

**Policy JKAA: School Sponsored Fundraisers**

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**GENERAL:**

The Jackson County School District recognizes and supports the efforts of school personnel, students, parent booster organizations, and other community members who have an interest in promoting school programs through fundraising activities. The School Board specifically supports those fundraising activities which are designed to promote educational and extracurricular activities without interfering with the in-school education program. 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.

**PURPOSE:** It is the intent of this policy to regulate school fundraising activities.

**TYPES OF FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES:**

**I. Booster Organization Fundraising:**

- The Jackson County School District appreciates volunteerism and, likewise, the associated fundraising activities that directly support the students of the District. Although Booster Organizations/Clubs directly support school activities and programs, they are an independent organization not regulated by the Jackson County School District. Examples of these organizations are Athletic Booster Clubs, PTA / PTO, etc.
- Funds raised by Booster Clubs will be accounted for by the Booster Club and will be separate from any school activity fund. No school district employee – acting on behalf of the District – shall direct how a Booster Club operates or how funds will be spent. However, Booster Clubs should recognize that the relationship between the Booster Club and the District is a partnership. The Booster Club should coordinate closely with the proper District officials on all decisions/fundraising activities for major projects and seek the District's concurrence (Major projects include, but not limited to, new construction, facility modifications, equipment purchases, etc.).
- Booster Club fundraising activities will be carried out under the direction and supervision of the Booster Club. Funds raised by such organizations will be accounted for by the organization and will be separate from the school activity fund (see Board Policy DK).
- Because outside booster organizations are not regulated by the Jackson County School District, organized student participation in booster fundraising projects will not be coordinated by the school nor be allowed during the school day. Booster fundraising activities will be primarily outside-of-school events and will not fall under the guidelines of this policy. Examples of booster fundraising events would be sporting event concessions and fall festivals.

**II. Student Club Fundraising:**

This type of fundraising activity will be carried out by middle school or high school student clubs where participation in the club is elective or voluntary. Examples of these organizations are cheerleaders, band, Beta Club, etc.

**III. School Concessions:**

This type of fundraising activity will be carried out under the direction and supervision of school building principals for the selling of snacks or other goods during the school day. Examples of school concessions are vending machines, in-school concession stands, school apparel stores, book fairs, etc. In addition, fund-raising activities such as the sale of school pictures, the rental of caps and gowns or the sale of graduation invitations for which the school receives a commission, will be classified as School Concessions.

School Concessions such as vending machines, in-school concession stands, etc. are expected to abide by the School Wellness Policy and are prohibited from the sale of items that do not comply with the requirements of Policy JG, Appendix A. As such, only snacks and beverages meeting the nutrition standards listed in policy JG may be sold during the school day.

#### **IV. General School Fundraising:**

This type of fundraising activity will be carried out under the direction and supervision of the school building principal for the purpose of raising revenue to purchase specific goods not provided by the Board of Education to be used by the entire school. Examples of specific goods are playground equipment, school signs, etc.

##### **Guidelines:**

- The Jackson County School District expects all students and employees who plan, supervise or participate in approved fundraising events 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.
- All funds raised by any fundraising event shall be processed through the appropriate financial accounting system as defined in this policy and School Board Policy DK.
- All fund-raising events must have prior approval of the Principal, Attendance Center Assistant Superintendents, Superintendent and School Board. Student Club fundraising projects do not require approval of the Superintendent of Education or the School Board. Participation in non-approved fund-raising events shall be considered a violation of school district policy.
- Fund-raising should be directed to a specific purpose. Fundraising is not intended to acquire a bank account of uncommitted funds.
- Building Principals shall not allow general fund-raising activities that would require door-to-door sales by students. Door-to-door sales are not condoned or encouraged by the Jackson County School District.
- Solicitation of students in elementary grades (K-5) by outside sales representatives to participate in general school fundraising activities is considered distractions to the educational environment and will be prohibited during the school day. Solicitation will be defined as vendor presentations or other similar activities.
- Parents, teachers and students have the right to not participate in any fundraising activity and therefore, such participation will be voluntary.
- Where there are cases of financial need, the school should be sensitive to the possible embarrassment of students, parents or guardians. No student shall be penalized in any way for non-participation in a fundraising event. In addition, as some parents consider participation in fundraising to be unhealthy, Building Principals shall obtain, in writing, parental authorization for their children to participate in fundraising activities.

**Each school organization will be limited to three (3) fundraising events per school year.**

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