

The Board of Education supports fundraising activities that are designed to promote educational and extracurricular activities without interfering with the educational process. Fundraising (and the expenditure of such funds) by students and by student groups shall be for school and school-related purposes, for items outside the budget that enhance the educational program, or for charitable purposes.

Student participation in any school-based fundraising activity shall be strictly voluntary. In addition, although the District discourages all door-to-door and similar fundraising activities by students under the age of 12 who are not physically accompanied by a responsible adult, it is important for persons planning school-related fundraisers and for parents, guardians, and caregivers to know that state law expressly provides that:

1. Any child under 12 years of age is required to have written approval from his/her parent or guardian in order to engage in any school-related fundraising that involves sales, solicitation, or collection activities on a door-to-door basis or in any public place; and
2. Any child under 9 years of age, or any group of children that includes one or more children under 9 years of age, must be physically accompanied by a parent or a person who is at least 16 years of age when engaging in fundraising activities on a door-to-door basis or in any public place.

Fundraising activities that involve asking the families of students in grades K-8 to directly solicit sales or donations in the broader community (i.e., away from school and to persons other than school families and the students' own relatives) will be limited and must be approved in advance by the District Administrator.

All other student fundraising activities not addressed in the preceding paragraph shall have prior permission from (1) the building principal, and, (2) if applicable, the athletics director for athletics fundraisers or the relevant student activity advisor for fundraisers by other extracurricular activity groups or student clubs/organizations.

All funds raised by student organizations/clubs under this policy for the organization's/club's specific activities shall be under the fiduciary control of the Board and shall be managed by the District as agency funds in accordance with sound business practices and generally accepted accounting principles similar to other District funds.

Any fundraising activity involving the sale of food before or during the school day shall be limited to food items that (1) meet the minimum nutrition standards for foods sold outside of the school meal programs before and during the school day as established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and (2) meet other applicable District-established nutrition guidelines. The principal may allow a limited number of fundraisers by student groups involving the sale of food items that do not meet the required nutrition standards, consistent with the limits established by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI).

## **Legal References:**

### **Wisconsin Statutes**

[Section 103.23\(2\)](#) [minors under 12 participating in fundraising activities]

[Section 118.12](#) [sale of goods and services at schools]

[Section 120.16\(2\)](#) [board treasurer duty; account for extracurricular activities funds]

### **Federal Laws and Regulations**

[Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010](#) [school wellness policy requirements, including requirements related to food sold during the school day]

[“Smart Snacks” Rule](#) [minimum nutrition standards for all foods sold outside of the school meal program during the school day]

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