I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Donation procedures have been modified to clarify the responsibilities of administrators accepting donations on behalf of the District to ensure that donated computer software is legally licensed.

II. GENERAL POLICY

A. It is the intent of the District that no donation shall provide a substantial advantage in educational benefits to a school if such benefits cannot be balanced in all schools.

B. The Administrator is responsible for ensuring that donated funds are spent in accordance with the stated intent of the donor.

C. To ensure the safety of students and staff, the Administrator is also responsible for the following:

1. Reviewing donations of new and used equipment or modifications of facilities with Maintenance and Operations Branch to ensure that equipment is UL approved and safe to operate and to verify insurance and contractors’ licenses.

2. Reviewing donations of chemical products with Environmental Health and Safety Branch.

3. Reviewing donations of new or used motor vehicles with Automotive Maintenance Section to ensure that vehicles are properly inspected for safety, ownership (“pink slip”) is transferred to the District, proper license plates are obtained and job numbers are set up for preventive maintenance.
D. In order to avoid potential copyright infringement lawsuits against the District, it is the Administrator’s responsibility to verify that all computer software is properly licensed.

E. Failure to follow the review process described in II.C. and II.D above may result in liability of the Administrator.

III. PROCEDURES

A. Cash Donations

1. In order to credit the donations to the appropriate account, the Administrator shall prepare the Request for Processing of Cash, Materials, Equipment or Services Donation form (see Attachment A), attach the check (made payable to the LAUSD), and forward as follows:

   Request from: Forward to:
   
   K-12 Schools, including Your Cluster Fiscal Specialist
   Special Education

   Adult Schools, Children’s Centers Budget Services Branch

   All Offices Administrative Offices
   Room A-419

2. If the donation exceeds $25,000, a Board Report will be prepared by the Business Services Division ratifying the acceptance of the donation. This step will not delay the crediting of the funds to the donation account.

3. The Administrator should provide the donor with an official acknowledgment of the donation (see Attachment B - sample letter) and retain a copy of this letter in a permanent file on donations.

4. Cash donations will be placed in accounts as follows:

   Schools 001/3938
   Special Education Schools 003/2538
   Adult Schools 029/3717, 003/4806
   Children’s Centers 011/7623
   Offices 001/3237

   Expenditures which may be “charged to” or “made from” the above accounts include a wide variety of items including material, equipment, salaries, contracts, bus trips, repairs and alterations to buildings.
B. Donations of Equipment, Materials, Services

1. The Administrator may accept the donation of equipment, materials, and/or services. If the donation exceeds $25,000 in value, the Administrator should follow the procedure described in III.A.1. above.

2. The Administrator should provide an acknowledgment letter to the donor as described in III.A.3. above.

3. Donations of equipment and computer software should be recorded on the site’s inventory records.

4. If the donor does not provide delivery, it is the responsibility of the Administrator to arrange pickup, including the funding of any related costs.

5. It is the responsibility of the Administrator to follow the safety review process described in II.C. above.

C. Donations of Computers and Computer Software

It is the responsibility of the Administrator to secure all information contained on the “Request for Licensing Information for Donations of Computers and/or Computer Software” form (see Attachment C). Any District staff member who donates software must also complete this form. The form must be kept on file as evidence of proper copyright licensing in the event of an audit. For additional information, please review Information Technology Division Bulletin No. K-20, “Compliance with the 1976 United States Copyright Law – Computer Software,” dated January 31, 2000.

D. Donations of Artwork, Antiques and Other Valuables


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SAMPLE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DONATION

(DATE)

(Donor’s Address)

Attention: (Donor’s contact person)

(Name of school), on behalf of the Los Angeles Unified School District, accepts with gratitude your donation of

(Specify amount of cash, or description of equipment, materials or services donated)

for use at our school.

We wish to express our appreciation for your interest in our educational program. For your records, the Los Angeles Unified School District’s federal tax identification number is 95-6001-908-W.

Sincerely,

Principal
REQUEST FOR PROCESSING OF CASH, MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES DONATION

School/Office __________________________________________ Location Code _____________
Contact Person ________________________________________ Telephone No._____________

DONOR: Company _____________________________________ Telephone No._____________
Address _____________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________

CASH DONATION: Amount of attached check(s): $_______________________________________
Fund/Program Code to be credited: ____________________________________
Describe how the donation will be used: ____________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________

MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES DONATION (Complete this form for donations of
materials, equipment or services with a value greater than $25,000.)

EQUIPMENT: Description ____________________________________________________
Make & Model No. _______________________________________________ 
Serial No. ___________________ Age _______ Value ___________

MATERIALS: Description ____________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________
	Value ___________

SERVICES: Description ____________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________
	Value ___________

APPROVAL: Site Administrator ___________________________________ Date ____________

Budget Services Branch/School Fiscal Services Unit:
Date Processed to IFS __________________________________________________________
Signature __________________________________________________________

Contract Section (for donations exceeding $25,000):
Date of Board Approval __________________________________________________________
Signature _________________________________________________________ ___

General Accounting Branch:
Date Check Deposited __________________________________________________________
Signature __________________________________________________________

Form 79.43 (Rev. 8/97)
REQUEST FOR LICENSING INFORMATION FOR DONATIONS OF COMPUTERS AND/OR COMPUTER SOFTWARE

School/Office____________________________________________ Location Code__________
Contact Person___________________________________________ Telephone No.__________

DONOR: Company_______________________________________ Telephone No.__________
Address ______________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________

COMPUTER: Description ________________________________________________________
Make & Model No.__________________________________________________
Serial No._________________________________________________________

OPERATING SYSTEM SOFTWARE:
Title of Software ________________________________
Software Company_______________________________________________________
Serial / License No.____________________________________________________

SOFTWARE: Description ______________________________________________________
Title of Software ________________________________
Software Company_______________________________________________________
Serial / License No.____________________________________________________

SOFTWARE: Description ______________________________________________________
Title of Software ________________________________
Software Company_______________________________________________________
Serial / License No.____________________________________________________

(Additional sheets may be attached if more room is needed to detail software information.)

In order to avoid potential copyright infringement lawsuits against the District, it is mandatory that the Administrators secure from the donor documentation on PROOF OF PURCHASE for all software donations. Examples of documentation are:
(1) Software License Number
(2) A Software Agreement Statement
(3) Original Installation Diskettes/CD-ROM

I declare that no additional copies of the donated software exist on any other computers
Print Donor Donor
Name ________________________ Signature _______________________ Date ___________

Any District staff member who donates software to be used on LAUSD computers must also complete this form.