

Business

Gifts, Donations, and Bequests

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The Board of Education may accept on behalf of and for the schools any bequest, donation, or gift of money or property for a purpose deemed by the Board of Education to be suitable, and to utilize such money or property so designated.

Requests for donations shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent of Schools.

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Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

[7-194](#) Powers

[10-9](#) Bequests for Educational Purposes

Policy Adopted: July 6, 1994

Policy Revised: September 16, 1998

Policy Revised: November 8, 2000

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1. has a purpose consistent with that of the school district.
2. requires no increase in district personnel.
3. requires no increased funding by the school district.
4. places no restriction on the school program.
5. implies no endorsement of a business or product.
6. is not in conflict with any provision of the school code or public law.
7. meets standards established by the Superintendent.

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Crowdfunding

Staff who request funds from a “Crowdfunding” organization must adhere to the following requirements:

1. **Must meet the acceptance criteria above.**
2. **Must receive administrator approval of all postings before they are requested.**
3. **Only crowdfunding sites that send proceeds and/or items directly to the schools, not the individual employee may be used.**
4. **Ensure that proceeds/items obtained through crowdfunding fulfill stated purpose.**
5. **All crowdfunding activities, as well as activities being funded, be fully compliant with board policies.**
6. **Cash may not be sent to staff. Checks must be made out to the school.**
7. **Gifts become the property of the school district.**

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