STUDENT FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

In accordance with Regents Rule §19.6, the Board of Education prohibits the direct solicitation of charitable donations (funds or goods) from students on school property during school hours. Fundraising activities may be permitted, must be voluntary and must have prior approval of the Building Principal, Superintendent of Schools or designee.

Upon prior approval, the following fund-raising activities may be permitted:

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 fundraising 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 a charity for which they recruited; 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.

Fund-raising projects shall require the supervision of a member of the faculty or administrative staff.

Fund-raising for non-school purposes will not be permitted on school grounds.

All moneys collected must be accounted for in strict accordance with established procedures, and any questions from the community may be directed to the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations.

Off School Premises

Fundraising 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. Elementary students are not permitted to solicit funds on a door to door basis.

Ref: 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

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