



## Central Islip Union Free School District

Board of Education & School District Policy Book

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Policy	Policy Title	
5251	Student Fund Raising Activities	

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

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 funds from students on behalf of the activity; 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.

All fundraising activities must receive prior approval by the Building Principal. The Building Principal will ensure that all fundraising activities have a plan with a clearly defined purpose, shall contribute to the educational experience of students, and shall not conflict with instructional programs.

The Superintendent of Schools is directed to set regulations for such indirect fund-raising activities taking place on school grounds, as long as those activities conform to Regent's Rule 19.6 and the guidelines set forth above.

### Off School Premises

Fund-raising projects in which students canvass the public off school grounds, in connection with school events and school-connected fund-raising activities, will be kept to an absolute minimum, and require prior approval of the Board. The

profits from such activities shall be used to enhance school programs by providing money for expenditures not normally funded by the district. Elementary students are not permitted to solicit funds on a door to door basis without prior parental permission.

### **Non-School Fund-Raising**

Soliciting of funds from students and school personnel by persons or organizations representing public or private organizations not affiliated with the school district shall be prohibited. However, information about area charities and fund-raising drives shall be posted in school buildings in an area designated by the Building Principal.

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#### **Reference:**

NYS Constitution, Article 8 §1

Education Law §414

8 NYCRR §§ 19.6 (Rules of the Board of Regents); 172.1 et seq.

*Appeal of Ponte*, 38 EDR 280 (1998)

Guidelines Relating to Solicitation of Charitable Donations from School Children, SED, January 1994