

## **PUBLIC GIFTS TO THE SCHOOLS, SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES**

### Gifts, Bequests, and Donations

The Superintendent may accept on behalf of the Board gifts, bequests, and donations that are in accordance with the policies of the Board and regulations of the Superintendent. All such gifts, bequests, and donations shall become the property of the Board.

Gifts, bequests, and donations shall

- A. Be deemed fitting and appropriate for school use;
- B. Include installation costs unless waived by the Superintendent; and
- C. Not require excessive maintenance or maintenance costs.

No School Board member or employee shall

- A. Solicit or accept money, or anything else of value, for services performed within the scope of his or her official duties other than regular compensation, expenses, or other remuneration paid to and received by the member or employee from the School Board in connection with his or her official duties;
- B. Offer or accept any money, loan, gift, favor, service, or anything else of value from a member of the public, any person or company, school activity sponsor, commercial or other organization, or similar entity which might reasonably tend to influence such employee or member in the performance or discharge of his or her official duties; or
- C. Act in any way or engage in any conduct that is prohibited under the State and Local Government Conflict of Interest Act, 2.1-639.1 et seq. of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

The above prohibitions are not intended to forbid the acceptance of articles of negligible value that are distributed generally or to forbid the acceptance of social courtesies that promote good public relations and that do not tend to influence the discharge of duties.

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