

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Cherry Hill, New Jersey

POLICY 3280.2

**SCHOOL/BUSINESS/UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS
AND RECEIPT OF GIFTS OR DONATIONS**

PARTNERSHIPS

The Cherry Hill Board of Education seeks to establish partnerships with local businesses, industries, universities, other organizations, or individuals who are qualified because of training, expertise, or interest as a means of assisting the District to achieve its educational goals and objectives. We recognize that there are many talented and civic-minded individuals dedicated to education. We believe that much can be gained by the School District as well as the community through these cooperative endeavors. It is also our belief that school/business/university partnerships will impact the lives of students by shaping better-informed consumers and by transferring skills and knowledge that may allow them to become effective employees in the future. The Board of Education encourages businesses, industries and civic organizations that have an interest in the Cherry Hill Public Schools to participate in School/Business Partnerships. The School/Business Partnership is a formal cooperative effort between the Cherry Hill Schools and a specific business, industry or organization which is designed to enhance, improve or support an educational program. The Board will formally recognize the School/Business Partnership participants at a public meeting.

GIFTS/DONATIONS

The Board of Education encourages gifts or grants in the form of funds, equipment, human resources, use of facilities or supplies and other materials which may serve to enhance and extend the work of the school district.

Only the Board of Education may accept for the School District any bequest, gift or donation of money, property or goods., however, bequests, gifts, donation of money, property or goods whose value is equal to or less than \$500 may be approved by the Superintendent or designee. All other proposed gifts or donations shall be submitted to the Board for its consideration and possible approval and acceptance.

The Board reserves the right to refuse to accept any gift/donation that in its sole determination does not contribute to the achievement of District goals or that could deplete the resources of the District.

The identity of all donors must be made known to the Board. A donor may request to remain anonymous; the Board will honor such request and protect the donor's identity from public announcement, and will keep such information confidential to the extent permitted by law.

Any gift/donation accepted by the Board shall become the property of the Board, may not be returned without the approval of the Board, and is subject to the same controls and regulations as are other properties of the Board. The Board shall be responsible for the maintenance of any gift it accepts.

Vendors or potential vendors may voluntarily make gifts/donations/contributions to the District but shall do so only of their free will, and such donations shall not be construed as a condition of the vendor's hiring or retention by the Board or an inducement to the Board of same.

Gifts/donations may be accepted even though they may bear the name of a commercial business firm which provided the gift/donation. In no case shall acceptance of a gift/donation be considered to be an endorsement by the Board of a commercial product or business enterprise or institution of learning.

The safety of pupils and employees shall be of primary concern in determining the appropriateness of any piece of equipment offered to the District or when individuals or organizations offer their physical facilities or services for use by the District.

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