

STUDENT FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

All fund-raising activities must be voluntary, and no direct solicitation of students is permitted on school premises during school hours. Building principals must approve any and all fund raising activities in their building. 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 fund-raising 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.

The Superintendent of Schools is directed to set regulations for such indirect fund-raising activities taking place on school grounds, as long as those activities conform to Regent's Rule 19.6 and the guidelines set forth above.

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. Elementary students are not permitted to solicit funds on a door to door basis.

Ref: NYS Constitution, Article 8 §1
 Education Law §414
 8 NYCRR §§ 19.6 (Rules of the Board of Regents); 172.1 et seq.
Appeal of Ponte, 38 EDR 280 (1998)
Guidelines Relating to Solicitation of Charitable Donations from School Children,
 SED, January 1994

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