

Alameda City USD

Board Policy

School-Connected Organizations

BP 1230

Community Relations

The Board of Education recognizes that school-connected organizations may be established for the purpose of supporting district and extracurricular programs, such as athletic teams, debate teams, or performing arts groups. By definition, a school-connected organization is a group (parent/guardian organizations or booster clubs), which has been approved upon petition to the Board. The Board appreciates the contributions made by such organizations and encourages their interest and participation in supporting district activities and helping to achieve the district's vision for student learning.

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

Generally, school-connected organizations are separate legal entities from the district and thus are not under the control or the responsibility of district personnel. However, Education Code 51521 requires that any fund-raising activity by a school-connected organization designed to raise money to benefit a school or its students, receive approval from the Board.

The Board recognizes that these school-connected organizations are separate legal entities, independent of the district. In order to help the Board fulfill its legal and fiduciary responsibility to manage district operations, any school-connected organization that desires to raise money to benefit any district student shall submit a request for authorization to the Board, in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall establish appropriate internal controls for the relationship between school-connected organizations and the district.

(cf. 1321 - Solicitation of Funds from and by Students)

(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)

(cf. 3452 - Student Activity Funds)

The Board encourages school-connected organizations to consider the impact of fund-raising activities on the overall school and district program. School-connected organizations shall consult with the principal to determine school needs and priorities. Activities by school-connected organizations shall not conflict with law, Board policies, administrative regulations, or any rules of the sponsoring school.

(cf. 3290 - Gifts, Grants and Bequests)

(cf. 3554 - Other Food Sales)

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)
(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

The Board will ensure that school-connected organizations extend membership to any individual without regard to race, ethnicity, disability, religious belief, national origin, gender, or sexual preference.

Groups desiring to be recognized as school-connected organizations shall request authorization from the Board in accordance with conditions established in the administrative regulation that accompanies this policy.

This policy does not apply to the Associated Student Body (ASB).

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex

35160 Authority of governing boards

38130-38138 Civic Center Act, use of school property for public purposes

48931 Authorization for sale of food by student organization

48932 Authorization for fund-raising activities by student organization

49431 Sale of food to elementary students during the school day

49431.2 Sale of food to middle, junior, or high school students

49431.5 Sale of beverages at elementary, middle, or junior high schools

51520 Prohibited solicitation on school premises

51521 Fund-raising project

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

17510-17510.95 Solicitations for charitable purposes

25608 Alcohol on school property; use in connection with instruction

GOVERNMENT CODE

12580-12599.7 Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act

PENAL CODE

319-329 Lottery, raffle

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs

15500 Food sales in elementary schools

15501 Food sales in high schools and junior high schools

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 11

300-312.1 Fundraising for charitable purposes

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1681-1688 Discrimination based on sex or blindness, Title IX

COURT DECISIONS

Serrano v. Priest, (1976) 18 Cal. 3d 728

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION LEGAL ADVISORIES
1101.89 School District Liability and "Hold Harmless" Agreements, LO: 4-89
WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Office of the Attorney General, charitable trust registry:

<http://caag.state.ca.us/charities>

California State PTA: <http://www.capta.org>

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