
SUBJECT: FUNDRAISING FOR ELEMENTARY AND SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOLS

I. Board Directive

The Board recognizes that there are times when it may be beneficial to raise funds for specific projects and school activities. The Board also recognizes its responsibility to protect students, parents, and community members of the District from undue pressures applied through these fundraising efforts. This policy is intended to provide schools with the ability to raise funds without unduly pressuring students, families, and/or community members to support or participate in fundraising activities.

The Board provides funds for specific educational functions on an equitable basis; therefore, no school partnership or fundraising effort will be approved that would generate funds for the following categories:

1. Textbooks and supplies (the purchase of)
2. Transportation of students between school and home on a regular basis
3. The purchase or construction of an additional classroom(s)
4. The hiring of licensed, educational support professionals, or paraprofessional staff

The Board delegates to the District Administration the responsibility of administering this policy.

II. Administrative Policy

- A. The Administration shall approve fundraisers that meet the administrative policy provisions listed below:
 1. A needs assessment must be conducted before a fundraiser can be approved, in order to determine the amount of funds required and the methods that will be used to raise the funds.
 2. All local school fundraisers must be submitted in writing to the Administrator of Schools for review and prior approval.
 3. Fundraisers cannot involve door-to-door sales.
 4. Students and families must not be compelled to sell or purchase products or services and must be free to voluntarily participate without peer or group pressure. Care must be taken in awarding bonuses or prizes to individuals or groups so that students do not feel pressured into competitive selling.
 5. Students are not to miss class to participate in fundraisers unless approved by school administration.
 6. Fundraisers must be consistent with the generally accepted moral and ethical standards and practices of the Jordan School District community.
 7. Charitable fundraising will not be endorsed or sponsored on a Districtwide basis. Materials that advertise charitable fundraising activities that are not sponsored by the local school may be placed in the school office or other locations to be determined by the school administration.

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B. Elementary and Special Education School Fundraisers

Elementary Schools and Special Education Schools may participate in a total of up to four fundraisers every year. Only one fundraiser per year can involve students in the sale of a product or service.

1. One fundraiser sponsored by the PTA
2. One fundraiser sponsored by the School Community Council
3. Two charitable fundraisers

C. Charitable Fundraising

1. Charitable fundraisers must be directed towards existing charitable non-profit organizations in the business of managing and distributing charitable contributions that serve a unique and defined purpose.
2. Any funds raised must be deposited in the school's accounts. No outside accounts may receive fundraiser funds. Nevertheless, in a charitable fundraiser the students may provide the option for the donor to donate directly to the non-profit organization(s) or to the school to give the funds to the non-profit organization(s).

D. Parent Donations

1. Parent donations to support a specific activity in the school will be accepted and will not be considered a fundraiser as long as they are unsolicited.
2. Monetary donations must be accounted for and recorded through the school office.
3. See policy [AA408 - School Fees](#) for additional information regarding donations and school fees.
4. PTA may request parent donations for PTA-sponsored events or activities, including volunteer time, supplies, and materials.

E. Business Partnerships

1. School-based business partnerships that generate revenue, products, or services for the school, based on voluntary participation of students, parents, and community members that do not involve students or the school in the sale of a product or service, are exempt from the level guidelines of this policy.
2. Any approved school-based business partnership may request and receive the same promotional access to students and parents afforded to any other school-approved partnership.
3. Advertisements from commercial enterprises for interested students and parents may be placed in an area designated by the school with the approval of the school administration.
4. A school-based business partnership does not count as one of the allotted school fundraisers.

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