

**Policy**

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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 noncurricular field trips, or other worthwhile programs, or in support of a board approved charitable cause.

For purposes of this policy, "pupil fund raising" shall include the solicitation and collection of money from 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 school-sponsored activities shall be deposited in the proper district accounts.

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

**Soliciting Funds From and By Students**

All schools shall earnestly seek to educate pupils in the services performed by the humanitarian agencies and shall encourage pupils to participate in their financial support as a social and community project. No fundraising drives or activities conducted by non-school agencies will be permitted in the district schools.

Pupils may engage in raising funds under the supervision of the appropriate school staff member for approved activities and approved charities subject to the following conditions:

1. The project has the approval of the principal of the school.
2. The charity has been selected by the student body as one in which they wish to participate.
3. The fundraising does not include door-to-door solicitation

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Key Words

Fund Raising, School-connected Organizations

FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES (continued)

<b>Legal References:</b>	<p><u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:11-1  <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:19-14  <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:20-34    <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:23-1  <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:23-2  <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:54-20  <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 52:14-15.9c1. <u>et al.</u>  <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:23-2.1<u>et seq.</u>    <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:23-2.14  <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:23-2.15</p>	<p>General mandatory powers and duties  Funds derived from pupil activities  Use of schoolhouse and grounds for various purposes  Audit when and how made  Scope of audit  Powers of board (county vocational schools)  Public Employee Charitable Fund-Raising Act  Double Entry Bookkeeping and GAAP Accounting in Local School Districts  Student activity funds  School store business practices</p>
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Selfridge v. Kinnelon Board of Education, 1977 S.L.D. 522

**Possible**

<b>Cross References:</b>	<p>*1140 Distribution of materials by pupils and staff  1210 Community organizations  *1230 School-connected organizations  1314 Fundraising by outside organizations  *1330 Use of school facilities  *3400 Accounts  *3450 Money in school buildings  *3453 School activity funds  3571 Financial reports  *3571.4 Audit  *6145 Extracurricular activities  *6153 Field trips</p>
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\*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.