

SHREWSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

POLICY FAMILY	REVENUES	911.
<p>911. Gifts and Donations</p> <p>Philosophy and Purpose</p> <p>Scope</p> <p>Guidelines</p> <p>Procedure</p> <p>Document History</p>	<p>Gifts and donations that are consistent with the purposes of the Shrewsbury Public Schools are welcomed by the district. This policy is intended to establish guidelines to ensure that equitable enhanced educational opportunities are available as a result of such gifts.</p> <p>This policy is applicable to all gifts and donations¹ (hereafter called gifts) of significant value (\$5,000 or more) from private (non-governmental) sources, either individuals or organizations. It excludes (1) competitive grants for which application is made by the Shrewsbury Public Schools and (2) funds raised by school-affiliated parent organizations such as Parent-Teacher Organizations (PTOs) and athletic booster clubs.</p> <p>Gifts to the Shrewsbury Public Schools should comply with the following guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gifts must be of value to the Shrewsbury Public Schools. • If a gift is made with a specific purpose designated, that purpose must be consistent with the educational philosophy and goals of the Shrewsbury Public Schools. • The use of funds from gifts must comply with Federal, State and local laws. • The donor organization’s purposes must not be in conflict with those of the Shrewsbury Public Schools, as defined by the school committee. • Gifts of electronic equipment or technology must be acceptable to the technology department. • Gifts that will incur ongoing maintenance or expense may need to include sources of revenue to cover such maintenance. The expense of maintaining donated items could preclude their acceptance by the school district. • The school committee assumes no obligation to continue a program funded by donation(s) once funds from the gift are exhausted. • Gifts do not entitle the donor to special considerations. • Gifts must not serve primarily as advertisements and will not imply endorsement of a donor by the Shrewsbury Public Schools. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The donor may notify any suitable representative of the public schools, such as a teacher or principal, the superintendent or a member of the school committee. 2. The superintendent of schools will review proposed gifts of significant value to ensure compliance with guidelines enumerated in this policy. The superintendent may decline the proposed gift should it not be consistent with this policy. 3. If a proposed gift affects the school facilities, the superintendent of schools shall consult the superintendent of public buildings. 4. The Shrewsbury School Committee will vote on whether to accept gifts of significant value covered by this policy. 5. An appropriate expression of thanks will be made for all gifts. <p>Adopted 21 May 1980 Amended 25 April 2007</p>	

¹ Grants may qualify as gifts in some circumstances.

