

# **Fresno Unified Board Policy (BP) 3290**

## **Business and Noninstructional Operations**

### **Gifts, Grants and Bequests**

The Governing Board or Superintendent's designee may accept any gift, grant, or bequest of money, property or service to the district from any individual, organization, foundation, or public or private agency that desires to support the district's educational program. While greatly appreciating suitable donations, the Board or Superintendent's designee shall reject any gift which may directly or indirectly impair its authority to make decisions in the best interest of district students or its ability or commitment to provide equitable educational opportunities

*(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)*

*(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)*

*(cf. 0415 - Equity)*

*(cf. 1260 - Educational Foundation)*

*(cf. 9270 - Conflict of Interest)*

Before accepting any gift, grant, or bequest, the Board or Superintendent's designee shall carefully consider any conditions or restrictions imposed by the donor to ensure their consistency with the district's vision, philosophy, and operations. If the Board or Superintendent's designee believes the district will be unable to fully satisfy the donor's conditions, the gift shall not be accepted.

*(cf. 0000 - Vision)*

*(cf. 0100 - Philosophy)*

In addition, the Board shall ensure that acceptance of the gift, grant, or bequest does not:

1. Involve creation of a program which the Board would be unable to sustain when the donation is exhausted
2. Entail undesirable or excessive costs
3. Promote the use of violence, drugs, tobacco, or alcohol

*(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)*

*(cf. 5131.62 - Tobacco)*

4. Advertise or endorse the use of non-nutritious food or beverages during the school day

*(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)*

5. Encourage or enable the violation of any law or district policy
6. Imply endorsement of any business or product or unduly commercialize or politicize the school environment

*(cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)*

Any gift of books and instructional materials may only be accepted if they meet district criteria for selection of instructional materials.

*(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)*

*(cf. 6161.11 - Supplementary Instructional Materials)*

All gifts, grants and bequests shall become district property. Donors are encouraged to donate all gifts to the school district rather than to a particular school, classroom, or teacher. At the Superintendent or designee's discretion, a gift may be used at a particular school or classroom.

When any gift of money received by the district is not immediately used, it shall be placed in the county treasury in accordance with law. (Education Code 41030-41031)

*(cf. 3430 - Investing)*

The Superintendent or designee shall annually provide a report to the Board indicating the gifts, grants, and/or bequests received on behalf of the district in the preceding fiscal year. The report shall include a statement of account and expenditure of all gifts of money and an inventory of all gifts of physical assets.

*(cf. 3440 - Inventories)*

*(cf. 3460 - Financial Reports and Accountability)*

## **Online Fundraising**

Any person or entity who wishes to conduct an online fundraising campaign, including a crowdfunding campaign, for the benefit of the district, a school, or a classroom shall submit a written request for prior approval to the Superintendent or designee. Approval of requests shall take into consideration compatibility with the district's vision and goals, core beliefs, instructional priorities, and infrastructure; the manner in which donations are collected and distributed; equity of the use of funds; and any other factors deemed relevant or appropriate by the district.

Any person or entity approved to conduct an online fundraising campaign shall comply with relevant district policies and procedures, including ensuring financial transparency in describing the purpose and use of the funds and protecting student privacy as applicable. Such person or entity shall specify that the district, rather than a staff member, classroom, or school, will own the funded resources.

Funds raised by an online fundraising campaign and donated to the district shall be subject to the same terms, criteria for acceptance, and accountability measures as any other donation as specified in this policy.

## **Appreciation**

The Board may show appreciation for any donation to the district in any manner it deems appropriate. Such appreciation may take the form of letters of recognition or Board resolutions; plaques, commendations, or awards; planting of commemorative trees or gardens; or naming or renaming of buildings, grounds, or facilities. Conferment of any such honor shall be in accordance with applicable Board policy.

*(cf. 1150 - Commendations and Awards)*

*(cf. 7310 - Naming of Facility)*

*Fresno Unified School District prohibits discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying based on actual or perceived race, color, ethnicity, national origin, immigration status, ancestry, age, creed, religion, political affiliation, gender, gender identity,*

*gender expression, genetic information, mental or physical disability, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, pregnancy or parental status, medical information, military veteran status, or association with a person or a group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics or any other basis protected by law or regulation, in its educational program(s) or employment.*

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

1834 Acquisition of materials and apparatus

35160 Powers and duties

35162 Power to sue, be sued, hold and convey property

41030 School district may invest surplus monies from bequest or gifts

41031 Special fund or account in county treasury

41032 Authority of school board to accept gift or bequest; investments; gift of land requirements

41035 Advisory committee

41036 Function of advisory committee

41037 Rules and regulations

41038 Applicability of other provisions of chapter

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

California Consortium of Education Foundations: <http://www.cceflink.org>

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