

FUNDRAISING

The Board of Education acknowledges that the success of certain student activities requires some financial support of the community. To this end, the Board endorses a limited and controlled program of sales to the community and the solicitation of advertising as approved by the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall report such approved activities to the Board. The sale of any item for individual profit or gain that has not been pre-approved by the Superintendent is not allowed on school property or at school sanctioned events. All fundraising conducted outside of the school should be brought to the board for first time approval. Repeating fundraisers does not require continued approval, only notification from the Superintendent.

For purposes of this policy "student fund-raising" shall include the solicitation and collection of money from students for any purpose and shall include the collection of money in exchange for tickets, papers, or any other goods or services for approved student activities. "Student fund-raising" also includes giving away goods or services, but suggesting a monetary donation.

The Board will permit student fund-raising by students in school, on school property, or at any school-sponsored event only when the profit is to be used for school purposes or for an activity connected with the schools.

Fund raising by approved school organizations, whose funds are managed by the District, may be permitted in school by the Principal. Such fund-raising that occurs off school grounds may be permitted by the Superintendent.

The Board permits two (2) fundraisers per week per school that involve the sale of food items and/or beverages that are an exception to the current USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the USDA Smart Snacks in Schools regulations for consumption on campus during the school day by students.

Other than approved non-compliant fundraisers, the food and/or beverage items to be sold for any other fund-raisers by student clubs and organizations, parent groups, or booster clubs and consumed on campus, shall comply with the current USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans, and the USDA Smart Snacks in Schools nutrition standards.

If approved, fund-raisers that involve the sale of food items or beverages to students on campus must be consistent with regulations, compliant and established with the current USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the USDA Smart Snacks in Schools nutrition standards.

If an exception is granted to the requirement that food items and beverages are compliant with the current USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the USDA Smart Snacks in Schools nutrition standards, the Principal shall also maintain records for each exception, including, but not limited to, the length of the fund-raiser, the type, quantity and price of the food item and/or beverage sold, and the gross and net amount raised.

Crowdfunding activities aimed at raising funds for a specific classroom or school activity including extracurricular activity, or to obtain supplemental resources (e.g., supplies or equipment) that are not required to provide a free appropriate public education to any students in the classroom may be permitted, but only with the specific approval of the Superintendent.

Fund-raising by students on behalf of those school-related organizations and District support organizations, whose funds are not managed by the District, may be permitted on or off school grounds by the Superintendent.

The Superintendent shall establish administrative guidelines for the solicitation of funds that shall:

- A. specify the times and places in which funds may be collected;
- B. describe permitted methods of solicitation which do not place undue pressure on students;
- C. limit the kind and amount of advertising for solicitation;
- D. require that the Board approve the distribution or liquidation of monies remaining in a student activity account when the organization is defunct or disbanded; and
- E. limit the number of fundraising events.

Advisors for approved school organizations shall not accept any form of compensation from vendors that might influence their selection on a vendor that will provide a fund-raising activity or a product that will be sold as a fund-raiser. Furthermore, advisors for approved school organizations shall not accept any compensation from a vendor after a decision has been made regarding a fund-raising activity or a product that will be sold as a fund-raiser. In addition, advisors for approved school organizations who make the selection of a vendor that will provide a fund-raising activity or a product that will be sold as a fund-raiser shall not enter into a contractual arrangement whereby an advisor receives compensation in any form from the vendor that provides a fund-raising activity or a product that will be sold as a fundraiser.

Such compensation includes, but is not limited to, cash, checks, stocks, or any other form of securities, and gifts such as televisions, microwave ovens, computers, discount certificates, travel vouchers, tickets, passes, and other such things of value. In the event that an advisor of an approved school organization receives such compensation, albeit

unsolicited, from a vendor, the individual shall notify the Director of Business, in writing, that s/he received such compensation and shall thereafter properly transmit said compensation to the Director of Business at his/her earliest opportunity.

The Superintendent shall distribute this policy and the guidelines which implement it to each organization granted permission to solicit funds.