

Lewis Center for Educational Research

BP 3290: GIFTS, GRANTS AND BEQUESTS

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Revised:

The Governing Board may accept any bequest or gift of money or property on behalf of the organization. While greatly appreciating suitable donations, the Board will not accept any gifts which may directly or indirectly impair its commitment to providing equal educational opportunities for all its students.

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

1. Not add to staff load.
2. Not begin a program which the Board would be unwilling to continue when the donated funds are exhausted.
3. Not entail undesirable or hidden costs.
4. Place no restrictions on the school program.
5. Not be inappropriate or harmful to the best education of students.
6. Not imply endorsement of any business or product.
7. Not conflict with any provision of the school code or public law.
8. Have a purpose consistent with those of the organization.

Gift books and instructional materials shall be accepted only if they meet regular school criteria.

(cf. [6161.1](#) - Procedures and Criteria for Selection and Evaluation)

The Board will try to follow the donor's wishes insofar as they do not conflict with organization philosophy or operations.

(cf. [3430](#) - Investing)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

[1834](#) Acquisition of materials and apparatus

[35162](#) Power to sue, be sued, hold and convey property

[41030](#) School district may invest surplus monies from bequest or gifts

41031 Special fund or account in county treasury

41032 Authority of school board to accept gift or bequest; investments; gift of land requirements