

# Salinas Union High School District

## **SOLICITING FUNDS FROM AND BY STUDENTS AND STAFF**

The Board of Trustees recognizes that fund-raising enables nonprofit, nonpartisan charitable organizations to fulfill important, worthwhile goals. The school district, by example, can help students develop a true sense of social responsibility.

Funds may be solicited or materials distributed for those nonprofit, nonpartisan organizations that are properly chartered or licensed by state or federal law. Because fund-raising drives divert much time, energy and attention of the staff from their educational tasks, the Board desires to keep such drives to a minimum. All such solicitations on school premises shall be approved in advance. The Board authorizes the Superintendent to grant approval of solicitation requests.

No additional solicitations for contributions from teachers and/or pupils will be permitted unless prior approval has been granted by the Superintendent. With the approval of the Superintendent or designee, official school related organizations (PTA, Booster Club, etc.) may organize fund-raising events involving students.

Prior Superintendent approval shall be required for sales or solicitations.

Every precaution shall be taken to ensure the voluntary nature of any authorized solicitation. No distinction between contributors and non-contributors shall be made. This shall not prohibit dissemination of authorized promotional literature, but shall prohibit use of buttons, tags, or other display devices intended to designate contributors publicly. No students shall be made to feel uncomfortable or pressured to provide funds which they or their families can ill afford. Staff is expected to emphasize the fact that donations are always voluntary. No students shall be barred from any school-required activity because they did not participate in fund-raising.

Students making solicitations on behalf of the school or for school-related projects are expected to demonstrate courteous and respectful attitudes towards all individuals and businesses, whatever the outcome of the solicitation may be.

In order to minimize interruptions to regularly scheduled instruction, all fund-raising activities shall be limited to appropriate time periods designated by the principal.

The participation of an employee in “flower funds,” “sickness and bereavement funds”, “anniversary funds”, canned food drives and the like shall be a matter of individual discretion.

Students are permitted to pay dues to school sponsored organizations such as authorized clubs, CSF, FFA, FBLA, and similar organizations.

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**Use Of Student Body Account For Charitable Organization Collections**

Participation by student body organizations in fund raising drives on behalf of charitable organizations such as Red Cross, American Heart Association, etc., and as recommended to the Superintendent by the principal is authorized if approved by the Superintendent.

This policy is not to be construed as authorizing contributions of general student body funds to the charitable organization. Only those funds collected by the students themselves and staff for the specific purpose of transmitting the funds collected to the charitable organization may be transferred. These are not considered as “belonging” to the student body or student body organization.

The collection of such funds, if recommended by the principal and approved by the Superintendent, may be undertaken only if the purpose of the activities of the students is clearly stated; i.e., “all monies collected are being collected for and on behalf of the (Red Cross, etc.).”

Legal Reference:

Education Code

41020 Audit of all school funds (including student activity fund)

48933 Deposit or investment of student funds

48934 Use of funds for non-instructional periods and enrichment programs

48936 Additional uses of student funds

48937 Supervision and audit of student funds

48938 Trustee for funds of unorganized student body

51520 Prohibited solicitations on school premises (except such nonpartisan, charitable organizations as approved by the Governing Board)

51521 Unlawful solicitations of contribution or purchase of personal property for benefit of public school or student body; exception

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