

MEMORIALS

The School District of West Salem recognizes the far-reaching impact of an employee or student's death may have on other students, staff, families, and the community. The board believes that remembrance of an employee or student whose life ended during his/her school years should be consistent from case to case, considerate of the grief process of family and friends, and in accordance with school policy.

Memorial gifts may be accepted by the school district subject to the following criteria:

1. Acceptance of a memorial gift should be recommended to the Board of Education by the administration if they determine that the nature of the item is consistent with the educational goals and policies of the school district and is in the best interest of the district.
2. Offers of memorial scholarships should be submitted to the superintendent together with information recommending the purpose of the memorial and administration of the scholarship fund.
3. Suggested memorials include an outdoor plant or tree, a park bench, books, plaques and scholarships.
4. Any memorial accepted by the district becomes the sole property of the school district and is subject to the same controls and regulations that govern the use of other school-owned property.

The school district will not recognize or memorialize the death of an individual by suicide.

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