

Community Relations

Solicitation of Funds From and By Students

Solicitations on Behalf of Charitable Organizations

The Board of Education recognizes that participation in fundraising for nonprofit, nonpartisan charitable organizations can help students develop a sense of social responsibility.

When approved in advance by the Board, funds may be solicited or materials distributed for those nonprofit, nonpartisan organizations that are not recognized under Policy 1230 and that are properly chartered or licensed by state or federal laws.

Solicitations on Behalf of the School

With the approval of the Superintendent or designee, official school-connected organizations may organize fundraising events involving students.

Parents/guardians shall be informed of the purpose of all fundraisers benefiting the school or school groups. After the fundraiser is held, parents/guardians may be told how much money was raised and how it was spent. Parents/guardians may be encouraged to offer their suggestions for the use of money raised to improve school facilities or to finance supplementary educational experiences. (Cross reference to Rule 5135.1, Students, Management of Funds/Fund Raising, Sales.)

All Solicitations

Whether solicitations are made on behalf of the school or on behalf of another charitable organization, the Board particularly desires that no students shall be made to feel uncomfortable or pressured to provide funds. Staff is expected to emphasize the fact that donations are always voluntary. No students shall be barred from an activity because they did not participate in fundraising.

Legal References:

Education Code

51510 Prohibited solicitations on school premises (except such nonpartisan, charitable organizations as approved by the governing board)

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

Business and Professions Code:

17510-17510.7 Solicitations

Code of Regulations, Title 8:

11706 Dangerous activities and occupations

Policy

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