

EAST STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: STUDENT FUND-RAISING

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229. STUDENT FUND-RAISING

1. Authority Purpose

~~It is the intent of the East Stroudsburg Area School District Board of Education (Board) to provide adequate funding for the curricular, co-curricular and extracurricular programs that have been approved by the Board.~~

~~The Board recognizes that some organizations may wish to engage in fund raising to pay for expenses of activities in order to enhance approved school district programs.~~

The Board acknowledges that solicitation of funds from students must be limited because compulsory attendance laws make the student a captive donor and such solicitation may disrupt the educational program of the schools.

~~The Board, therefore, sets forth the following criteria that must be followed by any organization expecting to conduct fund raising involving school district students, staff, facilities, or wanting to associate the name of the school district to the activity.~~

This policy refers to student groups that associate themselves with the school district, and to all student fund-raising activities associated with the school district, including school groups, programs, classes, activities, or any other school entity.

~~The Board prohibits the collection of money by a student for personal or private benefit in school buildings, on school property or at any school-sponsored activity.~~

~~School district students are not obligated to conduct door-to-door sales for fundraising activities.~~

2. Definitions

For purposes of this policy, fund-raising is any event designed or intended to generate revenue. **Student fund-raising** shall include solicitation and collection of money by students for an authorized school-sponsored activity, for donations to charitable organizations or in exchange for papers, tickets, advertising or any other goods or services. ~~Fundraising must be to benefit student or school activities.~~

Fundraising by Student Clubs and Activities

Funds raised by student clubs and activities are to be used in support of the mission of those clubs or activities. Proceeds from fundraising activities must be used for the benefit of the club or activity and not for any individual(s). When such funds are apportioned among club or activity members, they must be equally apportioned among all members participating in the event or activity for which funds were specifically raised.

Fundraising for Charitable/Community Service Organizations

The Board recognizes the social and educational values that may be derived from student participation in the support of charitable/community service organizations through projects such as solicitations, contributions of time, etc. It is the policy of the Board to permit students to engage in fundraising to the extent that it does not interfere with the educational program.

Student Solicitations

All students must have signed parent permission forms to engage in solicitations. Students in grades K-5 must have signed parent permission forms prior to beginning any fund-raising activity including assembly presentations.

There shall be a minimum of two (2) adult chaperones, in a ratio of at least one (1) chaperone for every ten (10) students participating in a fundraising activity, for that activity to be approved.

The ~~Board~~Superintendent reserves the right to limit the number of fund-raising activities based upon the merits of each application and the extent to which particular students or groups of students are involved.

The use of the name of a school group or organization in fund-raising must have the written consent of that group and the approval of the Superintendent.

Sales Tax

1. Fund-raising activities: When school-related organizations engage in fund-raising activity and sell property subject to Pennsylvania State Sales Tax, the organization must pay the sales tax to the fund-raising supplier on the price paid for the taxable property at the time of purchase. The sale price of the article will then include the tax and no separate reporting to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is required.
2. Sales of Taxable Property: When the payment of the applicable sales tax

	<p>cannot be made to the supplier; it is required that the organization collect the tax and transmit it to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.</p> <p>Forms for submitting the tax are available in the Business Office.</p> <p>Examples of taxable sales include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. School Yearbooksb. School Store pencils, pads, etc. <p><u>Beverages/Other Products</u></p> <p>Any fund-raising activity that involves items for which the school district has entered into “exclusive use” agreements must adhere to all stipulations set forth in such exclusive use contracts.</p> <p>Fundraising activities may not involve tobacco products, alcohol, potentially dangerous items or any other items which are contrary to the health, safety and well-being of children.</p>
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