



## CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW BRITAIN

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### Board Policy Statement

#### 3280.00 – Gifts, Grants and Bequests

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The New Britain School District may accept gifts, donations of goods or services, and bequests which may serve to enhance and extend the work of the school system. All gifts, grants, and bequests become the property of the New Britain Public Schools. It shall be the general policy of the District to accept only those gifts, donations or bequests which place no present or future obligation OR LIABILITY on the school system and which serve to meet the immediate or long range goals of the New Britain Public Schools.

Any gift, grant or bequest in excess of \$500 shall require Board of Education approval. Gifts of \$500 or less may be approved by the Superintendent of Schools or designee.

#### **Gifts and Donations through Crowdfunding**

For the purposes of this policy, crowdfunding is the process of requesting a specific gift or donation to fund a specific purchase or project, typically through websites or social media designated for this purpose. Crowdfunding does not include requests for donations the District makes using the District's own website or social media.

Crowdfunding is a unique form of fundraising. Therefore, the following rules will apply whenever the District, a District employee, or other volunteer or agent of the District seeks gifts and donations through a crowdfunding website intended to benefit the District, District employees acting in their capacity as District employees, or the District's students. Before any donation is requested, the building Principal, must be informed of the request to ensure that the request does not conflict with other fund-raising efforts or, if classroom supplies or other property is requested, that the District does not already have the requested supplies or the District can adequately support, store or maintain the gift if received.

All donations or gifts that are requested using the District's name, referencing the employee's position with the District even if the District is not named, or requested on behalf of the students specifically or in general are considered District property. The Superintendent or his/her designee will be informed if donations or gifts are received using crowdfunding so that the gift may be appropriately acknowledged by the District, and the donation may be deposited in the appropriate District account or a gift may be inventoried.

#### **Legal References/Citations**

Conn. Gen. Statutes 10-237(c), 10-76c