

**BOOSTER CLUBS AND PUBLIC GIFTS
EXTRA CURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS**

A. Booster Clubs

Regional School Unit 25 must ensure compliance with state and federal laws that require equitable opportunities and treatment of students participating in athletics. To that end, the School Board has recognized one district-wide athletic booster club: the RSU 25 All Activities Booster Club. One purpose of the RSU 25 All Activities Booster Club is to promote Athletic teams and clubs consistent with the educational philosophy and athletic philosophy of Regional School Unit 25 and to enhance athletic programs on a district-wide basis with funding, volunteers and moral support for our student-athletes.

The RSU 25 All Activities Booster Club is a standalone 501C3 organization. The Superintendent is authorized to establish any necessary administrative procedures and guidelines needed to maintain appropriate financial and operational oversight of the RSU 25 All Activities Booster Club.

B. Public Gifts to Athletic Programs

The RSU 25 School Board appreciates the generosity of individuals or groups who wish to make gifts to the district athletic programs. The provision of equitable opportunities and treatment of students participating in athletics will be a significant factor in deciding whether or not a particular gift may be accepted. The following are requirements:

1. Proposed gifts with a value of five hundred dollars or more must be submitted to the Superintendent for approval. All other gifts may be accepted by the building Principal with notification to the Superintendent.
2. Gifts may be made to RSU 25 on behalf of the athletic program as a whole; or to the RSU 25 All Activities Booster Club.
3. Individuals or groups interested in donating equipment, supplies or facilities are encouraged to consider gifts that will benefit the student body as a whole.
4. Gifts cannot be accepted if they will create inequities among teams in accordance with Title IX requirements.
5. Coaches are not permitted to accept gifts of any kind or amount directly from any donor or booster group.
6. Any gift that requires the endorsement of a product or business, or that includes advertising, must be approved by the superintendent and comply with applicable School Board policies.
7. The School Board shall be notified of all approved gifts.
8. Records of all gifts will be kept in accordance with established procedures.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA § 4005

Cross Reference: AC – Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action

JJE – Philosophy of Fundraising

JJE – Guidelines for Fundraising

KCD – Gifts from the Public

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