

Aledo Independent School District

Parent Organization Meeting

2025-2026



Financial Facts and Priorities

- **Quick facts about the Aledo ISD budget:**
 - Approximately 80% of the budget is spent on payroll
 - Funding to operate public school districts in Texas is determined and controlled by the state
 - Since 2019, with 20+% inflation for many “fixed” costs, essentially, no increase in funding
 - Expenditures on functions such as safety & security, special education, and transportation have exceeded revenue provided by the state for those purposes by millions
- **How Aledo ISD has coped with the current budget crisis**
 - Getting as close to a balanced budget as possible—required cutting \$5.6 million over 2 years
 - No teacher/staff raises for 2 years (except police and bus drivers for 2024-25)
 - Not filling some positions with attrition/tighter staffing
 - Gathered groups of staff/leaders, including those who lead athletics, fine arts, extracurriculars

Financial Facts and Priorities

- **Priorities in the current budget situation:**
 - Maintain experiences for students inside and outside the classroom to the greatest extent possible
 - Avoid any reduction in force/layoffs of staff
 - Advocate for increased funding from the state
 - Look for alternate revenue sources to pay for basic needs (including staff)

- **How Aledo ISD supports fine arts/athletics/extracurriculars:**
 - Staff
 - All expenses necessary to run programs



Booster Club

A Booster Organization supports a particular student group, activity, or program through a Sponsor(s). The Sponsor(s) is (are) a District employee who serves as the liaison between the Booster Club and the District.

PTO

A PTO supports their campus through the Campus Principal. The PTO provides assistance for the planned activities for the students or staff. However, the PTO does not have the authority to decide the activities in which the student group will participate. The parents and members of the PTO may provide suggestions about particular activities, but the Campus Principal is responsible for the final decision.

Role of Organization

(examples include)

Booster Club

- **Big ticket (non-essential) or wish list items**
- **Meals for non-district/home district games**
- **Tournament travel - hotels, meals, snacks, charter bus**
- **Extra set of uniforms**
- **Supplies, equipment, and/or professional services**
- **Assist individual students with costs or entry fees**
- **Subsidize end-of-year banquets**

PTO

- **Organizing school supply order**
- **Fundraising for campus events**
- **Organize and volunteer for campus events**
- **Staff appreciation**
 - **Lunches**
 - **Food trucks**
 - **Treats/Snacks**
- **Donations for campus special events**

Types of Fundraisers

(Requires review from the Deputy Superintendent)

- Major Fundraisers
- Passive Fundraisers
- Monetary Philanthropic Drive
- Non-Monetary Donation Drive

Approval Process

- Sponsor (Coach, Director)
- Principal/Director
- Deputy Superintendent



Major Fundraisers

A “major fundraiser” is any fundraising event or activity that occurs within a defined time period and involves students, staff, parents, or volunteers selling, soliciting, promoting, or contributing to benefit the campus or school district.

For example: Chocolate bar sales, car wash, golf tournament

The District suggests each parent organization conduct a maximum of **3 major fundraisers** each year. If your organization would like to hold additional major fundraisers please feel free to contact Deputy Superintendent Kim Raymond.

Passive Fundraisers

A “passive fundraiser” is an event that occurs without solicitation, where the customer seeks the transaction himself. The following are examples of passive fundraisers:

- Sales from student stores or concessions at non-athletic events
- Ongoing spirit wear sales

There is no limit on the number of **passive** fundraising activities.

Review Process for Fundraisers

- Fundraising requests should be submitted online through an Aledo ISD Fundraising Approval Form. The form is found on the Aledo ISD website on the Business Office page in the drop down menu under Business Office Resources.
- Please do not start your activity ***until you have received an email confirmation*** that it has been reviewed.

Fundraising Participation Best Practices

- Organizations should not require a member to participate in fundraising activities or be required to sell or raise a certain amount.
 - These practices may jeopardize an organization's tax-exempt status with the IRS. However, organizations may develop specific criteria that must be met in order for a benefit to be given to a member, such as attendance.
- Raffles/Bingo
 - Refer to Texas Attorney General's website and Texas Lottery Commission's website for most current guidelines.

Acceptable Payment Methods

- Parent Organizations/Booster Clubs/PTO
 - Cash
 - Checks
 - Use of alternative payment methods for the receipt of monies, such as PayPal, Apple Pay, Square, Venmo, etc. should only be used through the organization's bank account. *These payment methods may not be used via the personal bank account of an organization member.*
- Aledo ISD
 - MySchoolBucks shall be utilized for all district activities. The use of any alternative payment methods are prohibited.
 - The District will provide point of sale devices if requested.



Important Dates

Task	Date
Establish and approve a budget	No later than September 15
<p>Completion of the online Fundraising Activity Approval Form for the current fiscal year will be routed to the Director of Athletics (AABC, Basketball, Volleyball, Cheer, etc.), Fine Arts Coordinator (Band, Theatre, Dance, Choir, etc.) or Campus Principal (all other organizations not listed)</p> <p>Submit the following documents to the Business Office:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current adopted bylaws • Proposed budget for the current fiscal year • Operating procedures/standing rules 	<p>Due by September 15</p> <p>Spring Sports: Due by December 19</p>
Submit copy of final audit report of the preceding year to the Business Office	Due by October 1
Issue Form 1099 to all qualifying vendors who performed services in the preceding calendar year	Due by January 31
Elect officers	No later than August 1
Conduct end of fiscal year audit of the organizations financial records	May 31 or August 31

**Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much.**

Helen Keller

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