

**SUBJECT: FUND RAISING BY STUDENTS**

Fund raising projects in which students sell merchandise, provide services, or in other ways solicit money for school activities may be sponsored by school organizations with the express approval of the Building Principal. Any such plan shall have a clearly defined purpose and, in general, shall contribute to the educational experience of students and shall not conflict with instructional programs or state mandates. Fund raising activities away from school property shall be held to a minimum. All participation shall be voluntary.

1. Authorized fund raising groups

Other than student organizations, such as the school book store or the student council, official parent organizations such as the PTA or authorized Booster Clubs, no organization or group will be allowed to use any school facilities, personnel or students for any fund raising activities.

2. Sales to Students and Personnel

Other than the sales associated with authorized fund raising activities, only the following will be allowed: School pictures, yearbooks, class rings (for year graduating only), and student educational periodicals. Under no circumstance may students engage in door-to-door sales or solicitation of funds or pledges as part of any fund raising or other activity.

No sales of merchandise or services shall be allowed to be sold to personnel except for authorized fund raising activities and/or requests by official bargaining units approved by the Board and/or the Superintendent of Schools.

Notwithstanding the above, the Superintendent is authorized to exempt certain fund raising from this policy so as to allow students to engage in door to door activities when under the direct supervision of an approved adult chaperone. This approval for each such occasion. Furthermore, the Superintendent may waive building use requirements for groups whose sole purpose is to benefit students in the Levittown Public Schools.

Employees are cautioned against giving the impression to students that the purpose of selling items (e.g., "scratch off" cards, holiday wrappings, etc.) or paying a fee is to defray a portion of the District's educational program. At no time should a student's participation in an educational activity include such sales or fees. In addition, it is imperative that employees not deposit the proceeds of any legitimate sales activity in their own personal accounts. These activities may jeopardize a student's right to participate in the educational program on a tuition and/or fee-free basis. Further, employees engaged in such activities may be held personally liable.

New York State Constitution, Article 8, Section 1

Education Law Section 414

8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) Section 19.6

NOTE: Refer also to Policy #3271 -- Solicitation of Charitable Donations From School Children

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