

GIFTS, GRANTS, AND BEQUESTS

The County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools may accept any bequest or gift of money or property on behalf of the County Office of Education. While greatly appreciating suitable donations, the County Board discourages any gifts that may directly or indirectly impair its commitment to providing equal educational opportunities for all county students.

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

1. Not add to staff load.
2. Not begin a program which the County Board and County Superintendent would be unwilling to continue when the donated funds are exhausted.
3. Not entail undesirable or hidden costs and/or restrictions.
4. Not be inappropriate or harmful to the best education of students.
5. Not imply endorsement of any business or product.
6. Not conflict with any provision of the school code or public law.
7. Have a purpose consistent with those of the County Office of Education.

Gift books and instructional materials shall be acceptable only if they meet County Office of Education criteria.

All gifts, grants and bequests shall become property of the County Office of Education. All gifts shall be given to the County Board and/or the County Superintendent, and not to a particular school/program. At the County Superintendent's or designee's discretion, a gift may be used for a particular school/program.

Use of the gift shall not be impaired by restrictions or conditions imposed by the donor.

The County Board and County Superintendent will try to follow the donor's wishes insofar as they do not conflict with County Office of Education philosophy or operations.

A letter or suitable statement must accompany gifts and bequests from the donor for official action and recognition by the County Board and/or the County Superintendent. All gifts and bequests shall be acknowledged with appreciation by a letter signed by the President of the County Board and the County Superintendent.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

1042(c) Power of county boards

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

42621 Temporary transfers to school districts from county school service fund and provisions for repayment

85221 Temporary transfers to school districts from county school service fund and provisions from repayment

42622 Conditional apportionment to school districts from county school service fund

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