

Booster Club Activities and ASB Activities

Parent support groups, such as boosters clubs and PTSA, are a wonderful asset to the school. Though parent groups are not governed by the school district, the following guidelines will help make sure that all district guidelines and state laws governing ASB monies are followed.

Parent support groups must be recognized by the district and have 501 c3 status. Private bank accounts set up by parents are not allowed. Booster and parent groups must follow school district policies and procedures, especially when renting district facilities, gifting donations, or involving student groups. Such groups also need to be aware of Title IX equity issues when donating money and/or equipment to the school's athletic teams.

Before beginning a parent support group fundraiser, verify that it is not actually an ASB activity.

It is an ASB event or fundraiser if...

- students are involved and/or
- the school district or school name is used and/or
- it is conducted on or off school property and/or
- school personnel or school materials are used and/or
- it is done with the approval of the school board or their designees.

A good question to ask yourself is, "Would a reasonable person in the community think that this was a booster club or a school sponsored activity?"

Students may help parent support groups, however...

- they may not use their school team or school club name
- they should not suggest school representation verbally or wear a school uniform
- they should not be involved in the reconciliation process (WAC 391-138-015)
- it is suggested that students do not collect money for the parent organization, but rather help in ways other than direct sales

About ASB Monies

Parent support groups may donate funds to ASB organizations. All donations must be approved by the school board. These funds become public money and must be appropriately accounted for and controlled within the ASB Fund. ASB monies may be used for activities that are Cultural, Athletic, Recreations, or Social (CARS) in nature. ASB monies may not be used for activities that are curricular.

Parent support groups are asked to contact their school office before beginning a fundraiser to make sure that it does not conflict with an already-scheduled school activity.

School contacts for questions and clarifications

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