

LEBANON SCHOOL DISTRICT

POLICY: 229
SECTION: PUPILS
TITLE: STUDENT FUNDRAISING
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229. STUDENT FUNDRAISING

Purpose

The Board acknowledges that the solicitation of funds from students must be limited since compulsory attendance laws make the student a captive donor and since such solicitation may disrupt the educational program of the schools.

Definition

For purposes of this policy, "**student fundraising**" shall include the solicitation and collection of money by students in exchange for goods or services.

Authority

The Board prohibits the collection of money in school buildings, on school property, or at any school-sponsored event by a student for personal benefit.

Guidelines

[J1] Student Fundraising Activities

The Board recognizes the educational value and efforts that parent, teacher, and student organizations make in conducting fundraising projects for the direct benefit of district students. Additionally, the Board acknowledges its duty to safeguard its students, their parents/guardians and district residents from excessive fundraising projects by school affiliated organizations, commercial enterprises and individuals.¹

All fundraising projects conducted by any school related organization must receive prior approval from the school principal.

¹ 24 P.S. 511.

Fundraising projects shall not require direct solicitation of funds from students during school hours.

Profits derived from any fundraising activity conducted by a school related organization shall be used only for the benefit of the students or the school as a whole and for no other purpose.

Although adult-run school booster organizations may, from time to time, conduct fundraising activities defined by Pennsylvania Law as "small games of chance," students are not permitted to participate.

Student Solicitations

No solicitations of or by students for any charities may be held during school hours or on school property, except by permission of the building principal.

Personal contact information of students and employees will not be released for fundraising purposes to nonschool groups, unless approved by the Superintendent or designee.

Nonschool organizations may not contact students and employees on school time or on school property.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall establish rules and regulations to implement this policy which:²

1. Limit the number of fundraisers in a year for any group;
2. Specify times and places in which funds may be collected;
3. Describe permitted methods of solicitation which do not place undue pressure on students or patrons; and
4. Limit the kind and amount of advertising for solicitation.

The building principal or designee shall distribute this policy and relevant procedures to each student organization granted permission to solicit funds.

Funds solicited shall be controlled by the provisions of Policy 618, Student Body Finances.

² 24 P.S. 511.