

Fund-Raising by School Support Groups Involving Students

Fund-raising by school support groups such as booster clubs, parent councils, and the like are considered a usual and desirable part of the function of such groups where students or student groups participate in fund raising activities. The specific fund-raising activities must be approved in advance by the principal, superintendent or **the Board of Trustees Activities Liaison** and must be consistent with Policy #3530 and Procedure #3530P pertaining to student fund raising.

The school principal shall approve all expenditures of such funds generated under this policy. All such funds raised by school adjunct groups are to be used for the direct or indirect support of school programs. Equipment purchased by support groups and donated to the schools becomes the property of the Bigfork Public Schools and may be used or disposed of in accordance with District policy and state law. Accounting for **all approved** fund raisers ~~where goal exceeds \$1500.00 as approved by the Board of Trustees~~ shall be supervised and maintained by the District Business Office.

Bigfork Schools will provide equity considerations and information to the Booster Club to enhance its awareness in making decisions with respect to the activity programs in Bigfork Schools. Coaches, advisors, the activities director and the administrators shall be aware of equity considerations in relationship to the Booster Club and its activities.

Students Not Involved

Independent fund raising activities by individuals or groups that do not involve official student participation and do not occur on school property are not subject to the requirements of this policy. Such individuals or groups are wholly responsible for the accounting and dissemination of funds generated.

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A. School groups are often involved in many types of fund-raising designed to benefit school programs. The types of activities vary widely and include, but are not limited to sales of T-shirts, caps, candy, cookies, pizza, magazines, cookbooks and the like, school carnivals, book fairs, and raffles. These fund-raising activities must conform to the following guidelines:

1. The fund-raising activity must be approved by the school principal.
2. The fund-raising activity must not interfere with the educational programs.
3. Any student participation must be purely voluntary. Door-to-door solicitation by students in grades K – 8 is not permitted.
4. There must be a specific purpose or objective in the fund-raising project.
5. The number of sales or fund-raising activities in any school should be limited to a few each year.
6. The purpose of the fund-raising effort must be well publicized to parents and other citizens.
7. The fund-raising activity must be such that it is not likely to create a poor image for the school group or the school district.
8. If a license or permit is required by local or state agencies for the fund-raising activity, the license or permit must be obtained in advance by the school group.
9. Principals of each building will keep each other and the superintendent apprized of fund raising activities before approving specific fund raising activities. This is to prevent duplication, and/or too many activities at one time. A Calendar of Activities will be created and up-dated weekly by the building administrators.
10. Whenever possible, students should offer goods or services rather than ask for direct donations.

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