

Community Relations

School-Connected Organizations

The Board of Education recognizes that parents/guardians and community members may wish to organize parent organizations and/or booster clubs for the purpose of supporting the educational program and/or extracurricular programs such as athletic teams, debate teams, and musical groups. The Board appreciates the contributions made by such organizations toward the Board's vision for student learning and for providing all District students with high-quality educational opportunities. The Board supports such activities and welcomes parental interest and participation. Parent/guardian clubs shall be especially careful not to seek advantages for the activities they support if those advantages might be detrimental to the entire school program.

A school-connected organization, including a booster club, parent-teacher association or organization, or other organization that does not include an associated student body or other student organization, shall be established and maintained as a separate entity from the school or District. Each school-connected organization shall be subject to its own bylaws and operational procedures or to the rules or bylaws of its affiliated state or national organization, as applicable.

Persons proposing to establish a school-connected organization shall submit a request to the Board for authorization to operate within the District or at a District school. The Superintendent or designee shall establish appropriate rules for the relationship between school-connected organizations and the District.

A school-connected organization shall obtain the written approval of the Superintendent or designee prior to soliciting funds upon the representation that the funds will be used wholly or in part for the benefit of a District school or the students at that school. (Education Code 51521)

A school-connected organization may consult with the principal to determine school needs and priorities. Any participation in fundraising activities by students and their parents/guardians and/or any donation of funds or property shall be voluntary. (Education Code 49011)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex
- 35160 Authority of governing boards
- 38130-38138 Civic Center Act, use of school property for public purposes
- 48931 Authorization for sale of food by student organization
- 48932 Authorization for fund-raising activities by student organization
- 49011 Student fees
- 49431-49431.7 Nutritional standards
- 51520 Prohibited solicitation on school premises
- 51521 Fund-raising project

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

17510-17510.95 Solicitations for charitable purposes

25608 Alcohol on school property; use in connection with instruction

GOVERNMENT CODE

12580-12599.7 Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act

PENAL CODE

319-329 Lottery, raffle

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs

15500 Food sales in elementary schools

15501 Food sales in high schools and junior high schools

15575-15578 Requirements for foods and beverages outside the federal meals program

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 11

300-312.1 Fundraising for charitable purposes

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1681-1688 Discrimination based on sex or blindness, Title IX

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 7

210.11 Competitive food services

220.12 Competitive food services

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