

Watson Chapel School District

Fund Raising Request

Date: _____ Organization: _____

Sponsor: _____ Monetary Goal: _____

Date of Fund Raising Activity: _____

Fund Raising Activity: _____

How will funds be used? _____

Requesting Principal _____

Superintendent's Signature _____

Board Approved Date: _____

Even if the Board approves this activity, the fund raising activity must comply with all provisions of the student handbook policy on solicitation and state law. 6-18-1104 (see reverse side)

SOLICITATION

The policy of the Board of Education is to avoid exposing students and parents to burdensome solicitations. Outside organizations and students shall not be permitted to solicit, advertise, or sell goods or services through the schools unless authorized by the superintendent and the Board. Commercial solicitation of school employees or pupils during school hours by agents, solicitors, or salesmen is prohibited. Commercial advertising in any form shall not be displayed or distributed in the schools.

Individual student participation in any authorized fund raiser shall be entirely voluntary. Principals and teachers shall be sensitive to the possibility of embarrassment and structure fund-raising activities to prevent pressure on non-participants. In no event shall fund-raising activities be conducted during the regular school day or without the superintendent's permission.

No employee of the school district is permitted to use his or her position in soliciting students or parents to participate in projects that involve expenditure of money for goods, services, summer camp attendance, or any other purpose. Public education should be free of charge.

6-18-1104. Procedure for participation.

(a) Schools must provide written notification of the following to parents of all elementary school students who participate in fund-raising programs:

- (1) Student participation in fund-raising programs is voluntary;
- (2) Students who do not participate will not forfeit any school privileges;
- (3) Students may not participate in fund-raising programs without written parental permission returned to school authorities;
- (4) An elementary school student who sells fund-raising merchandise door to door must be accompanied by a parent or an adult; and
- (5) Unless the school provides supervision, parents must accept responsibility for appropriate adult supervision.

(b) A one-page form for parental notification and permission shall be developed by the Department of Education in cooperation with school administrators and the Arkansas Congress of Parents and Teachers Associations.

(c) (1) Fund-raising companies shall incorporate a safety instructional component as part of all fund-raising programs used by schools.

(2) A fund-raising company shall have discretion in selecting the methods used to communicate safety.