

The Watauga County Board of Education (the “board”) is committed to minimizing disruptions to instructional time and the educational environment. Collections and solicitations are discouraged and must not disrupt instructional time. Employees and students will not be required to contribute or respond to any collection or solicitation.

The following guidelines apply to collections and solicitations in school facilities and on school grounds:

1. Outside organizations and/or sales representatives may not solicit school employees or students for any commercial purpose during working hours or the school day. This provision shall not prohibit information sessions about approved employee benefit plans during non-instructional time with the prior approval of the principal.
2. Students, school organizations, teachers and/or other school employees may not sell commercial products or services during working hours or the school day except for the purpose of school fund-raising approved by the principal.
3. Solicitations for any charitable purpose must be approved in advance by the principal and must not involve student assemblies or any other significant disruption of instructional time.
4. Fliers and other materials that are to be distributed or displayed during the school day in conjunction with an approved charitable solicitation must be approved by the principal.

Legal References: G.S. 14-238; 115C-36, -47

Cross References: Distribution and Display of Non-School Material (policy 5210), Advertising in the Schools (policy 5240), Crowdfunding on Behalf of the School System (policy 7360/8225)

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