

Student Fund-Raising Activities

General Rules for Student Fund Raising

Fund-raising activities shall be conducted under the supervision of the school principal. All fund-raising activities shall conform to the following:

1. Each fund-raising activity must have the prior approval of the school principal;
2. Funds may not be raised for any purpose or activity contrary to Board policy:
 - a. Fund-raising activities for out-of-state travel must have the prior approval of the Board, upon recommendation of the superintendent;
 - b. Funds raised through drives shall be used for school-related activities.
3. Meet applicable requirements of Board policy, administrative regulation, state and federal law.

If fund raising consists of selling food and beverage items to students during the regular or extended school day, the food and beverage items must comply with state and federal nutrition standards, rules and laws. This does not apply to food and beverage items sold at school-related or nonschool-related events for which parents and other adults are a significant part of the audience.

Considerations for Conducting Fund-Raising Activities

Fund-raising activities shall be subject to the following considerations:

1. In deciding upon the type of fund-raising activity to be conducted, groups are encouraged to consider first those projects that have social entertainment and educational value. Projects that offer genuine service or entertainment value are much more acceptable than are projects where products or commodities are sold. Additional preferred activities include those that encourage group participation, such as bazaars, carnivals, meal functions, bake sales, movies, dances or similar functions;
2. When it is determined by the school principal that all of the above activities are impractical or inappropriate, then door-to-door solicitations or sales involving outside firms may be considered, subject to the provisions below;
3. When possible, coordination and cooperation between levels of the schools fund-raising programs and outside local fund-raising programs will be encouraged in order to cut down on the number of fund raisers;

4. Private outside local groups will become accountable to the district if school funds, equipment, facilities or reference to a particular school is used. All fund-raising activities covered under 2. above would be in this category.

Private Fund-Raising Firms

In making recommendations for fund-raising activities involving outside fund raisers, the following should be considered:

1. The recommendations and experiences of other schools or organizations, if available;
2. Evidence that the margin of profit for the firm is reasonable and that a reasonable return to the schools involved will be provided;
3. Terms of a sample contract;
4. Other criteria thought appropriate to affect the recommendation.

Special Consideration for Door-to-Door Sales Activities

1. Door-to-door sales campaigns for elementary students are strongly discouraged. However, where the principal deems it necessary, one such fund-raising activity per school year may be held. Students may go door-to-door only in neighborhoods where they are known and only in pairs during the daylight hours. Written identification indicating the activity being supported must be carried with each student.
2. Door-to-door sales programs are discouraged at the junior high and high school level. When held, they must be conducted only during daylight hours. No more than one sales program per organization or team may be held each year.
3. In sales programs at all levels, parental permission to participate must be obtained. Permission slips shall clearly state that no student should feel obligated to participate.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 336.423](#)

[ORS 339.880](#)

[OAR 137-025-0020 to -0530](#)

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Federal Smart Snacks in School Rules, 7 C.F.R. Part 210.11.