

**Regulation 3273R**

**Community Relations**

**SOLICITING FUNDS IN SCHOOLS**

In accordance with Sections 19.6 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and Board Policy 3273, the direct solicitation of charitable donations from public school students on school property during school hours in which students are compelled to be in attendance is prohibited. Some forms of fund raising or charitable donation may occur where they are passive and indirect or where the contributor receives tangible benefit from the contribution. In no way may any solicitation during school hours involve pressure or coercion to contribute.

**Examples**

The following activities serve as examples of situations and conditions in which charitable or educational fundraising is permitted:

- Fundraising activities which take place off school premises or outside school hours.
- The recruitment of students during school hours for participation in fundraising activities as long as the activities themselves occur off school premises or outside regular school hours.
- Indirect forms of charitable solicitation on school premises that do not involve coercion, such as placing a bin or collection box in a hallway, cafeteria or other common area for the donation of food, clothing or money.
- The sale of tickets to students for a social, musical, theatrical or athletic event where a portion of the proceeds go to a charitable purpose. For example, the sale of tickets to a dance to raise money for a student trip or scholarship fund, or the sale of a ticket to a concert, play, charity basketball game, or similar event where a portion of the proceeds go to charity. In such cases, students who purchase tickets are receiving tangible benefit, and the risk of coercion of economically disadvantaged students is low, since there are many reasons for declining to attend such events.
- Class or club fund-raisers that involve the sale of goods (e.g., senior magazine drive) for which the purchaser receives tangible benefit in exchange for the purchase.

Prior approval for all such permissible activities must be obtained from the principal at the building level or the Superintendent (or his/her designee) at the District level.

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