

# Policy #3510

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An associated student body (ASB) will be formed in each school within the districts whenever one or more students in that school engage in money-raising activities with the approval and at the direction or under the supervision of the districts. An associated student body will be a formal organization of students, including sub-components or affiliated student groups. Each associated student body will submit a constitution and bylaws to the board for approval. The constitution and bylaws will identify how student activities become approved as student body activities and establish standards for their supervision, governance and financing. Subject to such approval process, any lawful activity which promotes the educational, recreational or cultural growth of students as an optional extracurricular or co-curricular activity may be considered for recognition as an associated student body activity. Any lawful fund raising practices that are consistent with the goals of the districts and which do not bring disrespect to the districts or its students may be acceptable methods and means for raising funds for student body activities. The board of directors may act or delegate the authority to a staff member to act as the associated student body for any school which contains no grade higher than grade six.

The principal will designate a staff member as the primary advisor to the ASB and assure that all groups affiliated with the ASB have an advisor assigned to assist them. Advisors will have the authority and responsibility to intervene in any activities that are inconsistent with this policy, ASB standards, student safety or ordinarily accepted standards of behavior in the community. When in doubt, advisors will consult the principal regarding the propriety of proposed student activities. Student activities cannot include support or opposition to any political candidate or ballot measure.

Each ASB will prepare and submit annually a budget for the support of the ASB program to the board for approval. All property and money acquired by ASBs, except private nonassociated student body funds, will be district funds and will be deposited and disbursed from each district's associated student body program fund.

Money acquired by associated student body groups through fundraising and donations for scholarships, student exchanges and charitable purposes will be private nonassociated student body fund moneys.

Solicitation of funds for nonassociated student body fund purposes must be voluntary and must be accompanied by notice of the intended use of the proceeds and the fact that the districts will hold the funds in trust for their intended purpose. Nonassociated student body fund moneys will be disbursed as determined by the group raising the money. Private non-associated student body funds will be held in trust by the districts for the purposes indicated during the fund raising activities until the student group doing the fund raising requests disbursement of the funds and the accounts of the fundraising are complete and reconciled.

Cross Reference: Policy 3510 Student Incentives

4200 Safe and Orderly Learning Environment

6020 System of Funds and Accounts

Legal References: [RCW 28A.325.020](#) Associated student bodies — Powers and responsibilities affecting

[RCW 28A.325.030](#) Associated student body program fund — Fundraising Activities — Nonassociated student body program fund moneys

[Chapter 392-138 WAC](#) Finance — Associated student body moneys

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