

Gifts, Grants and Bequests

The Board of Education may accept on behalf of and for the schools any bequest or gift of money or property for a purpose deemed by the Board of Education to be suitable, and to utilize such money or property so designated.

The Superintendent of Schools shall set up criteria to be met in the acceptance of gifts, and the procedure for examining and evaluating offers of gifts to the district.

Gifts and Donations Through Crowdfunding

For the purposes of this policy, crowdfunding is the process of requesting a specific gift or donation to fund a specific purchase or project, typically through websites or social media designated for this purpose. Crowdfunding does not include requests for donations the District makes using the District's own website or social media.

Crowdfunding is a unique form of fundraising. Therefore, the following rules will apply whenever the District, a District employee, or other volunteer or agent of the District seeks gifts and donations through a crowdfunding website intended to benefit the District, District employees acting in their capacity as District employees, or the District's students. Before any donation is requested, the building Principal, must be informed of the request to ensure that the request does not conflict with other fundraising efforts or, if classroom supplies or other property is requested, that the District does not already have the requested supplies or the District can adequately support, store or maintain the gift if received.

All donations or gifts that are requested using the District's name, referencing the employee's position with the District even if the District is not named, or requested on behalf of the students specifically or in general are considered District property. In the event of the employee's termination within the district, this gift or donation will remain as District property. The Superintendent or their designee will be informed if donations or gifts are received using crowdfunding so that the gift may be appropriately acknowledged by the District, and the donation may be deposited in the appropriate District account or a gift may be inventoried.

Gifts and donations to the school library are accepted with the understanding that the decision for use and disposition of the materials and/or funds will be determined using the same selection criteria as purchased materials. All materials should support the curriculum and needs of library users. Gifts and donations, like purchased resources, will be removed from the collection at the end of their useful life.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

[7 194 Powers.](#)

[10 9 Bequests for educational purposes.](#)

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NORTH CANAAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

North Canaan, Connecticut

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FUND-RAISING ACTIVITY APPROVAL FORM

School _____ Date _____

Organization _____

Contact person _____

Activity

Date(s) of fund-raising activity _____

School sponsored: yes _____ no _____

Crowdfunding event: yes _____ no _____

Requires Board of Education approval _____ Superintendent approval _____

Gift _____

Value of gift/donation _____

SUPERINTENDENT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE: _____

PRINCIPAL'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE: _____