

PUBLIC GIFTS/DONATIONS TO THE SCHOOLS

The Board may accept, on behalf of the school unit, any bequest or gift of money or property for a purpose deemed suitable by the Board in accordance with state law. Per state law, gifts such as buildings or land must be put before district voters for approval prior to acceptance by the Board.

All gifts shall be accepted in the name of the school unit and become the property of the school unit, but may be designated for use in a particular school or department. The Board will officially acknowledge the gifts at a Board meeting and thank the donors in writing.

Gifts valued at over \$2,000 must be presented to the full Board for acceptance, while gifts valued under \$2,000 will be accepted by the Superintendent or their designee. The Education Policy Committee will be informed of actions taken on gifts under \$2,000. Installation costs could be a determining factor in a gift not being accepted.

Only items of legitimate use in the school program shall be accepted. The Board is under no obligation to replace a gift if it is destroyed, lost, stolen or becomes worn out. Installation or excessive maintenance costs may be the determining factor in a gift not being accepted. If installation is required, the gift shall be installed under the supervision of school unit personnel.

The Board will notify in writing prospective donors if their gift cannot be accepted.

The Superintendent shall implement any administrative procedures necessary to carry out this policy.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA § 1256 (MSAD)
 20-A MRSA § 4005 (ALL)
 20-A MRSA § 1485
 20-A MRSA § 1501
 20-A MRSA § 1701

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