

STUDENT FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

The following guidelines must be followed for any activity that involves fundraising by or from students.

Any fundraising activities involving students must meet the following conditions.

1. All student fundraising activities must be in compliance with State law and the requirements of the Ohio Auditor's Office.
2. Use of instructional time is to be limited in planning, conducting, assessing or managing a fundraising activity, unless such an activity is part of an approved course of study.
3. Fundraising activities conducted in a school or on other District premises are not to interfere with the conduct of any cocurricular or extracurricular activity. Students involved in the fundraiser are not to interfere with students participating in other activities in order to solicit funds.
4. In accordance with Board policy, each fundraising activity occurring on or off District premises must be approved by the Superintendent/designee. In order to be approved, the group leader or advisor must submit a proposal that is in compliance with the Ohio Auditor's requirements.
5. Each recognized school-sponsored student group must submit in writing to the Treasurer a statement which identifies the purpose of the fundraising activity and the reason for raising the money as well as all other items required by the Ohio Auditor.
6. All fundraising activities must stop when the total projected budget has been met or within two weeks from the start of the project, whichever comes first. Exceptions may be granted with the approval of the Superintendent or building principal.
7. Notice of fundraising activities is posted in school newsletters for parental information.
8. All participants soliciting from and/or selling to service organizations, businesses or the general public must carry and understand a cover letter explaining the specific purpose of their project.
9. Requests for purchases from student activities funds can be made only by faculty advisors, coaches or teachers assigned to an activity.
10. Students K-12 are not encouraged to sell items or solicit donations by going door to door.

11. All prizes, awards and incentives must be approved by the principal.
12. Contracts with outside suppliers for merchandise to be sold in a fundraising activity are to be reviewed by the principal and signed by the staff member in charge, who shall be personally responsible for the merchandise sold and monies collected. The contract must specify that any merchandise that is unsold and is resalable by the supplier can be returned for full credit. The District is not responsible for any unsold merchandise that cannot be returned to a supplier for credit for any reason.
13. Fundraising activities off District premises shall be voluntary and with written permission from parents. If an activity involves the students providing a service in return for money, such as a car wash, a member of the professional staff shall supervise the activity at all times. His/Her responsibility is to ensure that the service is provided in a proper manner, and also to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the students and the property of both the purchaser and the owner of the site.
14. Any fundraisers that require students to exert themselves physically beyond their normal pattern of activity, such as runs for charity, must be monitored by a staff member who has the necessary knowledge and training to recognize and deal appropriately with a situation in which one or more students may be overexerting themselves to the point of potential injury.
15. The staff member in charge should establish procedures to ensure that all merchandise is properly stored, distributed and accounted for, and a report should be made within five days after the end of the fundraiser. The report should indicate:
 - A. cost of items or merchandise;
 - B. amount of money projected and amount of money raised;
 - C. any differences between the actual activity and the planned activity;
 - D. any problems that occurred and how resolved;
 - E. when and where funds are deposited and
 - F. if merchandise was involved, how many items were offered for sale, how many sold, the amount of money collected and the disposition of any unsold items.
16. Donations to the District to be used for fundraising activities must be approved by the Board or its designee.
17. Failure to follow these regulations could result in the suspension or loss of fundraising approval.

School and Community Service Project Definitions

1. Fundraising Activities

- A. Any donation, product or service solicited from and/or sold to community service organizations, businesses or the general public.
- B. Any awards, prizes or incentives offered as part of a student selling activity.
Examples:
 - 1) candy sales
 - 2) magazine sales
 - 3) carnival for profit

2. School Service Projects

- A. Any project done to service or benefit students, teachers or parents which involves no soliciting of donations, products or services from community service organizations, businesses or the general public. Examples:
 - 1) skate parties
 - 2) pizza parties
 - 3) Mother's Day gifts
 - 4) carnival for nonprofit
- B. Any profit-intended project, completed in-house, which principally involves students, teachers or parents requiring no soliciting of donations, products or services from community service organizations, businesses or the general public.
Examples:
 - 1) concession stands
 - 2) school pictures
 - 3) book fairs
 - 4) sale of miscellaneous items (caps, t-shirts, jackets, etc.)

3. Community Service Projects

Any project which involves open solicitation, is completely nonprofit and is charitable in nature. Examples:

- A. holiday food drives
- B. generation of funds for a recognized charity
- C. funds for scholarships/grants

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