Board Policy DFK: Gifts and Bequests

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CLEAN VERSION

Gifts and Bequests Overview

The DeKalb County Board of Education reserves the right to approve or decline any donation not consistent with the district's educational mission, values, or equity goals. Any donation that is expressly conditional upon the district's use for a specified purpose, involves real property, or obligates the district to future operating, maintenance, or replacement costs requires board approval. Routine donations of supplies, instructional materials, or minor improvements that do not create ongoing obligations may be accepted through administrative approval. The following table outlines the required level of approval based on the value of the donation.

Approval From	Donation Amount
Board of Education	More than $30,000
Superintendent	$10,001 - $30,000
Principal	$10,000 or less

Donations, bequests, or gifts made through the DeKalb Schools Educational Foundation, Inc. are district property and are subject to the same thresholds, review processes, and approval requirements established in regulations.

Trust and Real Property

The board will not serve as trustee or manager of any trust or fund. The board may accept donations of real property, but no individual board member can accept real property or establish trusts or funds on behalf of the district or its students. The superintendent or designee will establish a valuation of any donation and may require the donor to provide a valuation or documentation of actual costs incurred. All donations of real property require board approval before acceptance.

Special Projects

Monetary gifts for special projects, including construction, renovation, or improvement of school

facilities, must be approved by the superintendent and comply with Board Policy DJE and applicable procurement laws. Such projects must be managed through the district's procurement processes, and the district will be the contracting entity for any related work. When applicable, proof of title must be presented by the donor upon request by the district.

Policy Reference Disclaimer:
These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

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State	Description
Ga. Const. Art. VIII, § V, Para. VI	Power of boards to accept bequests, donations, grants and transfers
O.C.G.A. 20-02-0064	Establishment and maintenance of trusts or funds
O.C.G.A. 20-02-0072	Code of ethics for local board of education members
O.C.G.A. 20-02-0074	Solicit and accept donations for educational purposes
O.C.G.A. 20-02-0315	Gender equity in sports
O.C.G.A. 20-02-0520	Acquiring and disposing of school sites; building, repairing, renting, and furnishing schoolhouses