

STUDENT FUNDRAISING

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to address student fundraising efforts.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The school board recognizes a desire and a need by some student organizations for fundraising. The school board also recognizes a need for some constraint to prevent fundraising activities from becoming too numerous and overly demanding on employees, students and the general public.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. Each year in the fall organizations and clubs will be notified that fundraising activities must be registered in advance. All groups planning a fundraiser(s) must respond. Fundraising must be conducted in a manner that will not result in embarrassment on the part of individual students, employees, or the school.
- B. Fundraising activities shall be formulated in such a way as to minimize, as much as possible, the need for students to sell products door-to-door. Recommended fundraising activities include solicitation of funds from civic organizations, carnivals, and other like activities, student projects (i.e. car washes, fall cleanup, etc...), and other student activities. Any revenue initially directed to incentives must be dedicated as profit for the fundraising organization. Participation in nonapproved activities shall be considered a violation of school district policy.
- C. It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to provide coordination of student fundraising throughout the school district as deemed appropriate. Decisions on fundraising allowances and schedules will be made in September. For District fundraisers, 100% of all revenue must be deposited with the district, with expenses all paid and recorded using approved and audited accounting practices.
- D. The school district expects all students who participate in approved fundraising activities to represent the school, the student organization and the community in a responsible manner. All rules pertaining to student conduct and student discipline extend to student fundraising activities.
- E. The school district expects all employees who plan, supervise, coordinate, or participate in student fundraising activities to act in the best interests of the students and to represent the school, the student organization, and the community in a responsible manner.

- F. In no event shall the grades of any student be affected or threatened by the student's inability to or willingness to participate in a fundraising activity. Teachers and activity directors will not themselves nor permit others to embarrass, harass, coerce, or otherwise require students to participate in fundraising activities against their will.

Source: Aitkin Independent School District No. 001, Aitkin, MN

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 120A.20 (Age Limitations; Pupils)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.09, Subd. 8 (Duties)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.36 (Authorized Fees)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 506 (Student Discipline)

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