to accept any gift that does not contribute to the achievement of district goals or could deplete the resources of the district.

Upon acceptance of the gift, grant or bequest, the board may make an appropriate acknowledgement. At its discretion, the board may provide the opportunity for an appropriate display to identify the organization, business, corporation, other entity, or person(s) providing the gift, grant or bequest. Any gift accepted by the board or the superintendent shall become the property of the board, may not be returned without the approval of the board, and is subject to the same controls and regulations as are other properties of the board. The board shall be responsible for the maintenance of any gift it accepts. Student activity funds shall not be used to furnish gifts to class or activity advisors, except that minor tokens of appreciation are permitted.

The board will make every effort to honor the intent of the donor in its use of the gift, but reserves the right to use any gift it accepts in the best interest of the educational program of the district. In no case shall acceptance of a gift be considered to be an endorsement by the board of a commercial product or business enterprise or institution of learning.

Grants

Staff members are encouraged to seek out sources of grants and gifts, and bring them to the attention of the superintendent, who shall investigate the conditions of such grants and make recommendations to the board regarding the advisability of seeking them.

Educational Foundation

An educational foundation may be created for the purpose of soliciting and raising monetary gifts and donations for the school district. This foundation shall be governed by a board of directors that shall recommend expenditures of funds in educational areas not ordinarily covered by the school budget and in accordance with criteria in its bylaws. Members of the board of education and/or the administration who serve on the board of directors of the educational foundation shall comply with the School Ethics Act and the Code of Ethics for School Board Members and all applicable statutory and code provisions. Policies and regulations on gifts to the district shall apply to all donations from the foundation.

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**Legal References:** N.J.S.A. 18A:6-33.1  
through -33.12

Incentive Grants

GIFTS, GRANTS AND BEQUESTS (continued)

<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:18A-15.1	Payment for goods or services; funds received from a bequest, legacy or gift
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:20-4	Acceptance and use of gifts
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:20-11 through -16	Property devised in trust
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:29A-1 through -7	<u>Governor's Annual Teacher Recognition Act</u>
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:71A-1 <u>et seq.</u>	Authority Structure and General Provisions
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:71B-1 <u>et seq.</u>	Student Financial Aid
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:71C-1 <u>et seq.</u>	Student Loans
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:26-7.4	Approval of land acquisition

**Possible**

<b><u>Cross References:</u></b> *1230	School-connected organizations
3200	Income
*3220/3230	State funds; federal funds
*3453	School activity funds
*5126	Awards for achievement
*6163.1	Media center/library

\*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.