

Community Relations

School-Connected Organizations

The Board of Education recognizes that parents/guardians and community members may wish to organize parent organizations and/or booster clubs for the purpose of supporting the District's educational program and/or extracurricular programs. The Board appreciates the contributions made by such organizations towards the Board's vision for student learning and for providing all District students with high-quality educational opportunities.

Persons proposing to establish a school-connected organization shall submit a request to the Board for authorization to operate within the District or at a District school.

A school-connected organization, including a booster club, parent-teacher association or organization, or other organization that does not include an associated student body or other student organization, shall be established and maintained as a separate entity from the school or District. Each school-connected organization shall be subject to its own bylaws and operational procedures or to the rules or bylaws of its affiliated state or national organization, as applicable.

In addition, activities by school-connected organizations shall be conducted in accordance with law, Board policies, administrative regulations, and any rules of the sponsoring school.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish appropriate rules for the relationship between school-connected organizations and the District.

A school-connected organization shall obtain the written approval of the Superintendent or designee prior to soliciting funds upon the representation that the funds will be used wholly or in part for the benefit of a District school or the students at that school. (Education Code 51521)

A school-connected organization may consult with the principal to determine school needs and priorities.

Any participation in fundraising activities by students and their parents/guardians and/or any donation of funds or property shall be voluntary. (Education Code 49011)

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Legal Reference: Education Code, Sections 200-262.4; 35160; 38130-38138; 48931; 48932;
49011; 49431-49431.7; 51520; 51521
Business and Professions Code, Sections 17510-17510.95; 25608
Government Code, Sections 12580-12599.7
Penal Code, Sections 319-329
Code of Regulations, Title 5, Sections 4900-4965; 15500; 15501; 15575-
15578
Code of Regulations, Title 20, Sections 1681-1688
Code of Federal Regulations, Title 7, Sections 210.11; 220.12
Court Decisions: Serrano v. Priest, (1976) 18 Cal. 3d. 728

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