

**Lower Merion School District**

**ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS**

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Section: STUDENTS  
Title: STUDENT FUNDRAISING UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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**R256 STUDENT FUNDRAISING UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Guidelines**

Fundraising will be governed with regard to the individuals or organization conducting the fundraising.

**Officially-Recognized Student Organizations Fundraising on Behalf of Officially-Recognized Student Organizations**

Student organizations may raise money through various fundraising projects for the benefit of these organizations. These fundraisers may be limited in number at the principal's discretion.

**In-School Fundraising by Individual Students and Officially-Recognized Student Organizations on Behalf of Outside Organizations**

An individual student or a student organization may raise funds for a bona fide local, state, national, or international organization. These fundraisers may be limited in number at the principal's discretion. Student participation in such fundraisers may also be limited at the discretion of the principal.

**In-School Fundraising by Officially-Recognized Parent/Guardian/Staff Organizations**

Typically, officially-recognized parent/guardian/staff organizations will not be limited in the number of fundraisers they may sponsor, except to the extent necessary to ensure compliance with applicable law. However, the principal or designee retains the authority to limit fundraising in their assigned buildings consistent with the goals of this Administrative Regulation and the accompanying Board Policy.

**Online Fundraising**

Websites created for fundraising purposes will not be hosted on the District website. If Superintendent or designee approval is granted, the District's web site may link to approved fundraising sites. The District reserves the right to remove the link to the fundraising site at any time with or without notice.

**Limitations on Fundraising**

All fundraising done for the purpose of making a gift, grant or donation to the District, a District school, or a student organization must comply with Policy 702 (Gifts, Grants, Donations).

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Individuals or organizations looking to engage in fundraising activities are encouraged to consult with the building principal prior to engaging in any such fundraising.

All fundraising activity pursuant to this Administrative Regulation and the accompanying Board Policy shall comply with Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 254 (Student Wellness).

Fundraising for capital expenditures may create an inappropriate inequity among other District buildings or student organizations and may even have negative legal implications for the District. Therefore, fundraising done for the purpose of financing, in whole or in part, capital improvements by the District in excess of \$4,000 must be approved in advance by the Superintendent or designee.

**Limitations on Staff Involvement in Fundraising Activities**

District employees shall not direct, coerce or otherwise exert undue influence over a student to participate, or not participate, in any fundraising activity, whether or not the fundraising is under the auspices of the District.

Students and families should feel encouraged to direct any concerns related to this Administrative Regulation or the accompanying Board Policy to the building principal or other building administrator without fear of reprisals or other adverse consequences.