

Policy

GIFTS, GRANTS AND BEQUESTS

Only the Alloway Township Board of Education may accept for the school district any bequest or gift of money, property or goods. All gifts shall be given to the school district as a whole, and not to a particular school.

The board reserves the right to refuse to accept any gift that does not contribute to the achievement of district goals or could deplete the resources of the district.

Any gift accepted by the board or the superintendent shall become the property of the board, may not be returned without the approval of the board, and is subject to the same controls and regulations as are other properties of the board. The board shall be responsible for the maintenance of any gift it accepts. Proposed gifts of equipment must be reviewed and approved for safety in the same manner in which district-purchased equipment is reviewed.

The board will make every effort to honor the intent of the donor in its use of the gift, but reserves the right to use any gift it accepts in the best interest of the educational program of the district. In no case shall acceptance of a gift be considered to be an endorsement by the board of a commercial product or business enterprise or institution of learning.

Teachers are not empowered to receive gifts on behalf of the schools. Prospective donors should be advised to consult the superintendent.

The board shall not take title to real estate in the event of a gift of same without prior approval as required by law.

A letter of appreciation shall acknowledge all gifts accepted by the board of education. Such appreciation shall in no case be considered as a testimonial or endorsement by the school system of a product or enterprise.

Grants

Staff members are encouraged to seek out sources of grants and gifts, and bring them to the attention of the superintendent, who shall investigate the conditions of such grants and make recommendations to the board regarding the advisability of seeking them.

Educational Foundation

An educational foundation may be created for the purpose of soliciting and raising monetary gifts and donations for the school district. When created, this foundation shall be governed by a board of directors that shall recommend expenditures of funds in educational areas not ordinarily covered by the school budget and in accordance with criteria in its bylaws. Members of the board of education and/or the administration may serve on the board of directors of the educational foundation. Policies and regulations on gifts to the district shall apply to funds raised by the foundation.

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GIFTS, GRANTS AND BEQUESTS (continued)

Key Words

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<u>Legal References:</u>	<p><u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:6-33.1 through -33.12</p> <p><u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:18A-15.1</p> <p><u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:20-4</p> <p><u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:20-11 through -16</p> <p><u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:29A-1 through -7</p> <p><u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:71A-1 <u>et seq.</u></p> <p><u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:71B-1 <u>et seq.</u></p> <p><u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:71C-1 <u>et seq.</u></p> <p><u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:26-7.4</p>	<p>Incentive Grants</p> <p>Payment for goods or services; funds received from a bequest, legacy or gift</p> <p>Acceptance and use of gifts</p> <p>Property devised in trust</p> <p><u>Governor's Annual Teacher Recognition Act</u></p> <p>Authority Structure and General Provisions</p> <p>Student Financial Aid</p> <p>Student Loans</p> <p>Approval of land acquisition</p>
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Possible

<u>Cross References:</u>	<p>*1230 School-connected organizations</p> <p>3200 Income</p> <p>*3220/3230 State funds; federal funds</p> <p>*3453 School activity funds</p> <p>*5126 Awards for achievement</p> <p>*6163.1 Media center/library</p>
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*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.