

## **Community Relations**

### **Solicitation Of Funds From And By Students, School Photographs, Distribution of Materials by School Personnel**

#### Solicitation of Funds

The Board of Trustees recognizes that student participation in fund-raising activities for the schools 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)

When solicitations are made on behalf of the school, students shall not be barred from an event or activity because they did not participate in fund-raising. Potential donors, including parents/guardians and members of the community, should not be unduly pressured to contribute to the school system. Staff is expected to emphasize the fact that donations are always voluntary.

The Superintendent, Principal or designee shall make every effort to see that parents/guardians are informed of the purpose of fund-raisers.

#### Solicitations on Behalf of the School

With the prior approval of the Superintendent, Principal or designee, official school-related organizations may organize fund-raising events involving students.

(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)

Upon request, after the fund-raiser has been held, parents/guardians may be informed how much money was raised and how it was spent.

#### Commercial/Philanthropic Collections

The Lowell Joint School District and its employees shall not act as agents for commercial and philanthropic organizations. Exceptions to this rule will be permitted only by action of the Board or Superintendent/designee.

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#### School Photographs

The Superintendent may appoint one or more photographic companies annually to photograph children attending the Lowell Joint School District schools, in order that miniature likenesses may be attached to the children's cumulative record folders.

#### Classroom Interference

It is the purpose of this policy to minimize classroom interference with the instructional programs throughout the district.

For purposes of this policy, classroom interference is defined as any activity that would interrupt the normal instructional program and which would make it necessary for the teacher to act as a clerk, bookkeeper or collector of funds for any outside agency other than PTA, with the exception of those activities specifically permitted by the Board of Trustees or the Superintendent.

#### Student Distribution of Printed Materials

Distribution of the following printed materials may be made to parents through children in the schools upon approval of the Superintendent or his delegate:

1. Materials from the Parent-Teacher Association
2. Materials from school councils and other organizations that function as a semi-official body of the school district.
3. Materials pertaining from youth character-building organizations.
4. Materials pertaining to activities of the Lowell Joint School District community and related agencies.
5. Materials informing parents concerning cultural activities where such activities are on a non-profit basis, non-profit being defined as: all proceeds derived from the activity must be used for the direct welfare of the children of the Lowell Joint School District.

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6. Such other material as the Board or District Administration may consider and approve from time to time.

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

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