

STUDENT FUNDRAISING

Background

Section 511 of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended, allows for student fundraising for student activities in approved student organizations. If properly organized and directed, fundraising activities by students can produce a desirable learning outcome by providing opportunities for nurturing responsibility, school spirit, and a general feeling of cooperation in a common cause. At the same time, an unmanaged solicitation campaign or too many sales campaigns by students, can create a negative effect on school-community relations. Moreover, the District acknowledges that solicitation of funds from students must be limited because compulsory attendance laws make the student a captive donor and such solicitation may disrupt the educational program of the schools.

Objective

It is the objective of this policy to assure that students raising funds on behalf of their school organization do so under the supervision and guidance of the Administration. It is a further objective to limit fundraising for only those activities for which the Administration has determined funds are required beyond the funds which are already in the student activity fund. In addition, it is the objective that the Administration monitor the quality of any goods that are sold by student groups. At all times, the health, safety, and security of the students shall be the paramount concern of the Administration.

Definition

For purposes of this policy, fundraising shall include the solicitation and collection of money or goods by students for any purpose and shall include, but is not limited to, the collection of money in exchange for goods or services.

Policy

It shall be the policy of the School Board that:

1. Students may engage in fundraising activities on behalf of their approved student organizations only after the need for funds has been determined and the principal has approved the request.
2. All fundraising activities must be conducted in such a manner that participation is entirely voluntary.
3. If funds are to be raised by a sale of goods, such goods should be submitted in advance to the appropriate principal for examination and approval.
4. Fundraising activities shall not be conducted during class periods unless the class is specifically related to the fund raising project.
5. The collection of money in school or on school property, or at any school-sponsored event by a student for personal benefit is prohibited.

6. The use of school or District letterhead for the purpose of student fundraising is prohibited. Approved student fundraising activities may be included on school webpages and District associated social media venues with permission from the building principal.

Administrative Responsibility

It shall be the responsibility of the Administration to communicate this policy to all individuals involved. It shall also be the responsibility of the Administration to develop any principles, guidelines, and procedures necessary to implement this policy.

Communication

This policy shall be communicated to all student organizations and advisors and all principals.

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