

PUBLIC GIFTS/DONATIONS TO THE SCHOOLS**Public Gifts to the School**

The Tishomingo Board of Education assumes responsibility, within its financial capabilities, for providing at public expense all items of equipment, supplies, and services that may be required in the interest of education in the school units under its jurisdiction. Gifts, donations, grants, or bequests will be accepted and the action recorded, provided the conditions of acceptance do not remove any degree of control of the school district from the board and will not cause inequitable treatment of any student(s) or student group(s).

Propositions giving funds, equipment, or materials to the school with a "matching agreement" or restriction are generally not acceptable. Acceptance of donated equipment or materials may depend upon the compliance with the board's policy of standardizing materials and equipment in the district which could restrict gifts purchased by parent-teacher organizations to individual schools. The acceptance of a gift for a particular school, however, indicates the board's approval of the use the benefactor specified.

Any person or organization desiring to give a gift or make a donation, grant, or bequest to the board should contact the superintendent who may accept the gift, thank the donors, and inform the board, except that offers of real property will be accepted only by the board. Also, where the appropriateness of a gift is in doubt, the superintendent will refer the matter to the board for its acceptance or rejection. For example, single gifts of considerable value exhibiting the donor's name or business shall be considered on an individual basis by the board.

Provided, all conditional gifts must be approved by the board.

Any gift or grant accepted by the board or the superintendent as its executive officer shall become the property of the board of education and will comply with all state and federal laws.

All employees shall follow the gift rules outlined in the FCC's 6th Report and Order. School employees may not receive gifts or donations or enter into any contractual agreements while purchasing e-rate services.

Grants From Private Sources

At various times the school system may wish to initiate special projects on programs or to receive special grants which are donated to the school. Grants of money, securities, property, etc. from private sources will be sought and officially received by the board for scholarships, staff development, program development or enhancement, or facilities. Such grants and/or the income derived from them will be used in keeping with the terms of the gift or bequest and will be administered by the treasurer in accordance with the directives of the board.

No bequests, endowments, or other gifts will be accepted by the board if the conditions of the remove any portion of the public school operation from control of the board or prescribe arrangements which commit the board to future responsibilities which might not be consistent with State Law or which obligate future boards to binding or irrevocable agreements.

The board may authorize various fund drives to support the student activities of the school. Strict accountability of all funds raised shall be maintained and all donations shall be deposited in a special account and up for such a purpose in the activity fund.

REFERENCE: Title IX, Education Amendment of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §1681, et seq.