

SOLICITATION OF FUNDS FROM AND BY STUDENTS

Solicitations on Behalf of Charitable Organizations

The Governing Board recognizes that participation in fund-raising 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 properly chartered or licensed by state or federal law. (Education Code 51520)

Solicitations on Behalf of the School

With the approval of the Superintendent or designee, official school-related organizations may organize fund-raising events involving students.

(cf. 1230 - Other School-Connected Organizations)

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 fundraiser is held, parents/guardians shall be told how much money was raised and how it was spent.

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 fund-raising.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

51520 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; exception

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

17510-17510.7 Charitable solicitations

REVENUE AND TAX CODE

6361 Sales tax exemption for certain sales

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

11706 Dangerous activities and occupations

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All selling or soliciting activities must be approved at least 15 days before the activity. If the event involves a contract with a commercial vendor, the contract shall be reviewed by the Superintendent or designee.

1. Fund-raising activities and the purpose for the use of those funds must have prior approval of the Governing Board.
 - a. Appropriate financial records shall be maintained. Said records shall be subject to periodic audit by the Superintendent or designee.
 - b. There shall be a minimal impact upon instruction time of students. Fund-raising activities shall be limited to two weeks per school year per individual school at the elementary and middle school level.
 - c. Appropriate actions shall be taken to safeguard students; and no door-to-door sales or solicitation to local businesses shall be permitted.
 - d. Input from the appropriate parent organization shall be obtained prior to the undertaking of any fund-raising activity. Consideration shall be given to the appropriateness of the activity, scheduling, the intent for which the funds are to be utilized and the amount of monies requested to be raised.
 - e. There shall be compliance with all applicable ordinances and statutes.
 - f. Parent/guardian responsibility consent forms must be obtained prior to involvement in activity within elementary and middle schools, only.
2. The appropriate parent organization shall receive prior approval from the Board and be consulted of all applicable guidelines.
3. The purchase of equipment resulting from any fund-raising activity must have the prior approval of the Superintendent or designee.
4. Any fund-raising activity designed to provide for student activities involving travel outside the Los Angeles/Orange Counties area, or which involves overnight trips, must have the prior approval of the Board.
5. Students shall not be solicited on school premises during school hours to subscribe, or contribute funds, become members of, or work for any organization not directly under the control of the school unless the organization is a nonpartisan, charitable organization and the solicitation has been approved by the Board.