

Aledo Independent School District

Parent Organizations Meeting
2026-2027



Why We're Here: Financial Facts and Priorities

- **Quick facts about the Aledo ISD budget:**
 - Funding to operate Texas public school districts is determined and controlled by the state.
 - Approximately 60% of the budget is funded by local taxpayers.
 - Approximately 80% of the budget is spent on payroll.
 - Since 2019, with significant inflation for many “fixed” costs, minimal increase in state funding occurred in 2025.
 - The 2025 state funding increase was targeted to specific programs or areas of district operations.
 - Expenditures on functions such as safety & security, special education, and transportation have exceeded the revenue provided by the state for those purposes by millions.

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- **Priorities in annual budget adoption:**
 - Maintain experiences for students inside and outside the classroom to the greatest extent possible.
 - Look for alternate revenue sources to pay for basic needs.
 - We have come to the realization the state is not going to save/rescue public education.
- **Your important role:**
 - Your partnership with the District plays such an important role in the continued success of Aledo ISD.
 - The volunteer work and financial resources each of your groups provides to the students, staff, programs, and community are invaluable and greatly appreciated!

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
- 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 allows each parent organization to conduct a maximum of **3 major fundraisers** each year. If your organization has a need 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
- “Spirit Nights” - a portion of the proceeds go to the organization

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 both the Business Office page and the Parents & Students page. Click on the Parent Organizations link or icon and look for the Aledo ISD Fundraising Activity Approval Form link.
- 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 the following link on the Texas Attorney General's website for the most recent rules and regulations:
 - <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/divisions/charitable-trusts/charitable-raffles-and-casinopoker-nights>
 - Refer to the following link on the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation's website for the most recent rules and regulations:
 - <https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/charitable-bingo/>

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.



Important Dates

Task	Date
Establish and approve a budget	No later than September 15
Please submit your fundraiser requests for the current fiscal year by clicking on the Fundraising Activity Approval Form link. The requests will be routed to the Director of Athletics (AABC, Basketball, Volleyball, Cheer, etc.), the Fine Arts Coordinator (Band, Theatre, Dance, Choir, etc.) or the Campus Principal (for all other organizations not listed).	Due by September 15 Spring Sports: Due by December 19
Please submit the following documents to the Business Office by clicking the link here • Current adopted bylaws • Proposed budget for the current fiscal year • Operating procedures/standing rules	Due by September 15 Spring Sports: Due by December 19
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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