

Policy of the Lancaster School District Community

PUBLIC GIFTS OR DONATIONS TO THE DISTRICT

The School Board appreciates the generosity of individuals and organizations within the community that wish to donate money or other gifts to enhance the work of the District. At the same time, the Board feels it must maintain control over the District's educational programs and student activities to ensure equality of educational opportunity.

The District may accept monetary donations or other gifts to the schools provided they are consistent with the District's guidelines. The District shall not discriminate in the acceptance and administration of gifts, bequests, scholarships and other aids, benefits, or services to students from private agencies, organizations, or persons on the basis of sex, race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability of handicap.

Upon acceptance, gifts from individuals or organizations shall become the property of the District. The giving of a gift shall not entitle the donor to any special privileges or consideration from the District.

Guidelines for acceptance of gifts or donations to the District:

1. Individuals or groups wishing to make a donation or other gift to the District should present such offer to the building principal or District Administrator, who will consider the offer based on the Board policy and guidelines.
2. Gifts of money or property may be accepted and used within the District for the purpose deemed to be consistent with the District's mission. Other factors that will be considered when accepting gifts are:
 - The gift is offered by a donor acceptable to the District
 - The gift places no restrictions or contingencies on the school program
 - The gift does not dictate the direction of the new program or offering
 - The gift does not bring undesirable or hidden costs to the District
 - The gift does not begin a program the District would be unwilling to continue once the gift is exhausted.
 - The gift does not explicitly endorse any specific business, organization or product.
 - The gift does not violate any provision of Board policy or state or federal law.
3. All gifts shall become the property of the Lancaster School District and subject to control similar to other District property.

LEGAL REF: Sections 118.13 – Wisconsin Statutes
 118.27 – Wisconsin Statutes

PI 9.03 (1) of the Wisconsin Administrative Code

CROSS REF: Discrimination Complaint Procedures

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