

Lower Merion School District

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Purpose

The Board acknowledges that the solicitation of funds from and involving students must be limited because compulsory attendance laws make students captive donors/participants and such solicitation, if unregulated, could become disruptive to the District's educational program.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent shall develop an Administrative Regulation setting forth rules applicable to fundraising permitted by this Board Policy. The Administrative Regulation shall supplement the general guidelines established by the Board, as set forth below.

Guidelines

All fundraising conducted in accordance with this Policy and the accompanying Administrative Regulation shall be conducted in accordance with the following goals:

1. Providing financial support to student, parent/guardian, and staff organizations officially recognized by the District and certain outside organizations.
2. Avoiding excessive or disruptive student or staff involvement in making or receiving fundraising solicitations.
3. Limiting the imposition on students of fundraising solicitations in the context of students being a captive audience in the school setting.
4. Promoting equity in providing access to fundraising opportunities for all student organizations.
5. Promoting parental/guardian awareness of the nature and extent of fundraising in the schools to help ensure adequate parental/guardian supervision over the involvement of their children engaged in or subject to fundraising in the name of the District.

To ensure that fundraising is conducted in an orderly manner, all fundraising under the auspices of the District specific to an individual school must have the approval of the building principal or designee. Fundraising involving more than one school must have the approval of the Superintendent or designee.

Students are not permitted to fundraise in school, on school property, or at school-sponsored activities for strictly personal benefit.

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Student fundraising activities must be conducted in accordance with applicable law. No fundraising activities are permitted that are determined by the Superintendent or designee to be contrary to the best interests of the District or not in accordance with the District's Strategic Plan.

Students may not be forced to participate in fundraising activities at school or in connection with school activities.

Under no circumstances may students be involved in District-sponsored solicitations or sales off school property without parental/guardian notification.

All funds collected through student fundraisers shall be governed by Board Policy 618 (Student Activity Funds).

Cross References:

- LMSD Policy & Administrative Regulation 915 (School Related Organizations)
- LMSD Policy & Administrative Regulation 702 (Gifts, Grants, Donations)
- LMSD Policy & Administrative Regulation 254 (Student Wellness)
- LMSD Policy & Administrative Regulation 618 (Student Activity Funds)