

BUSINESS**Other Revenue: Grants, Gifts and Contributions**

Additional revenue may be provided through personal (individual) or organizational contributions, donations, grants, gifts, and/or bequests (including property). Acceptance of such funds shall not be considered as endorsement or testimonial of any business, enterprise, or project.

Okemos administrators and staff members are encouraged to seek special federal, state, personal and/or organizational funding to support school projects that serve our youth and community.

The board of education authorizes the superintendent of schools or designee to accept and to exercise control over the contribution of funds or property to the district or to any individual program or school so long as acceptance of such funds or property is in keeping with the district's mission and established policy and regulations and does not impose conditions contrary to board policy. Any contribution, donation, grant, gift or bequest will become the property of the school district and will be subject to the same policies and regulations that govern the use of district funds and school-owned property. It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent or designee to account for all such funding and its distribution to the various accounts.

Donations, gifts or bequests that may involve installation or major costs for maintenance, or initial or continuing financial commitments from school funds, shall be presented to the superintendent of schools for board of education consideration and approval.

The board of education shall not be responsible for the continuation of any program financed by donations, gifts or bequests beyond the life of said contribution. Further, Okemos Public Schools may decline any contribution, donation, grant, gift, and/or bequest (including property).

See Also: Board Policy 3200: Revenue

Policy

Adopted: (3220 and 3280; all amended 1996)

Amended:

Reviewed:

Individuals and organizations desiring to make gifts and contributions will consult with the administrative staff regarding the acceptability of such gifts and contributions.

Okemos administrators and staff members seeking and making application for financial support through federal, state, and Ingham Intermediate School District grants and programs, as well as through personal (individual) or organizational contributions, donations, grants, gifts, and/or bequests shall adhere to the following procedures:

Applications and funding proposals shall be submitted to the superintendent or designee with adequate time for review before the application deadline.

1. The superintendent or designee shall sign all such applications and proposals before their submission.
2. Prior to the district's entering into an operating agreement with the funding agency, the superintendent and designee shall be informed of any substantive changes made in the original proposal or application and shall sign the agreement.
3. Such agreements shall be presented to the superintendent in time to permit board of education review or approval, should that be appropriate and/or required.

The superintendent may determine board action is necessary. Rationale may include but is not limited to:

- Significant monetary value
- Significant initial or continuing financial commitment from school funds
- Potential unintended outcome of creating inequity within the district
- Potential unintended outcome of creating controversy of a political and/or special interest nature

The superintendent shall inform the board of education of grants, programs or projects funded from external sources.

Regulations: