The Okefenokee RESA Board of Control may accept on behalf of and for the agency any bequest or gift of money or property for a purpose deemed by the Okefenokee RESA Board of Control to be suitable, and to utilize such money or property so designated. All gifts or bequests become the property of the Okefenokee RESA Board of Control.

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The Okefenokee RESA Executive Director shall use the criteria listed below in determining the acceptability of gifts and bequests.

To be acceptable, a gift:

- 1. Shall have a purpose consistent with those of the system;
- 2. Shall be offered by a donor acceptable to the Okefenokee RESA Board of Control;
- 3. Shall not add to staff load;
- 4. Shall not start a program which the Okefenokee RESA Board of Control would be unwilling to take over when gift funds are exhausted;
- 5. Shall not bring undesirable or hidden costs to the school system;
- 6. Shall place no restrictions on the school program;
- 7. Shall not be inappropriate or harmful to the best interest of students or employees;
- 8. Shall not imply endorsement of any business or product; and
- 9. Shall not be in conflict with any provision of the Okefenokee RESA Board of Control policy, code, or public law.

In accepting any donations other than cash to the programs of the system, the Okefenokee RESA Executive Director shall establish a valuation of the donation and may request from the donor a valuation or an accounting of actual costs incurred regarding the donation. The Okefenokee RESA Executive Director also may set valuation for donations to other programs as appropriate or required for accounting purposes.

Policy Reference Disclaimer: These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

Note: The State of Georgia has moved the Georgia Code. This new environment no longer allows us to link directly to the Georgia Code. For example enter 20-02-0211 in the search window and the Georgia Code will appear.

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State Reference Ga. Constitution Art. 8, Sec. 5, Par. 6	Description Power of boards to accept bequests, donations, grants and transfers
O.C.G.A 20-02-0064	Establishment and maintenance of trusts or funds
O.C.G.A 20-02-0072	Code of ethics for local board of education
O.C.G.A 20-02-0520	members Acquiring/disposing of school sites; building, repairing, renting, and furnishing schools; bidding
O.C.G.A 20-2-0074	for construction projects in excess of \$100,000 Solicit and accept donations for educational purposes

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