

8.2200 DONATIONS, GIFTS, AND BEQUESTS

Legal References: G.S. 115C-36, -47, -518
G.S. 115C, art. 35

The Board encourages individuals and organizations to consider making a donation, gift, or bequest (hereafter referred to collectively as “gift” or “gifts” herein) to Falls Lake Academy. Such gifts foster community support for the school and improve the school for the benefit of students and others.

Prior to accepting any offered gift, the Principal shall ensure that it imposes no undue financial burden or obligation on the school or the Board.

The Board establishes the following conditions for the acceptance of gifts:

1. The Board reserves the right to determine in each particular case the appropriateness of any gift to the school and may accept or reject a gift as the Board sees fit.
2. The Board may reject any gift that the board determines is in conflict with the educational mission of the school.
3. Any offer of gifts constituting cash or certified funds which are offered without conditions, specifications, or directions regarding their use may be accepted by the chief FLA administrator at the time such offer is made. Such funds shall be delivered immediately to the Board treasurer and deposited into the proper fund and reported to the Board within thirty days of receipt.

Any offer of gifts constituting cash or certified funds which are offered with conditions, specifications, or directions regarding their use must be approved or rejected by the Board and – if approved and accepted – subsequently deposited in the proper fund.

4. Any offer of services as a gift which is offered without conditions, request for monetary payment, specifications, or directions regarding their acceptance may be accepted by the chief FLA administrator at the time such offer is made. Prior to accepting such a gift of service, the chief FLA administrator shall consider the gift’s suitability, any potential safety hazards, and any costs to accept the gift and shall take sufficient precautions to avoid any liability to the Board for such acceptance. Such gifts of service shall be reported to the Board within thirty days of receipt.

5. Except for gifts of service, the chief FLA administrator shall evaluate any offers of gifts or bequests that are not cash, certified funds, or gifts of nominal value. He/she shall consider the gift’s suitability, any potential safety hazards, and any costs to accept or maintain the gift and will make a recommendation to the Board as to whether or not to accept the gift. For computer equipment or other technological resources, the chief FLA administrator shall ensure that such items are compatible with minimum hardware and software standards set by the FLA technology director or consultant.

6. Gifts of real or personal property will be accepted by the Board only if the donor can demonstrate that he/she has clear and free title to the property.

7. A donor may request that a gift be designated for use in a particular area. However, the Board reserves the right to utilize the gift as it deems appropriate.

8. No gift shall be accepted that imposes any undue financial burden or obligation on the school or on the Board.
9. All supplies and equipment purchased with funds from any donor become the property of the Board, and the title to such property vests in the Board.
10. Unless otherwise specified in a written agreement approved by the Board, any gift becomes the property of the school. If the Board at any time determines that such property is unnecessary or undesirable for school purposes, the Board may sell such property in accordance with state law.
11. The Board has no responsibility and makes no promises to continue any program initiated with donor contributions once the donated funds are expended.
12. Before installation, the chief FLA administrator must approve the design, location, and construction material of gifts that will become a permanent part of the school facility or grounds, such as playground equipment, bleachers, scoreboards, outdoor lights, fences, or other structures or equipment. Any such gift also must meet any required safety standards.