

FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES

The Board of Education recognizes the value of having pupils participate in fund-raising activities, both as individuals and as groups, in order to help defray the cost of certain extracurricular field trips or other worthwhile programs. The Board believes that pupil fund raising activities that are work or service oriented (as opposed to sales of merchandise) should be encouraged. Students who elect not to participate in the fund raising activity may not be excluded from the event for that reason.

For purposes of policy, "pupil fund raising" shall include the solicitation and collection of money by pupils 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 pupil 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 pupils on behalf of such organizations shall be approved by the Chief School Administrator.

The Board shall not be responsible for the protection of, or the accounting of, funds collected from pupils 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 pupil fundraising activities shall be deposited in the proper accounts as determined and approved by the School Business Administrator.

The Board prohibits fundraising activities by school-sponsored groups or outside organizations that encourage door-to-door solicitation.

Staff members are not permitted to promote or encourage student participation in pupil fundraising activities or school sponsored/approved activities by offering academic enhancements/rewards not limited to extra credit, changing or eliminating quiz/test scores, and homework passes.

All fundraising activities shall be approved by the Chief School Administrator or his designee prior to such fundraising occurring.

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Legal References:	N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1	General mandatory powers and duties
	N.J.S.A. 18A:19-14	Funds derived from pupil activities
	N.J.S.A. 18A:20-34	Use of schoolhouse and grounds for Various purposes
	N.J.S.A. 18A:23-1	Audit when and how made
	N.J.S.A. 18A:23-2	Scope of Audit
	N.J.S.A. 18A:54-20	Powers of Board (County Vocational Schools)
	N.J.S.A. 52:14-15.9c1.et al.	Public Employee Charitable Fund-Raising Act
	N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.1 et seq.	Double Entry Bookkeeping and GAAP Accounting in Local School Districts
	N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.14	Student activity funds
	N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.15	School store business practices

Selfridge v. Kinnelon Board of Education, 1977 S.L.D. 52

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