

Miller Place Union Free School District
Miller Place, New York 11764
Board of Education Policy

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FUNDRAISING

Only those organizations granted approval by the Board of Education shall have permission to solicit donations and contributions from students.

All fund-raising activities must be voluntary, and no direct solicitation of students is permitted on school premises during school hours. However, the Board will allow the following forms of indirect solicitation:

1. the sale of goods, services, or tickets to an event (social, musical, athletic, etc.), where a portion of the funds go to a charitable purpose;
2. the recruitment of students during school hours to participate in fund-raising activities to be conducted off school premises and/or when school is not in session. School personnel are permitted to hang posters or distribute flyers notifying students of these activities. However, school personnel may not act as a conduit and collect fund from students on behalf of a charity for which they are recruited; and
3. the placement of a bin or collection box in a hallway or other common area for the voluntary donation of food, clothing, or money.

Every effort will be made to keep fundraising to a minimum. Student involvement must be limited as well. Students are not permitted to solicit funds on a door-to-door basis. Students may not be involved in non-school related activities. No in-school time (classroom or lunch) is to be lost to fund raising activities. Under no circumstances is an outside fundraising representative allowed to meet with students in order to motivate increased sales. For fundraising activities offering incentives, **all** students must receive a minimal prize, even where a student's involvement may not be discernible.

All fundraising activities involving students must have the approval of the Building Principal and the Superintendent prior to commitment and at least three weeks before the beginning of the campaign. The Building Principal is responsible for maintaining a log of all building fundraising activities. The Superintendent will do the same for all district-wide fundraising activities, all monies collected from school district-sponsored fundraising activities must be placed in appropriate district accounts and all claims paid from said accounts.

Reference: NYS Constitution Article 8, Section 1; Education Law § 414; 8 NYCRR §§19.6, 172.1 et seq.;
Appeal of Ponte, 38 Educ. Dept. Rep. 280 (1998)
Guidelines Relating to Solicitation of Charitable
Donations From School Children, NYSED, January 1994

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