

GIFTS AND PRIVATE GRANTS

I. Authorization to Accept Gifts or Private Grants

The Berlin Central School District Board of Education establishes that the District may accept a gift to the District of any dollar amount, or real or personal property of any value, or a grant from a private funding source, provided that the Board has the legal authority to accept such gift and acceptance of the gift is approved by the Board.

II. Discrimination Prohibited in Awards to Individual Students

If the purpose of the gift is to make an award to an individual student, then the determination of the recipient of the award shall be made in such a way that all students shall have an equal opportunity to qualify for it, and no student shall be denied receipt of that award because of her/his sex, race, color, religion, ethnicity, or disability.

III. Acceptance of Gifts in Trust

If the gift to the District is made in trust, then the obligation of the investment and reinvestment of the principal of the gift shall be clearly specified by the donor, and the application of the income or investment proceeds from the principal shall be set forth clearly by the donor.

IV. Criteria for Acceptance for Gifts, Trusts, or Grants

The following criteria shall be considered in determining whether the Board shall accept a gift, trust, or grant:

- A. The gift or trust is in support of and a benefit to all similarly situated students.
- B. The gift or trust is for a purpose for which the District may legally expend its own funds.
- C. The gift or trust is for the purpose of awarding scholarships to students who are graduating from the District.
- D. The purpose of the gift is consistent with the goals and objectives of the District.
- E. The gift shall not require the continuation of a program which the Board may be unwilling to support with local funds when the gift of funds is exhausted.
- F. The acceptance of the gift shall not impose restrictions on the District's programs.
- G. The gift shall not be inappropriate or harmful to the best education of students.

- H. The acceptance of the gift shall not imply the endorsement of any business or commercial enterprise or a product or service thereof.
- I. The gift shall not conflict with Board policy or the laws, rules, regulations or policies of the United States or the State of New York.
- J. Monetary gifts in memory of former staff members or students shall be accepted and entrusted to the Berlin Central School District Staff and Student Memorial Scholarship Fund which shall maintain a list of honorees names.
- K. Memorial contributions that are intended for separate administration shall be endowed at a minimum of five thousand dollars.
- L. The disposition and use of all gifts to the District shall remain the exclusive prerogative of the Board.
- M. Any gift that provides for an addition, alteration, change or repair to any buildings or grounds of the District is subject to Board approval prior to implementation through the capital project approval process.

References

Education Law Secs. 404,1709(12), 1709(12-a)