

Hardin County Board of Education

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General

The director of schools is authorized to accept gifts to the school system and may designate others to accept gifts for particular schools in behalf of the Board.¹ The Board will officially express appreciation to the donor and all major gifts will be reported to the Board and publicly announced.

In instances where the director of schools or his designee doubts the appropriateness or usefulness of an offered gift, the gift may be declined or the matter referred to the Board.

In accepting gifts and donations, the following guidelines shall be followed:

1. Unless otherwise expressly specified in writing, all property contributed, given, or otherwise placed on school premises shall for all intents and purposes be a gift and shall become school system property subject to the same controls and regulations that govern the use of other school-owned property.
2. Contributions of equipment or services that may involve major costs for installation, maintenance, or initial or continuing financial commitments from school funds shall be presented by the director of schools' office for Board consideration and approval.
3. Because of differences in economic resources available to the various schools, and for other reasons, the purchase of equipment on a matching fund basis, (part of the cost provided by an individual or organization and part by the Board from public funds) shall not be encouraged.
4. Individuals or organizations wanting to contribute supplies or equipment will consult with school officials about the feasibility of accepting such contributions prior to the solicitation of funds or the making of budgetary appropriations.
5. A list of supplies and equipment which have been contributed shall be reported to the Board by the director of schools' office annually.

Legal Reference:
1. TCA 49-6-2006(a)

Cross References:
Staff Conflict of Interest 5.601
Staff Gifts and Solicitations 5.605
Student Gifts 6.710