

Policy

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

The Somerville Board of Education recognizes the value of having students participate in fundraising activities, both as individuals and as groups, in order to help defray the cost of certain noncurricular field trips, or other worthwhile programs, or in support of a board approved charitable cause.

For purposes of this policy, "student fundraising" shall include the solicitation and collection of money from students for any purpose and shall include the collection of money in exchange for tickets, papers or any other goods or services except those goods and services which are part of a board-approved program of the schools.

The board prohibits the collection of money in school or on school property or at any school-sponsored event by a student for personal benefit. Collection of money by school organizations approved by the board shall be approved by the principal. Collections by organizations outside the schools or by students on behalf of such organizations shall be approved by the superintendent.

The board shall not be responsible for the protection of or the accounting of funds collected from students by organizations outside the schools, by teaching staff members when not required to collect money for a board-approved purpose, and by school-connected organizations. Funds raised by school-sponsored activities shall be deposited in the proper district accounts.

The board prohibits fundraising activities by school-sponsored groups or outside organizations that encourage or require door-to-door solicitation.

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Key Words

Fund Raising, School-connected Organizations

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| <u>Legal References:</u> | <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:11-1 | General mandatory powers and duties |
| | <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:19-14 | Funds derived from student activities |
| | <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:20-34 | Use of schoolhouse and grounds for various purposes |
| | <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:23-1 | Audit when and how made |
| | <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:23-2 | Scope of audit |
| | <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:54-20 | Powers of board (county vocational schools) |
| | <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 52:14-15.9c1. <u>et al.</u> | <u>Public Employee Charitable Fund-Raising Act</u> |
| | <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:23A-16.1 <u>et seq.</u> | Double Entry Bookkeeping and GAAP Accounting n |
| | | Local School Districts |
| | <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:23A-16.12 | Student activity funds |
| | <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:23A-16.13 | School store business practices |

Selfridge v. Kinnelon Board of Education, 1977 S.L.D. 522

Possible

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| <u>Cross References:</u> | *1140 | Distribution of materials by students and staff |
| | 1210 | Community organizations |
| | *1230 | School-connected organizations |
| | 1314 | Fundraising by outside organizations |

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| *1330 | Use of school facilities |
| *3400 | Accounts |
| *3450 | Money in school buildings |
| *3453 | School activity funds |
| 3571 | Financial reports |
| *3571.4 | Audit |
| *6145 | Extracurricular activities |
| *6153 | Field trips |

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.