

## FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

The Board of Education believes that fundraising should be conducted only when there is some educational benefit for students. All fundraising activities must be voluntary, and no direct solicitation of students is permitted on school premises during school hours. Fundraising projects in which students canvass the public off school grounds, in connection with school events and school-connected fund-raising activities, will be kept to a minimum.

Fundraising activities involving students for valid projects must be approved by the Building Principal or in cases of a department supervised by a district-wide administrator, the fundraising activities must have signatures from the Building Principal and district-wide administrator/supervisor. The following statements are intended to provide guidance to Principals:

1. All student fundraising projects must be approved in advance and in writing by the Principal.
2. Fundraising will be limited to legitimate school groups and approved activities, such as PTA's classes, clubs, and co-curricular activities. No fundraising shall be conducted by non-school agencies or for non-school activities among the district's students.
3. Each Principal shall schedule these activities so as to eliminate the possibility of many drives being conducted simultaneously within a school. Furthermore, all Principals are to consult with each other to avoid conflicting fundraising efforts throughout the district.
4. Direct solicitation of monies is not authorized, the fundraiser must have a nominal good or service attached, and children will not participate in fundraising of a door-to-door nature (except when authorized by the Board, such as the Dollars for Scholars community drive).
5. Fundraisers involving indirect solicitation (such as "Walkathons") are discouraged; however, approval of the Superintendent of Schools is required to participate directly in organizing such activities.
6. Sale of merchandise is authorized provided there is a reasonable relationship between price and value.
7. The sale of goods, services, or tickets to an event (social, musical, athletic, etc.), where a portion of the funds go to a charitable purpose, is authorized.
8. The recruitment of students during school hours to participate in fund-raising activities to be conducted off school premises and/or when school is not in session is permitted. School personnel are permitted to hang posters or distribute flyers notifying students of these activities. However, school personnel may not act as a conduit and collect funds from students on behalf of a charity for which they recruited. The placement of a bin or collection box in a hallway or other common area for the voluntary donation of food, clothing or money is permitted.
9. Students may not engage in door-to-door fundraising and may not sell chances or raffle tickets.

10. With the exception of class rings and yearbook photographs, no out-of-school vendor may be allowed to sell directly to students. Privately owned and operated vending machines or food vendors will not be permitted in school buildings or on school grounds without the approval of the Superintendent or designee.

The administration must take special care to deposit any funds raised by such efforts in authorized accounts in each school's student activity fund or in the General Fund of the district.

Ref: NYS Constitution, Article 8 §1  
Education Law §414  
8 NYCRR §§ 19.6 (Rules of the Board of Regents); 172.1 et seq.  
*Appeal of Ponte*, 38 EDR 280 (1998)  
Guidelines Relating to Solicitation of Charitable Donations from School Children,  
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