

Business and Non-Instructional Operations

Student Activity Funds

The Board of Education recognizes that student organizations can provide students with an opportunity to conduct worthwhile cocurricular activities while helping students learn about effective financial practices and develop leadership and management skills. To that end, the Board may approve the formation of associated student body organizations which are composed entirely of students, operate under the oversight of the principal or other District-employed advisor, and are subject to the control and regulation of the Board. Student organizations may raise and spend funds to support activities that promote the general welfare, morale, and educational experiences of the students body.

Fundraising

For each school year, each principal or designee shall submit to the Superintendent or designee a list of the fundraising events that each student organization proposes to hold that year. The Superintendent or designee shall review the proposed events and determine whether the events contribute to the educational experience and do not conflict with or detract from the school's educational program. When reviewing proposed events, the Superintendent or designee shall consider the effects of the activities on student health and safety, evaluate the risk of liability to the District, and ensure that the proposed activities are in compliance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

Fundraising events that involve the sale of food and/or beverages shall comply with applicable State and/or Federal nutrition standards and BP/AR 3554 - Other Food Sales. If the fundraising event involves the sale of noncompliant food and/or beverages, it shall not take place from midnight until at least one-half hour after the end of the school day, or not be conducted on school premises.

Management and Reporting of Funds

Student body funds shall be managed in accordance with law, regulations, Board policies, and sound business procedures designed to encourage the largest possible educational return to the students without sacrificing the security of funds.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop internal control procedures to safeguard the organization's assets, promote the success of fundraising ventures, provide reliable financial information, protect employees and volunteers from accusations of impropriety, and reduce the risk and promote the detection of fraud and abuse. These procedures shall detail the oversight of activities and funds including, but not limited to, the appropriate role and provision of training for staff and students, parameters for events on campus, appropriate and prohibited uses of funds, and accounting and record-keeping processes, including procedures for handling questionable expenditures.

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Funds derived from the student body shall be expended according to procedures established by the student organization. All expenditures must be approved by a Board-designated employee or official, the certificated employee who is the designated student organization advisor, and a student organization representative. (Education Code 48933)

The principal or designee shall be responsible for the proper conduct of all student organization financial activities. The budget adopted by the student body organization should serve as the financial plan for the school year and shall be submitted to the Superintendent or designee at the beginning of each school year. The Superintendent or designee shall monitor the budget and periodically review the organization's use of funds to ensure compliance with the District's internal control procedures.

The Board shall provide an annual audit of student organization accounts by a certified public accountant or licensed public accountant. The cost of the audit shall be paid from District funds. (Education Code 41020) (cf. 3400 - Management of District Assets/Accounts)

State Legal References:

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

15501 Food sales in high schools and junior high schools

EDUCATION CODE

35182.5 Contracts for advertising

35564 Funds, obligation of the student body

41020 Requirement for annual audit

48930-48938 Student body organization

49431 Sale of food and beverages, elementary school

49431.5 Sale of food and beverages, middle and high schools

51520 Prohibited solicitations on school premises

51521 Fund-raising project

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