

System-wide fund-raising for school purposes may be permitted only with the approval of the superintendent and the Board of Education and only for the exclusive benefit of the Watauga County Schools and school system students and personnel. This provision shall not limit the participation of schools in fund-raising on behalf of the Watauga Education Foundation.

No student or school employee shall be required to participate in any fund-raising activity.

A. FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES FOR SCHOOLS

Any fund-raising activities for a school, including those sponsored by school clubs, specific classes or grade levels, or by school organizations such as a PTA/PTO, shall be subject to the approval of the principal.

Students in grades Pre-K-8 are prohibited from participation in door-to-door fund-raising activities sponsored by the school or by the school-related organizations. This includes the sale of merchandise and the solicitation of contributions, pledges, or orders by students through any door-to-door activity.

Fund-raising activities for Watauga High School shall be limited to organizations that present a written proposal to the principal thirty (30) days prior to the activity. A written response shall be returned within five (5) school days.

B. FUND RAISING FOR NON-SCHOOL CHARITABLE PURPOSES

Fund-raising activities for non-school charitable purposes may be approved by the principal subject to the following guidelines.

1. The number and type of events shall not detract from the instructional program of the school.
2. Charitable fund raising shall not interrupt the school day through assemblies and the school schedule will not be altered to accommodate charitable activities.
3. The request for school participation in charitable fund-raising shall be submitted to the principal in writing at least ten school days before the fund-raising activities would begin.
4. Charitable fund-raising shall not involve the sale of products or commercial services.
5. In choosing which charitable fund-raising activities to approve, principals are encouraged to give priority to charitable organizations with local personnel providing direct services in Watauga County.

The approval of payroll deductions for any charitable purpose is permitted only with the prior approval of the Board of Education.

Legal References: GS 115C-47 (6)

Cross References: Distribution and Display of Non-School Materials (policy 5210), Collections and Solicitations (policy 5220)

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