

Gifts and Bequests

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I. General Policy Statement:

The Haywood County Board of Education encourages individuals and organizations to consider making a gift or bequest to Haywood County School System. Such gifts foster community support for the schools and improve the school district for the benefit of students and others.

II. Regulations:

- A. The superintendent will review with appropriate staff any offers of gifts or bequests that are not revenues or gifts of nominal value. The superintendent and appropriate staff will consider the gift's suitability, any safety hazards and costs to maintain the gift, and the superintendent will make a recommendation to the board based upon the evaluation of the committee. The board will decide whether to accept the gift on behalf of the school district.
- B. Any gift or bequest constituting revenues that is accepted by the board will be deposited in the proper fund.
- C. The superintendent will develop and distribute guidelines to be used at all locations in the district regarding gifts and bequests including the means of recognizing contributors.
- D. The superintendent will prepare a system-wide report of gifts and bequests and present that to the Haywood County Board of Education on an annual basis.
- E. Unless otherwise specified in a written agreement approved by the board, any gift or bequest becomes the property of the school district. If the board at any time determines that such property is unnecessary or undesirable for public school purposes, the board may see such property in accordance with state law (See Policy A-35, Disposal of Surplus Property).