

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.~~

When any real or personal property is given to and accepted by the School Board, it shall be vested in the Board unless otherwise inconsistent with the terms of the gift, devise or bequest, and shall be managed by the Board, according to the wishes of the donor or testator. The Board shall, in addition to the regular settlement it is require to make of all school funds, settle annually before the Commissioner of Accounts so far as the management of the property bequeathed or devised is concerned.

In the case of any change in the boundaries of the division, the Board shall make provision for continuing the fulfillment of the purposes of the donor as far as practicable and settlement shall be made as provided above.

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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 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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