

FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES

The Board of Education recognizes the value of having students participate in fund-raising activities, both as individuals and as groups, in order to help defray the cost of certain non-curricular field trips, or other worthwhile programs, or in support of a Board approved charitable cause.

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 except those goods and services which are part of a Board-approved program of the schools.

The Board prohibits the collection of money in school or on school property or at any school-sponsored event by a student for personal benefit. Collection of money by school organizations approved by the Board shall be approved by the Principal. Collections by organizations outside the schools or by students on behalf of such organizations shall be approved by the Superintendent if the collections occur on school grounds or at any school-sponsored event.

No group may sell/distribute foods of minimum nutritional value as defined in policy 3542 Food Service during the school day.

There is no District obligation to collect funds or distribute or post any community group materials. But if a forum is opened up to any category of group (i.e., non-profit, non-partisan, community groups), the Superintendent will not discriminate against speech or materials on the basis of its viewpoint or religious content.

The determination of the Superintendent will be viewpoint-neutral in order to provide equal access to "limited public forums" including solicitations, bulletin boards for notices, tables at back-to-school nights, or hand-outs to students.

Solicitations will clearly indicate their source. Non-school-related materials will be plainly labeled, including an express disclaimer that the activity is "not a school-sponsored activity.

The privilege to solicit funds may be revoked at any time for all groups in a category.

The Board shall not be responsible for the protection of or the accounting of funds collected from students by organizations outside the schools, by teaching staff members when not required to collect money for a Board-approved purpose, and by school-connected organizations. Funds raised by school-sponsored activities shall be deposited in the proper District accounts.

The Board reserves the authority to limit or terminate approved fundraising activities by school-sponsored groups or outside organization that encourage or require door-to-door solicitation.

Legal References:	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:11-1	General mandatory powers and duties
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:19-14	Funds derived from student activities
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:20-34	Use of schoolhouse and grounds for various purposes
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:23-1	Audit when and how made

FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES (continued)**Legal References: (continued)**

<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:23-2	Scope of audit
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:54-20	Powers of Board (county vocational schools)
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 52:14-15.9c1. <u>et al.</u>	Public Employee Charitable Fund-Raising Act
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:23-2. <u>seq.</u>	Double Entry Bookkeeping and GAAP Accounting in Local School Districts
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:23-2.14	Student activity funds
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:23-2.15	School store business practices

Selfridge v. Kinnelon Board of Education, 1977 S.L.D. 522

Child Evangelism Fellowship of New Jersey. vs. Stafford Township School District, No. 03-1101 (October 2004)

<u>Cross References:</u>	*1140	Distribution of materials by students and staff
	1210	Community organizations
	*1230	School-connected organizations
	1314	Fundraising by outside organizations
	*1330	Use of school facilities
	*3400	Accounts
	*3450	Money in school buildings
	*3453	School activity funds
	3571	Financial reports
	*3571.4	Audit
	*6145	Extracurricular activities
	*6153	Field trips

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.

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