

PUBLIC GIFTS TO THE SCHOOLS

The Agawam School Committee will vote to accept or refuse on behalf of and for the school system any bequest or gift of money or property for a purpose deemed by the School Committee to be suitable and to utilize such money or property so designated.

The School Committee may require the donor to have the gift coincide with similar items already owned by the school(s) and also to be responsible for future up-keep of the donated gift.

The offer of a monetary gift shall be made on the form entitled "KCD-E," which is included with and made a part of this policy.

Any gifts offered to the school system must be accompanied by a letter from the donor for official action and recognition by the School Committee. In the case of gifts from industry, business, or special interest groups, no extensive **advertising** or promotion may be involved in any donation to the schools.

To be acceptable, a gift must satisfy the following criteria:

1. Have a purpose or use consistent with the needs of the school system
2. Will not require additional staff
3. Will not begin a program which the School Committee would be unwilling to assure
4. Would not bring additional or hidden costs to the school system
5. Would not place restrictions on the school program
6. Will not be inappropriate or harmful to the best education of students
7. Will not imply endorsement of any business or product
8. Will not be in conflict with any provision of the school system's policies or public law

Upon acceptance of a gift by the School Committee, a letter of appreciation shall be sent to the donor.

Gifts valued at \$500 or less may be accepted by the Superintendent of Schools. Gifts exceeding \$500 must be accepted by the School Committee. If there is no specific purpose stated for a monetary gift, the gift shall be put into the general student account.

SOURCE: MASC

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