School-Connected Organizations

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The Board of Education recognizes that parents/guardians and community members may wish to organize parent organizations and/or booster clubs for the purpose of supporting the district's educational and/or extracurricular student programs. The Board appreciates the contributions made by such organizations and encourages their continued participation in supporting both district and school student programs. The Board welcomes organized parent organizations whose dedicated interest will help achieve the district vision for high quality educational, social, and athletic programs.

Persons proposing to establish a school-connected organization shall submit a request to the Superintendent or designee (via the site principal) for authorization to operate within that district school. Each organization shall be established and maintained as a separate legal entity, independent of the school and district, and shall operate under its own bylaws or the rules of its affiliated state or national organization. School connected-organizations shall not be considered part of the district or the associated student body, may not act as the district's agent or obligate the district, and may not use the district's tax identification number.

In addition, activities by school-connected organizations shall be conducted in accordance with law, Board policies, rules, and any rules of the sponsoring school.

However, in order to help the Board fulfill its legal and fiduciary responsibility to manage district operations, any school-connected organization that desires to raise money to benefit any district student shall submit a request for authorization to the site principal, in accordance with Board policy and rule.

In addition, the Superintendent or designee (via the site principal) shall establish appropriate rules for the relationship between school-connected organizations and the district.

A school-connected organization shall obtain the written approval of the Superintendent or designee (via the site principal) prior to soliciting funds upon the representation that the funds will be used wholly or in part for the benefit of a district school or the students at that school.

A school-connected organization may consult with the principal to determine school needs and priorities.

Any participation in fundraising activities by students and their parents/guardians and/or any donation of funds or property shall be voluntary.

In accordance with various provisions of state and federal law and regulation, and related court cases, discrimination in education programs and activities is unlawful when it is based on certain actual or perceived characteristics of an individual. This includes, but is not limited to, discrimination based on race or ethnicity; ancestry; color; ethnic group identification; nationality; national origin; immigration status; sex; sexual orientation; sex stereotypes; gender; gender identity; gender expression; religion; disability; medical condition; genetic information; pregnancy, false pregnancy, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, or related conditions or recovery; and parental, marital, and family status.

All fundraising, donations, and expenditures managed by the booster club must be consistent with the school and district's Title IX obligations. Funds raised by individual teams or sports must not result in unequal

opportunities or benefits between male and female student-athletes in areas including, but not limited to: equipment, uniforms, facilities, travel, coaching, publicity, and awards.

Policy Reference Disclaimer:
These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the Board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

Legal References:

STATE
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS
11 CCR 300-312.1 Fundraising for charitable purposes
5 CCR 15500 Food sales in elementary schools
5 CCR 15501 Food sales in high schools and junior high schools
5 CCR 15575-15578 Requirements for foods and beverages outside the federal meals program
5 CCR 4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary educational programs receiving state or federal financial assistance
BUSINESS CODE
17510-17510.95 Charitable solicitations
25608 Alcohol on school property; use in connection with instruction
EDUCATION CODE
200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination
35160 Authority of governing boards
38130-38138 Civic Center Act; use of school property for public purposes
48931 Authorization for sale of food by student organization
48932 Authorization for fund-raising activities by student organization
49011 Student fees; definition
49431-49431.7 Nutritional standards
51520 Prohibited solicitation on school premises
51521 Fundraising projects
GOVERNMENT CODE
12580-12599.10 Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act
PENAL CODE
319-329 Lottery; raffle
FEDERAL
UNITED STATES CODES
20 USC 1681-1688 Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; discrimination based on sex
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS
7 CFR 210.11 Competitive food services
7 CFR 220.12 Competitive food services
MANAGEMENT RESOURCES
COURT DECISION
Serrano v. Priest (1976) 18 Cal. 3d 728
FISCAL CRISIS & MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE TEAM PUB.
2015 ASB Accounting Manual, Fraud Prevention Guide and Desk Reference
WEBSITES
CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services https://legalservices.csba.org/#
California Office of the Attorney General, Registry of Charities and Fundraisers http://caag.state.ca.us/charities
California State Parent Teacher Association http://www.capta.org/
CSBA http://www.csba.org/
Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team https://www.fcmat.org/

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