

FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES

The board of education recognizes the value of having students participate in fund-raising activities, both as individuals and as groups, in order to help defray the cost of certain non-curricular field trips, or other worthwhile programs, or in support of a board approved charitable cause.

For purposes of this policy, "student fund raising" shall include the solicitation and collection of money from students 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 student 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 students on behalf of such organizations shall be approved by the superintendent.

The board shall not be responsible for the protection of or the accounting of funds collected from students 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.

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**Legal References**

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**Other Reasons:**

It is advisable to have a policy that sets out any limitations on fundraising by pupils and other school-related groups, as well as by outside organizations.

N.J.S.A. 18A:23-2 requires including funds raised by athletic events or school activities in the annual district audit.

**Recommendation:**

A policy outlining these limitations and naming an approving authority for all pupil-related fundraising ventures. If the board chooses to limit or eliminate door-to-door solicitation, it should include language to that effect.

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

Selfridge v. Kinnelon Board of Education, 1977 S.L.D. 522

**Possible**

<b><u>Cross References:</u></b>	*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