



**Gift Acceptance Policy
Option 1
3/2012**

1. Meridian School solicits and accepts gifts that are consistent with its mission and that support its core programs, as well as special projects.
2. Donations and other forms of support will generally be accepted from individuals, partnerships, corporations, foundations, government agencies, or other entities, subject to the following limitations:
 - Values—whether the acceptance of the gift compromises any of the core values of Meridian School, violates its state charter or threatens the loss of Meridian’s 501c3 status
 - Compatibility—Whether there is compatibility between the intent of the donor and Meridian School’s use of the gift
 - Public Relationships—whether acceptance of the gift may damage the reputation of Meridian School
 - Primary Benefit—whether the primary benefit is to Meridian School versus the donor
 - Consistency—is acceptance of the gift consistent with prior practice?
 - Form of Gift—Is the gift offered in a form that Meridian School can use without incurring substantial expense or difficulty?
 - Effect on Future Giving—Will the gift encourage or discourage future gifts?
3. Gifts of Real Property, Personal Property or Securities may only be accepted upon approval of the Meridian School’s Board.
4. Any gift (cash, in-kind, etc) with a value of \$50 or above should be reported to the Meridian School Administration. Gifts under \$50 will be left to the discretion of the donor.
5. Restricted gifts should support current and future budget items and Meridian fundraising goals and should not create unfunded future liabilities. All restricted gifts should be approved by the Meridian School Administration.
6. The Board of Directors will have final approval on any gift which is deemed to fall outside the policy guidelines.



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The administration may refer for approval any donations or other forms of support to the Board of Directors that call into question any of the above limitations.
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