

SOLICITATIONS IN THE SCHOOLS
(NONCURRICULAR MATERIALS)

The schools should avoid exploiting students, whether by advertising or otherwise promoting products or services, soliciting funds or information, or securing participation in non-school related activities and functions. At the same time, schools should inform and assist students to learn about programs, activities or information which may be of help or service to them. To attempt a fair balance, the following general guidelines will apply:

- The school may regulate or prohibit the distribution of material which is being communicated or distributed in a way that creates a reasonable belief that it is sponsored or endorsed by the board. The principal will have authority to allow individuals or groups to post bulletins announcing a program or service for students by a nonprofit local entity. The principal may set reasonable rules and regulations pertaining to the manner in which the material is posted and the length of time for which it may be posted.
- The principal may set reasonable rules pertaining to the time, place and manner of distribution of materials which for schools shall not be based upon the content or message contained within the materials. Materials soliciting money may not be distributed without specific board approval. Board approval is considered to be continuing (not for a single year only).
- No fund raising activities in school will be sanctioned without specific board approval.
- Direct sales by outside vendors to students in school are prohibited. School offices may, however, provide lists of vendors carrying certain items (e.g., physical education suits) or the office may carry and charge for miscellaneous items (e.g., pens, pencils, school T-shirts) or permit student organizations to vend products on a controlled basis.
- Announcements through the principal's office may be made for the purpose of announcing student programs or activities sponsored by charitable organizations.

Material which is deemed unacceptable as defined by this policy will not be permitted to be distributed. Unacceptable material includes:

- Material which promotes hostility, disorder or violence such as would create a substantial disruption of the school program;
- Material or information that is unlawful, including libelous material and material which promotes unlawful activities, including the unlawful use or distribution of drugs and alcohol;
- Any material that inhibits the function of the school or advocates interference with the normal operations of the school;
- Material that is profane, obscene or pornographic as defined by prevailing community standards;
- Material which advertises or promotes for-profit entities, their products or services.

FUND DRIVES

The district as a whole and its individual schools, including student bodies, shall not participate in general community fund drives or solicitations except as authorized by the superintendent upon the recommendation of the appropriate principal.

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