

5251 STUDENT FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

Only those organizations granted approval by the Board of Education shall have permission to solicit donations and contributions from students.

All fund-raising activities must be voluntary, and no direct solicitation of students is permitted on school premises during school hours. However, the Board will allow the following forms of indirect solicitation:

1. the sale of goods, services, or tickets to an event (social, musical, athletic, etc.), where a portion of the funds go to a charitable purpose;
2. the recruitment of students during school hours to participate in fundraising activities to be conducted off school premises and/or when school is not in session. School personnel are permitted to hang posters or distribute flyers notifying students of these activities. However, school personnel may not act as a conduit and collect funds from students on behalf of a charity for which they recruited; and
3. the placement of a bin or collection box in a hallway or other common area for the voluntary donation of food, clothing or money.

Additional factors to be considered when granting or denying approval to outside (non-school) organizations wishing to conduct fund-raising activities are:

1. whether the group has regional or national recognition;
2. whether the group directs at least 80 percent of its expenditures to charitable program activities;
3. whether the contributions will benefit district students or residents; and
4. the number of organizations raising funds for the same purpose at the same time.

Off School Premises

Fund-raising projects in which students canvass the public off school grounds, in connection with school events and school-connected fund-raising activities, will be kept to an absolute minimum and require the approval of the Superintendent. Students are not permitted to solicit funds on a door to door basis.

Cross-ref:

1510, Public Sales on School Property

Ref:

[NYS Constitution, Article 8 §1](#)

[Education Law §414](#)

[8 NYCRR §§ 19.6](#) (Rules of the Board of Regents); [172.1](#) *et seq.*

Guidelines Relating to Solicitation of Charitable Donations from School Children, SED January 1994

Poughkeepsie City School District
