

Policy

GIFTS, GRANTS AND BEQUESTS

Only the Passaic 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.

Gifts and contributions made to the school become the property of the Board of Education and a part of the inventory, insurance and repair programs.

No individuals are empowered to receive gifts or contributions for a school or the school district. However, members of the staff 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 gifts and grants and make recommendations to the Board regarding the advisability of accepting them.

All gifts and contributions shall be given to the school district as a whole and not to a particular school. Upon the recommendation of the superintendent, the Board of Education may assign the gift or contribution to a particular school.

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.

The superintendent shall:

1. Acknowledge the receipt and value of any gift accepted by the school district;
2. Counsel potential donors on the appropriateness of gifts and encourage such donors to choose as gifts supplies or equipment not likely to be purchased with public funds;
3. Prepare fitting means of recognizing or memorializing gifts to the district as appropriate;
4. Encourage individuals and organizations considering a contribution to the schools to consult with him/her before appropriating funds to that end.

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.

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<u>Legal References:</u> <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:6-33.1 through -33.12	Incentive Grants
<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

<u>Cross References:</u> *1230	School-connected organizations
*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.