

**SOLICITATION OF FUNDS FROM AND BY STUDENTS**

The Board of Education recognizes that student participation in fund-raising activities for the school and nonprofit, nonpartisan charitable organizations can help develop a sense of social responsibility in students, enhance the relationship between the school and community, and contribute to the improvement of the school program.

*(cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)*  
*(cf. 4135/4235/4335 - Soliciting and Selling)*  
*(cf. 5022 - Student and Family Privacy Rights)*  
*(cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes)*

Whether solicitations are made on behalf of the school or on behalf of a charitable organization, students shall not be barred from an event or activity because they did not participate in fund-raising. Potential donors, including parents/guardians and members of the community, should not be unduly pressured to contribute to the school system or charitable organizations. Staff is expected to emphasize the fact that donations are always voluntary.

The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall ensure that parents/guardians are informed of the purpose of fund-raisers.

**Solicitations on Behalf of the School**

With the prior written approval of the Superintendent/Principal or designee, official school-related organizations may organize fund-raising events involving students.

*(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)*  
*(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)*  
*(cf. 1260 - Educational Foundation)*  
*(cf. 3290 - Gifts, Grants and Bequests)*  
*(cf. 3554 - Other Food Sales)*

After the fund-raiser has been held, parents/guardians shall be informed how much money was raised and how it was spent.

**Solicitations on Behalf of Charities**

When approved in advance by the Superintendent/Principal or designee, nonprofit, nonpartisan organizations that are properly chartered or licensed by state or federal law may solicit students on school grounds during school hours and within one hour before school has opened and one hour after school has closed. (Education Code 51520)

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

**SOLICITATION OF FUNDS FROM AND BY STUDENTS (continued)**

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

51520 *Prohibited solicitations on school premises*

51521 *Unlawful solicitations of contribution or purchase of personal property for benefit of public school or student body; exception*

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

17510-17510.95 *Charitable solicitations*

PENAL CODE

319-329 *Raffles*

REVENUE AND TAX CODE

6361 *Sales tax exemption for certain sales*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

11706 *Dangerous activities and occupations*

*Management Resources:*

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

*Healthy Food Policy Resource Guide, 2003*

ATTORNEY GENERAL PUBLICATIONS

*Guide to Charitable Solicitation, 1999*

*Attorney General's Guide for Charities, 1988*

WEB SITES

*Office of the Attorney General: <http://caag.state.ca.us>*

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The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall approve all fund-raising activities at least 15 days before the activity. If the event involves a contract with a commercial vendor, the Superintendent/Principal or designee shall review the contract.

In order to minimize interruptions to the educational program, staff shall limit fund-raising activities to appropriate time periods designated by the Superintendent/Principal or designee.

*(cf. 6116 - Classroom Interruptions)*

No student shall be required to raise a specified amount of money in order to participate in an activity sponsored by a school-related organization.

*(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)*

Students engaged in fund-raising activities on behalf of the school or for school-related projects are expected to be courteous and respectful towards all individuals and businesses.