

Board of Education Hardyston Township

FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

The Board of Education acknowledges that the solicitation of funds from pupils must be limited since compulsory attendance laws make the pupil a captive donor and since such solicitation may disrupt the program of the school.

For purposes of this policy "student fund raising" shall include the solicitation and collection of money by students for a stated purpose and shall include the collection of money in exchange for tickets, papers or any other goods or services. Fund raising must benefit the school, student activity, or the students in cooperation with an approved activity. Collection by students for the stated purpose shall be subject to Board approval.

Collection of money by approved school organizations may be permitted with prior approval of the Board of Education. Such collections must comply with the following rules:

- A. Fund-raising will be on a strictly voluntary basis in accordance with the rules set forth by the Board of Education in advance of said function. No student shall be required to participate in Fund raising and no student shall be excluded from an activity due to his/her non-participation in fund raising activities.
- B. Fund-raising should be planned at least two board meetings in advance, except in the event of a special function, at which time the Board of Education will make its decision on an individual basis.
- C. Organization, planning, and operation of fund raising projects (e.g., collecting and accounting, deposits at the bank, any meetings concerning the project) must be done during out-of-school hours, unless this activity is part of the planned program.
- D. The Board directs that no fund raising activity which encourages or requires door-to-door solicitation by the pupils be allowed. There should be minimal time lost by the pupils due to any fund raising activity.
- E. The Board prohibits the collection of money in school or on school property or at any school-sponsored event by a pupil for personal benefit.

- F. All funds so raised must be deposited in the student activities account of the school. The Board Secretary/Business Administrator will be responsible for deposits, withdrawals and accounting of such funds in accordance with established policies. Fund raising organized by adult booster groups to be conducted in school must be approved by the Chief School Administrator or designee.
- G. Disbursement of said funds for other than the stated purpose shall require Board approval.

The Chief School Administrator shall distribute this policy to each organization granted permission to solicit funds.

LEGAL REFERENCES:

N.J.S.A. 18A: 19-14 Student Activity Funds

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