

Victory Charter School

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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Public Gifts/Donations to School - Parent Teacher Organizations (PTO) and Parent Teacher Associations (PTA)

Theoretically parent teacher organizations may be a valuable resource to schools. However, the Charter School does not have a Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) or Parent Teacher Association (PTA) that is formally affiliated with the Charter School. The Charter School's failure to formally affiliate with any PTO/PTA is due to honoring the principles of the Harbor Method.

Any PTO/PTA that may exist is a private entity and legally separate from the Charter School. Any such entity is responsible for its own corporate/business status as well as any other operational and legal requirements. Any such entity has no administrative, operational or governance authority over the Charter School. The Charter School is not responsible for and is not liable for any action or inaction of any PTO/PTA.

Fund-Raising

Any fund-raising activity that in any manner involves the activities of students/staff during the school day or involves the use of any school property must be pre-approved by the Charter School Administrator. In no manner shall any fund raising activity disrupt the educational environment of the school or the student's educational activities.

Absent specific written Administrative and Board pre-authorization, the Charter School shall only support one (1) school-related fund raiser conducted each school year. Associated with such fundraising activity shall only be a single letter home to alert the parent of the fundraiser and any logistical information they may need associated with the fundraiser. Any proceeds associated with any fundraising activity shall be maintained in a separate fund.

Parameters for Use of the School's Name, Logo or Mascot

The use of the Charter School's name, logo, or mascot by any organization be pre-authorized by Charter School's Administrator and the Board, in writing.

The Administrator and/or the Board of the Charter School may revoke authorization if the Administrator and/or Board determines that the organization's use of the name, logo or mascot is no longer in the best interest of the Charter School. The Administrator, Board or designee will notify the organization in writing of the revocation of this authority.

Gifts and Donations to the Charter School

Gifts, donations, grants and/or bequests will be accepted by the Charter School if determined appropriate by the Board of the Charter School, in consultation with the School Administration and any other designee as determined by the Board.

The term “gift” or “donation” includes any and all funds raised by any organization on behalf of the Charter School. Accordingly, the provisions of this policy shall apply to funds raised on behalf of the school by a third party organization such as a PTO/PTA.

In consideration of whether or not a gift, donation, grant and/or bequest will be accepted the following shall be considered:

1. The acceptance of the gift, donation, grant and/or bequest does not remove any degree of control of the Charter School from the Board.
2. The availability of funding in the Charter School’s budget to install and/or maintain donated gift, donation, grant and/or bequest (i.e.: playground equipment), in both the long and short term.
3. Such gift, donation, grant and/or bequests are in compliance with all safety requirements of the Charter School.
4. Acceptance of such gift, donation, grant and/or bequest shall not result in any discriminatory outcome and/or violate any regulation of the IHSAA.
 - For example, no gift, donation, grant and/or bequest shall create a vast difference in benefits or services to female and male athletes and/or students. The Charter School must ensure that any gift, donation, grant and/or bequest contribution does not create a disparity in participation opportunities, equipment, facilities, etc. between males and females.
5. Acceptance of such gift, donation, grant and/or bequest shall not result in the violation of any state or federal law, rule or regulation.
6. Whether or not the gift, donation, grant and/or bequest meet an educational purpose of the Charter School, given the Charter School’s policies, goals, mission and vision, remaining consistent with the Principles of the Harbor Method.

Additional factors may be considered by any respective Board and/or the School’s Administration and/or designee as determined to be appropriate in any particular situation.

The Charter School reserves the right to accept or decline any proposed gift, donation, grant and/or bequest.

Propositions giving gift, donation, grant and/or bequests to the Charter School with a “matching agreement” or restriction are discouraged and generally not acceptable.

Anyone contemplating presenting a gift, donation, grant and/or bequest to the Charter School is encouraged to discuss, in advance, with the Charter School Administration what gift, donation, grant and/or bequests are appropriate and needed by the Charter School. Any organization desiring to conduct a fundraiser for the benefit of the school should communicate with the school in advance of engaging in any fundraiser.

Any gift, donation, grant and/or bequest accepted by the Charter School shall become the property of the Charter School. In subsequent years, while the intent of the gift, donation, grant and/or bequest will be considered, the Charter School reserves the right to modify the use if the needs of the students or the Charter School change.

Policy History:

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