

Santa Barbara Unified School District

Board Policy

Community Relations

BP 1321

SOLICITATION OF FUNDS FROM AND BY STUDENTS

The Governing Board recognizes that student participation in fund-raising activities for the schools and nonprofit, nonpartisan charitable organizations can help develop a sense of social responsibility in students, enhance the relationship between the school and community, and contribute to the improvement of the school program.

(cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)
(cf. 4135/4235/4335 - Soliciting and Selling)
(cf. 5022 - Student and Family Privacy Rights)
(cf. 6142.4 - Learning through Community Service)

Whether solicitations are made on behalf of the school or on behalf of a charitable organization, students shall not be barred from an event or activity because they did not participate in fund-raising. A pupil enrolled in a school shall not be required to pay any fee, deposit, or other charge not specifically authorized by law. Fees for field trips and excursions may be charged in connection with courses of instruction or school related social, educational, cultural, athletic, or school band activities. But, no pupil shall be prevented from taking the field trip or excursion because of lack of sufficient funds. (Education Code 35330).

At the beginning of each school year, the principal shall review with all staff and co-curricular and extra-curricular organizers that public schools cannot charge fees for elective, compulsory, co-curricular or extra-curricular classes. School administrators should be prepared to ask school staff and co-curricular and extra-curricular activity organizers for an accounting of students' ability to participate in school-related activities if they are unable to help defray activities costs.

To support parent awareness of when school fees are/are not applicable, a standard explanatory form shall be distributed across the district. The form will convey that no student shall be required to raise a specified amount of money in order to participate in an activity sponsored by a school-related organization.

Potential donors, including parents/guardians and members of the community, should not be unduly pressured to contribute to the school system or charitable organizations. Staff is expected to emphasize the fact that donations are always voluntary.

Solicitations on Behalf of the School

With the prior written approval of the Board or designee, official school-related organizations may organize fund-raising events involving students. (Education Code 51521)

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)
(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)
(cf. 1260 - Educational Foundation)
(cf. 3290 - Gifts, Grants and Bequests)
(cf. 3554 - Other Food Sales)

Solicitations on Behalf of Charities

When approved in advance by the Board or designee, nonprofit, nonpartisan organizations that are properly chartered or licensed by state or federal law may solicit students on school grounds during school hours and within one hour before school has opened and one hour after school has closed. (Education Code 51520)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

51520 *Prohibited solicitations on school premises*

51521 *Unlawful solicitations of contribution or purchase of personal property for benefit of public school or student body; exception*

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

17510-17510.95 *Charitable solicitations*

PENAL CODE

319-329 *Raffles*

REVENUE AND TAX CODE

6361 *Sales tax exemption for certain sales*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

11706 *Dangerous activities and occupations*

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Healthy Food Policy Resource Guide, 2003

ATTORNEY GENERAL PUBLICATIONS

Guide to Charitable Solicitation, 1999

Attorney General's Guide for Charities, 1988

WEB SITES

Office of the Attorney General: <http://caag.state.ca.us>

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