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District 77 Policy 511

## **511 STUDENT FUNDRAISING AND SOLICITATION**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to address student fundraising efforts.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

The school board recognizes a desire and a need by some student organizations for fundraising. The school board also recognizes a need for some constraint to prevent fundraising activities from becoming too numerous and overly demanding on employees, students and the general public.

### **III. DEFINITIONS**

- A. Solicitation: Contributions with no direct benefit to the contributor
- B. Fund Raising: Raising funds with direct benefit to the contributor

### **IV. SOLICITATION**

- A. Community solicitation by students or district employees for district programs is only allowed with the approval of the School Board.
- B. Solicitation of students and employees for charities.
  - 1. The building principal or director must review and must give his or her approval for all charitable drives.
  - 2. All contributions for charitable drives must be collected at the school.
  - 3. No unreasonable pressure for contributions may be exerted on students and employees.

### **V. FUND RAISING**

- A. Fund raising by district students or employees for district programs:
  - 1. The fundraising plan, including the involvement of students or staff and the use of school facilities and equipment, must receive prior approval from the building principal or director.

2. The fundraising must occur on school property except for paper drives, can collections, etc., as approved by the school principal or director.
  3. The school may provide services, which may result in some funds raised, to students and parents in the following areas if approved by the building principal or director:
    - a. The principal or parent organization may arrange for a photographer to provide student pictures for purchase by parents or students on a volunteer basis.
    - b. School stores may be set up at school sites.
    - c. Senior high schools may initiate procedures for student purchases of class rings, graduation announcements, etc.
    - d. Income derived from the sale of pictures or commodities to students or parents shall be used to promote the welfare of the students enrolled in the school and deposited in a school-controlled account.
- B. Fundraising of students and employees by non-school organizations:
1. All nonschool organizations must secure written permission of the building principal or director before being allowed to contact students or employees.
  2. School facilities, communication systems, etc., may be used only if approved by the building principal or director.
  3. Benefits to raise funds for employees or students must be approved by the principal or director.
  4. Parent-teacher organizations may conduct solicitations and fund raising with the approval of their governing board and the school principal or director.

***Legal References:*** Minn. Stat. § 120A.20 (Age Limitations; Pupils)  
Minn. Stat. § 123B.09, Subd. 8 (Duties)  
Minn. Stat. § 123B.36 (Authorized Fees)

***Cross References:*** District 77 Policy 506 (Student Discipline)  
District 77 Policy 905 (Agents and Solicitors)