

## **ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODIES**

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The ASBs in the schools of the district shall operate within the following guidelines:

### **Structure**

- A. ASBs are mandatory in grades 6 through 12 whenever students engage in money raising activities with the approval and under the supervision of the district. ASBs are not mandatory at the elementary level (K-5). However, any money raised with the approval and under the supervision of the district must be administered in the same way as ASB money. The school principal is designated to act as the ASB for K-5 school buildings.
- B. The school board has authority over ASBs. ASBs are subject to the same laws as the district, including accounting procedures, budgets and warrants.

### **Financial Operations**

- A. The district must have an ASB program fund budget approved by the school board.
- B. All ASB money is accounted for, spent, invested and budgeted the same way as other public money.
- C. Disbursements may be made either by warrant, imprest bank accounts, procurement card or petty cash funds.
- D. ASB purchases must comply with state bid procedure as outlined in the district bid requirements policy and procedure. Purchases of the same goods or services for more than one school must be considered together when establishing the purchase amount and applicability of bid requirements.
- E. All property acquired with ASB moneys becomes property of the school district.
- F. Associated student body groups may raise private nonassociated student body fund moneys through fund raising and donations for scholarships, student exchanges and charitable purposes. Such fund raising and donation solicitation must meet the requirements for other ASB fundraising and those requirements specific to nonassociated student body funds, including clear notice to all donors of the purpose of the fund raising. Students wishing to use district facilities to raise private non-associated student body funds must comply with district policy and procedures regarding community use of school facilities. For handling the accounting for complex fundraising programs for private nonassociated student body fund money, the district shall recoup its costs.
- G. Purposes that directly further or support the school district's program — both co-curricular and extracurricular — are suitable uses for ASB funds, if the activities are optional for students.
- H. ASB funds may not be used for gifts or recognition to individuals for private benefit. Private nonassociated student body funds may be raised for scholarships, student exchanges and charitable purposes, pursuant to district policy and procedure.

### **Waiver or Reduction of Fees**

Each student who is eligible to participate in the federal free and reduced-price meals program and students eligible for the College Bound Scholarship program will have fees associated with attending or participating in optional noncredit extracurricular activities waived.

Students' immediate family members and other nonstudents who are sixty-five (65) or older may have any fee to attend an optional noncredit extracurricular activity reduced if they would have difficulty paying the entire amount of the fee because of their low income. Any students' immediate family members and other nonstudents who are sixty-five (65) or older who believes he or she should have a fee reduced must contact the appropriate school and ask for a reduction. The school principal will determine whether a reduction is appropriate after obtaining relevant information from the person seeking the reduction.

The district will publish the following ASB program fund information on its website:

- a. The fund balance at the beginning of the school year;
- b. Summary data about expenditures and revenues occurring over the course of the school year;
- c. The fund balance at the end of the school year;
- d. Data related to high school student possession of an associated student body card and high school student participation in school-based extracurricular activities;
- e. The district's extracurricular activity opportunity gap reduction plan, if the district is required to develop one; and
- f. A list of optional noncredit extracurricular event attendance and participation fees and the district's policy for waiving or reducing those fees.

This information will be published for each ASB of the district and each account within the ASB program fund. If the district website contains separate websites for schools in the district, the information will be published on the website of the applicable school of the ASB. The district will add updated annual information to its website by each August 31<sup>st</sup>, except that the district is only required to maintain the information on its website from the previous five years.

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