

# EPHRATA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROPERTY

TITLE: GIFTS, GRANTS, DONATIONS

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702. GIFTS, GRANTS, DONATIONS	
1. Purpose	The Board recognizes that individuals, businesses and community organizations may wish to contribute supplies and equipment to enhance or extend the programs in the schools.
2. Authority SC 216	The Board has the authority to accept gifts and donations made to the school district or to any district school.
SC 216	The Board reserves the right to refuse to accept any gift that does not contribute to achievement of district goals or when such ownership would adversely affect the district.
SC 216, 703	Any gift accepted by the Board or its designee shall become district property, may not be returned without Board approval, and is subject to the same controls and regulations as are other district properties.  The Board shall be responsible for the maintenance of any gift it accepts, unless otherwise stipulated.  The Board shall make every effort to honor the intent of the donor in the use of the gift, but it reserves the right to utilize any gift in the best interests of the district's educational program.  In no case shall acceptance of a gift be considered an endorsement by the Board of a commercial product, business enterprise, or institution of learning.
SC 216 Pol. 706	All gifts shall be recorded in the appropriate inventory listing and property records.  The Superintendent shall publicly report to the Board all gifts to the district accepted on behalf of the Board.
3. Delegation of Responsibility	The Superintendent or designee shall: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Encourage individuals and organizations considering a contribution of supplies or equipment to counsel with school officials regarding the acceptableness of</li> </ol>

<p>3. Guidelines</p>	<p>such contributions in advance of the solicitation of funds or the making of budgetary appropriations.</p> <p>2. Acknowledge the receipt and value of any gift accepted by the school district.</p> <p>Contributions of supplies or equipment that may involve installation or major costs for maintenance or initial or continuing financial commitments from school funds shall be presented to the Superintendent's office for Board consideration and approval.</p> <p>The purchase of equipment on a matching fund basis (part of the cost provided by an individual or organization and part by the Board from public funds) shall not be encouraged.</p> <p><u>Memorials</u></p> <p>The death of a student, friend, colleague, or other loved one within the school family often motivates individuals to make memorial contributions to the district. While the district shares in the grief resulting from the loss of relatives and loved ones, the character and nature of certain proposed memorials may be such that cause the memorial to be unacceptable or undesirable from a legal, administrative, or practical standpoint.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 216, 703</p> <p>Board Policy – 706</p>
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