

York Adams Academy

Title: Gifts and Donations

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Legal References

24 P.S. 216

24 P.S. 703

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Purpose

The Joint Board of Directors (“Board”) of the York Adams Academy (“Academy”) recognizes that individuals, businesses and community organizations may wish to contribute supplies and equipment to enhance or extend the programs in the schools.

While it is not the intent of the Board to discourage either individual or organizational interest in the Academy, it is felt that clearly defined Board policy regarding such contributions may prevent misunderstandings. In general, it might be hoped that individual or organizational contributions might be designated to causes or to purposes for which public funds cannot be expended. It is with these basic assumptions in mind that the following policy has been adopted.

Authority

The Board has the authority to accept gifts and donations made to the Academy.

The Board reserves the right to refuse to accept any gift that does not contribute to achievement of Academy goals or when such ownership would adversely affect the Academy.

Any gift accepted by the Board or its designee shall become Academy property, may not be returned without Board approval, and is subject to the same controls and regulations as are other Academy properties.

The Board shall make every effort to honor the intent of the donor in the use of the gift, but it reserves the right to utilize any gift in the best interests of the Academy's educational program.

In no case shall acceptance of a gift be considered an endorsement by the Board of a commercial product, business enterprise, or institution of learning.

All gifts shall be recorded in the appropriate inventory listing and property records.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent of Record or designee shall:

1. Encourage individuals and organizations considering a contribution or donation to consult with the Director regarding the acceptability of such contribution or donation in advance of the solicitation of funds or the making of budgetary appropriations.
2. Report to the Board all proposed contributions or donations offered to the Academy for the Board's approval.
3. Acknowledge the receipt and value of any gift accepted by the Academy.

Guidelines

Contributions of equipment or services 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 Record's office for Board consideration and approval.

The purchase of equipment on a matching fund basis shall not be encouraged.