

Public Gifts/Donations to the Schools

The Board may accept, on behalf of RSU 40, any bequest, gift of money, or property for purposes deemed suitable by the Board in accordance with state law and consistent with the mission and vision of RSU 40. All gifts will be accepted in the name of RSU 40 and become the property of RSU 40, but may be designated for use in a particular school or department.

Any gift or donation valued at over \$1,000 must be approved by the Board.

All gifts will be considered unrestricted unless otherwise directed by the donor and accepted as such by the Board. If a donor wishes to make a restricted purpose gift, the donor must clearly state the restriction in writing at the time the gift is given. Before accepting a restricted gift, the Board will evaluate the appropriateness of the gift and ensure compliance with the donor's intent.

Only items of legitimate use in the school program will be accepted. The Board is under no obligation to replace a gift if it is destroyed, lost, stolen or becomes worn out. Gifts will not be accepted if they involve an excessive cost for maintenance or installation. If installation is required, the gift will be installed under the supervision of the Superintendent/designee. The Board will notify prospective donors in writing if their gift cannot be accepted.

The identity of the donor may be kept anonymous if that is the donor's wish.

The Superintendent will implement any administrative procedures necessary to carry out this policy.

Legal Reference: 20-A M.R.S. §§1256; 1501 (1)(B); 1502 (2)(D); 4005

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