

### **GRANTS, GIFTS AND BEQUESTS**

The Board accepts its responsibility to provide from public funds sufficient supplies and equipment for an effective instruction program; it recognizes, however, that from time to time individuals and organizations in the community may wish to contribute additional supplies or equipment to enhance or extend the instructional program

The Board may accept by resolution duly passed at a public meeting any gift or grant of land with or without improvement, and of money or other personal property. Only the Board of Education may accept for the School District any such bequest or gift or money, property or goods, except that the Superintendent may accept on behalf of the Board any such gift of less than \$1,000.00 in value. The Board reserves the right to refuse to accept any gift which does not contribute toward the achievement of the goals of this District or the ownership of which would tend to deplete the resources of the District.

The Superintendent shall:

- A. Acknowledge the receipt and value of any gift accepted by the School District;
- B. Counsel potential donors on the appropriateness of gifts and encourage such donors to choose as gifts, supplies or equipment not likely to be purchased with public funds;
- C. Prepare fitting means of recognizing or memorializing gifts to the District as appropriate;
- D. Encourage individuals and organizations considering a contribution to the schools to consult with him/her before appropriating funds to that end;
- E. Report any potential grants to the Board.

Any gift accepted by the Board or the Superintendent shall become the property of the District, may not be returned without the approval of the Board, and is subject to the same controls and regulations as are other properties of the District.

The Board shall not take title to real estate in the event of a gift without prior approval as required by law.

The Board shall be responsible for the maintenance of any gift it accepts, subject to any joint agreement with another governing body.

The Board will make every effort to honor the intent of the donor in its use of the gift, but reserves the right to use any gift it accepts in the best interest of the educational program of the District. In no case shall acceptance of a gift be considered to be an endorsement by the Board of a commercial product or business enterprise or institution of learning.

#### **Public Acknowledgement Displays**

The Board of Education will provide a public acknowledgement display for those who donate to the School District provided that:

- A. The donor wishes public acknowledgement;

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- B. The display of a public acknowledgement meets all local ordinances;
- C. The exhibit of the acknowledgement conforms to all applicable statutes and code;
- D. The acknowledgement is non-political in nature;
- E. The acknowledgement is not of a religious nature;
- F. The location of the public acknowledgement is appropriate to a school setting and does not infringe of the rights of neighbors;
- G. The donation offered is in accordance with all aspects of this Board policy.;
- H. The donation is recommended by Superintendent.

Final approval of all acknowledgement displays shall rest with the Board of Education. Approval shall not be withheld arbitrarily or capriciously.

Grants

Staff members are encouraged to seek out sources of grants and gifts, and bring them to the attention of the Superintendent or Business Administrator/Board Secretary, who shall investigate the conditions of such grants and make recommendations to the Board regarding the advisability of seeking them.

Educational Foundation

The Old Tappan Board of Education participates in the Northern Valley Regional Education Foundation created for the purpose of soliciting and raising monetary gifts and donations for the valley school districts. This foundation is governed by a board of directors that shall recommend expenditures of funds in educational areas not ordinarily covered by the school budget and in accordance with criteria in its bylaws. Policies and regulations on gifts to the district shall apply to funds raised by the Foundation.

<b><u>Legal References:</u></b>	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:6-33.1 through -33.12	Incentive Grants
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:18A-15.1	Payment for goods or services; funds received from a bequest, legacy or gift
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:20-4	Acceptance and use of gifts
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:20-11 through -16	Property devised in trust ...
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:29A-1 through -7	Governor's Annual Teacher Recognition Act
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:71A-1 <u>et seq.</u>	Authority Structure and General Provisions
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:71B-1 <u>et seq.</u>	Student Financial Aid
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:71C-1 <u>et seq.</u>	Student Loans
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:26-7.4	Approval of land acquisition

<b><u>Cross References:</u></b>	*1230	School-connected organizations
	3200	Income
	*3220/3230	State funds; federal funds
	*3453	School activity funds
	*5126	Awards for achievement

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**Cross References: (continued)**

\*6163.1            Media center/library

\*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.

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