

## Students

**SUBJECT: STUDENT FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES**

The public schools cannot separate themselves from the institutions of business, press, religion, labor, charity and other special interests that make up the total healthy life of the community. Strong bonds and lines of communication must be maintained in both directions.

Such special interest groups, however, often make requests of the schools involving fund raising or contests, sales of products, dissemination of advertising materials, etc. In order to avoid objectionable outcomes which may result from the abuse of any of these activities, the Board enumerates the following:

- a) No outside group shall be permitted to solicit funds from students within the school, on school grounds, or through the use of student volunteers. Student sponsored fundraising activities shall be encouraged, however, if consistent with the Rules of the Board of Regents and if the appropriate approval of the Building Principal is secured.
- b) The schools hold an inviolable obligation to parents, who send their children to be educated, not to permit exploitation for private gain of the minds, talents or time of the students.
- c) Approved student-sponsored fundraising activities shall attempt to maintain impartiality among all the constituents of the community who promote worthy causes.
- d) Since the determination of the curriculum and all the activities of the school is the responsibility of the Board, with the advice and participation of the Superintendent of Schools and his/her staff, the Board must retain the right and responsibility to introduce or approve any materials, methods and activities in the area of curriculum and must do so within the laws and rules prescribed by the State.
- e) Fundraising events held must have pre-approval by the Building Principal. An explanation of how the proceeds will be distributed must also be provided.

Fund-raising projects in which students sell goods or services to the public or students of the District, on or off school grounds, in connection with school events and school-connected fundraising activities may be conducted by any recognized group of students.

All fundraising projects shall require the supervision of a member of the faculty or administrative staff. All moneys collected must be accounted for in strict accordance with established procedures.

The Superintendent is charged with producing rules and regulations in this area within the framework of this policy.

8 NYCRR Sections 19.6 and 172.1 et seq.

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