

SCHOOL RELATED FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES AND SOLICITATION OF FUNDS

The Governing Board recognizes that student participation in fund-raising activities for the schools and nonprofit, nonpartisan charitable organizations can help develop a sense of social responsibility in students, enhance the relationship between the school and community, and contribute to the improvement of the school program.

Whether solicitations are made on behalf of the school or on behalf of a charitable organization, students shall not be barred from an event or activity because they did not participate in fund-raising. Potential donors, including parents/guardians and members of the community, should not be unduly pressured to contribute to the school system or charitable organizations. Staff is expected to emphasize the fact that donations are always voluntary.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that parents/guardians are informed of the purpose of fund-raisers.

Solicitations on Behalf of the School

The purpose of school is to focus on student learning. Any activities which detract from this purpose should be kept to a minimum.

It is the policy of the Board to authorize fund-raising as part of student activities. Monies generated from fund raising provide for such things as special programs/activities, beautification of campus, and supplemental instructional materials which are not provided for in the school budget. Door-to-door fund-raising and kick-off assemblies are prohibited. The value of the items being sold for fund-raising shall be thoroughly investigated by the principal to determine quality. Students are not to inundate the community with a multitude of fund-raising activities. Fund-raisers which involve the sale of food shall be conducted only after the noon meal service.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that parents/guardians are informed of the purpose of all fund-raisers benefiting the school or school groups. After the fund-raiser is held, parents/guardians shall be told how much money was raised and how it was spent. Parents/guardians shall be encouraged to offer their suggestions for the use of money raised to improve school facilities or to finance supplementary educational experiences

Solicitations on Behalf of Charities

When approved in advance by the Board, nonprofit, nonpartisan organizations that are properly chartered or licensed by state or federal law may solicit students on school grounds during school hours and within one hour before school has opened and one hour after school has closed. (Education Code 51520)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

51520 *Prohibited solicitations on school premises*

51521 *Unlawful solicitations of contribution or purchase of personal property for benefit of public school or student body; exception*

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

17510-17510.95 *Charitable solicitations*

PENAL CODE

319-329 *Raffles*

REVENUE AND TAX CODE

6361 *Sales tax exemption for certain sales*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

11706 *Dangerous activities and occupations*