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The Fiduciary Agreement is a PTA form representing the agreement between the PTA and the School to remit funds to the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) in accordance with the Gifts to School budget, as approved by the PTA Association.

There is a separate agreement between the principal/school administrator and (LBUSD).

Gifts over \$ 100 must be approved by the LBUSD Board of Education (at their regular meeting) and a letter will be sent to the PTA accepting the gift. Please consider the LBUSD Board meeting schedule when remitting funds as this does delay fund availability.

There is a LBUSD financial tracking system which ensures that funds are spent in accordance with the PTA Fiduciary Agreement. Even though principals have access to the gift accounts, they do not have the ability to move funds.

Equipment should be purchased by the District (not PTA) in accordance with approved LBUSD procurement procedures, ie, the school initiates a requisition and the District will implement the purchase order, administer contracts, as needed, and pay the vendor. As a result, LBUSD owns the equipment and is responsible for the insurance, maintenance and repair of the equipment.

Although a Fiduciary Agreement should accompany a PTA check to the District, the District will process the payment without it. It is the choice of the PTA to send the Fiduciary Agreement to LBUSD to obtain a signature prior to remitting the check. There is an approximate turnaround time of 10 work days. The other option is to send the Fiduciary Agreement with the check and the signed form would be returned with the acceptance letter.

Since gifts are accepted by the LBUSD Board of Education, residual funds may not be refunded without Board approval. The PTA may request to move the residual funds to another line item. Otherwise, the funds will be moved to a general account to be used at the discretion of the school administrator.

If funds are not used (cancelled field trips for example), they may be refunded to the unit or reclassified to another purpose, as approved by the current PTA and principal, based upon an amended Fiduciary Agreement.

If you have any questions regarding the Fiduciary Agreement or the status of a submitted Fiduciary Agreement or check, please contact Renee Arkus, Executive Director of Fiscal Services at (562) 997-8126 or email at [rarkus@lbschools.net](mailto:rarkus@lbschools.net).