FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Acceptance of Gifts, Grants, and Donations

The board appreciates the generosity of individuals and organizations who contribute financial or in-kind gifts to enhance or extend the district’s mission and programs. The board is committed to the fair and equitable provision of educational opportunities within the district. Undesignated gifts to the district are preferred. Designated gifts may be accepted if the gift does not create significant inequity of student programs between or within schools. Such designated gifts should be made to support identified unfunded and/or under-funded district or building priorities.

Gifts, Grants, and Donations (GGD) will be reviewed as follows:
• Real property can be accepted only with board approval.
• Money, materials, or equipment directed toward the same purpose or site and having an aggregate value of $5,000 or greater shall be subject to GGD Policy Committee review and board approval.
• Personnel or the funding designated for personnel will be reviewed by the GGD Policy Committee and can only be approved by the board.
• In no event shall any commitment be made by a staff member or other individuals in return for any gift to the district or to a school or department without the board’s authorization.
• The board shall not authorize gifts that are inappropriate, which carry with them unsuitable conditions or which shall obligate the district to expenditures from the general fund which are out of proportion to the value of the gift.

Specific criteria for gift acceptance will be outlined in procedure 7260P.

Any gift, grant or donation which will require maintenance or installation shall be reviewed prior to acceptance to make certain it is compatible with district standards and that installation and maintenance can be made at a reasonable cost. All gifts, grants, and donations shall, except as otherwise agreed, become district property and shall be accepted without obligation relative to use and/or disposal. The superintendent/designee shall establish criteria and procedures for the acceptance of gifts, grants, and donations.

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Cross reference:  Policy 2155  Special Grants, Donations, and Partnerships
Legal reference:  RCW 28A.320.030  Gifts, conveyances, etc. for scholarship and student aid purposes, receipt and administration

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