

Business & Instructional Support Operations

PUBLIC

SCHOOL ART

DONATION

Intent of Public School Art

- To augment the school's visual, performing, literary arts, science or other curriculum and, when appropriate, reflect school and local history, environment, culture, etc.
- To assist teachers learn how to integrate the arts into their regular classroom when students are involved in creating public school art
- To have a long-term impact that advances student, staff and public understanding of art while enhancing the aesthetics and student/community ownership of our schools

The school principal, in conjunction with the school site council, may accept gifts of art. Public school art, once accepted, must be cataloged with records retained digitally. The school principal/site council has ~~no~~ an obligation to ~~accept, display, or maintain any items donated to the school.~~ public school art until the item has been indefinitely removed through a process involving students, staff, parents and community members including representatives from the art community. Once an item is accepted, the school shall be the sole owner of the donated item(s) and shall have the right, ~~in its sole and absolute discretion,~~ to deaccession of any donated item(s) except as otherwise stated in this policy. ~~without providing notice to or obtaining the consent of the donor.~~

Selection Criteria for Artworks

Overall KPBSD schools have limited space for the display of art. Therefore, it is important to consider very carefully the acceptance of a piece of art as a gift.

- Style and Nature: The art should be appropriate in scale, material, form and content for the school environment. The art should further the intent stated in this policy.
- Quality and Elements of Design: Public art may have other functions in addition to aesthetic enjoyment. For example, a work of art may establish a focal point, modify, or enhance a space or identify a building function. As far as possible, the work of art should complement and enhance the building and its purpose.
- Durability: Works of art shall be examined for durability, taking the school environment and the condition of the piece into consideration. Extremely fragile items or those that are potential targets for vandalism are not appropriate for the school setting.
- Installation and Maintenance Costs: When selecting a work of art to purchase or determining if a gift may be accepted, the school principal/site

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council shall take into consideration any security issues, the cost of installation, and the cost of maintaining the work over its lifetime.

- Public Liability: Works that create unsafe conditions or contain other factors that may bear on public liability shall not be selected or accepted.

School Conditions of Acceptance: The school principal shall ensure that each donor signs a letter of acceptance of the school's terms and conditions including the following:

- All gifts must be unconditional, transferring ownership and all rights of ownership to the KPBSD.
- Gifts shall be accepted only with the understanding that the school principal/school site council has the right to determine retention, location and other considerations relating to the use or disposal of the donated gift [except as otherwise stated in this policy](#).
- ~~The school principal/site council may choose to display the gift or not.~~
- The school principal/site council may choose to sell the item and use the proceeds for any purpose appropriate to the school's mission [with consideration of input from students, staff, parents and community members including representatives from the art community](#).
- The school principal/site council may transfer ownership of the item, as it deems appropriate [with consideration of input from students, staff, parents and community members including representatives from the art community](#).

Donor Conditions of Acceptance: In the case of gifts or donations, the donor's conditions may affect whether or not the gift is accepted. [Due care should be given to rules regarding Percent for Art Projects and other public school art items funded with federal, state or grant funding.](#)

(cf. [BP 3290](#) Gifts, Grants, and Bequests)

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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