

EAST STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: FINANCES

TITLE: SPECIAL ACTIVITY FUNDS

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618.1 SPECIAL ACTIVITY FUNDS	
1. Purpose	The Board is responsible for adopting and enforcing reasonable policy and rules regarding the management, supervision, control and prohibition of special activities, including raising and disbursing funds.
2. Definition	For purposes of this policy, special activity funds shall include the funds of Board-approved student groups. Student activity funds shall be raised by these groups and expended for purposes related to the activity.
3. Authority SC 511	Special activity funds are not part of the school district's general fund but must be annually approved by the Board. The Board adopts this policy to ensure proper supervision of special activity funds under the school district's responsibility.
4. Delegation of Responsibility Pol. 811	<p>The Superintendent or designee is responsible for developing and implementing administrative procedures governing special activity funds.</p> <p>The school principal is responsible for working with advisors, implementing policies and procedures, and maintaining fiscal records. The Chief Financial Officer shall serve as custodian of the funds and shall countersign all checks drawn upon them. Business office personnel who are responsible for special activity funds shall be bonded.</p> <p>Activity advisors are responsible for ensuring compliance with policy and procedures by the special organization.</p> <p>The organization's treasurer/advisor are responsible for maintaining separate records of all funds collected and disbursed.</p>
5. Guidelines	<p>Each special activity covered by this policy must be recognized and budgeted by the organization before funds can be collected or disbursed in the name of the group.</p> <p>All special activities shall be on a self-sustaining basis, except for situations approved by the Board.</p>

SC 440.1, 623	<p>Funds of any special activity organization may be deposited or invested in banks whose accounts are insured by FDIC or investment certificates or withdrawable shares in state-chartered savings and loan associations doing business in-state and insured by FDIC or FSLIC.</p>
	<p>All funds collected by special activity organizations shall be deposited in a special activities fund in a bank designated by the Board.</p>
	<p>No school sponsored special activity organization is permitted to establish an account separate from the special activities fund.</p>
	<p>Funds collected shall be turned in to the custodian of the fund before the end of each school day, and they shall be safeguarded until deposited as soon as possible.</p>
SC 511	<p>Records shall be maintained of the receipt and disbursement of all funds in designated accounts, according to the bylaws of the activity involved.</p>
	<p>Disbursements from such funds shall be made only by check upon the request of the authorized advisor and the approval of the fund custodian. Disbursements shall be supported by invoices or verified documentation.</p>
	<p>All check requests shall be signed by the advisor and principal to approve such disbursements.</p>
SC 511	<p>Contracts for materials or supplies, whether on purchase or rental, shall be in accordance with bidding requirements and may be made for a one-year period.</p>
	<p>All funds shall be of an exchange nature, and large balances should not be permitted to accumulate. Money should not be raised or collected unless there is a definite purpose for doing so.</p>
SC 511	<p>All funds accumulated in the name of a specific activity must be closed out annually, and any residual funds shall revert to the same group for the following school year.</p>
SC 511	<p>A financial report of the condition of each special activity fund shall be submitted to the Board quarterly.</p>
Pol. 619	<p>The special activity fund shall be audited annually during the school district's established audit.</p>

<p>School Code 440.1, 511, 623</p> <p>Board Policy 619, 811</p>	<p><u>Inactive Accounts</u></p> <p>When funds in a specific account remain unused or uncommitted for one (1) year or more, they shall be transferred to the appropriate general building activity account for proper school-related purposes.</p>
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