Policy

**STUDENT FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES**

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The board recognizes that it is responsible for providing, through the budget process, the resources necessary to support the district’s educational program. However, the board acknowledges that schools and/or student organizations may wish to engage in fundraising in order to support their activities, to provide funding for social events and/or student travel, to benefit the school or community, or for humanitarian purposes.

In an effort to keep fundraising campaigns to a minimum so as not to impair the efficiency and effectiveness of the district’s educational program, schools may undertake such campaigns only under the following circumstances:

* Fundraising campaigns sponsored within the school will be in support of specific student activities or projects that will contribute to the improvement of the district’s educational program.
* Fundraising activities will include only those in which schools and students may appropriately engage and will not subject the schools or students to unnecessary risk or responsibility. In the interest of student safety, activities involving door-to-door solicitation by students are prohibited. Students will be reminded of safety protocols before participating in any fundraising activities.
* The principal will approve and supervise each campaign.
* Student fundraising activities will be supervised by a building administrator, teacher, or student activity advisor.
* Neither students nor staff will miss instructional time to plan or implement fundraising activities; acquire, demonstrate, or distribute products; solicit sales; or to collect or record money received without the express approval of the principal.
* Participation in fundraising activities by students and/or parents/legal guardians will be wholly voluntary.
* No staff member will be required to donate to any fundraising activity.

**Food and Beverage Sales**

Fundraisers for the sale of food or beverages on the school campus during school hours must meet the competitive food standards (see administrative rule EFE-R, *Competitive Food Sales/Vending Machines*). Food or beverages that do not meet the standards may only be sold in occasional fundraisers if they are not sold in competition with school meals in the food serving area during the meal service. The standards do not apply to items sold during non-school hours, weekends, or off-campus fundraising events. The number of fundraisers exempt from the competitive food standards will be determined by the South Carolina State Board of Education.

**Fundraisers for Outside Organizations**

No student or organization may sell, distribute, or advertise services, written materials, or items from private sources on school or district premises without the permission of the principal of the school involved and the superintendent or his/her designee, where appropriate.

Organizations or students seeking to distribute materials to students unrelated to the individual school or district must have the permission of the superintendent or his/her designee.

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