

### **Solicitation Of Funds From And By Students**

The Governing Board recognizes that student participation in fund-raising activities for the schools 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.

When approved in advance by the Superintendent 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)

#### Solicitations on Behalf of the School

With the approval of the Superintendent or designee, official school-connected organizations (PTA, booster club, etc.) may organize fund-raising events involving students.

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)

(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)

(cf. 1260 - Educational Foundations)

(cf. 3290 - Gifts, Grants and Bequests)

(cf. 3554 - Other Food Sales)

Parents/guardians should be informed of the purpose of fund-raisers benefiting the school or school groups. After the fund-raiser is held, parents/guardian should be told how much money was raised and how it was spent.

#### All Solicitations

Whether solicitations are made on behalf of the school or on behalf of another charitable organization, the Board particularly desires that no students shall be made to feel uncomfortable or pressured to provide funds. Staff is expected to emphasize the fact that donations are always voluntary. No students shall be barred from an activity because they did not participate in fund-raising.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish regulations as needed to guard student safety.

#### 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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