

SCHOOL-CONNECTED ORGANIZATIONS

The Governing Board recognizes that parents/guardians and community members may wish to organize parent organizations and/or booster clubs for the purpose of supporting district's educational and extracurricular programs. The Board appreciates the contributions made by such organizations toward the Board's vision for student learning and for providing all district students with high-quality educational opportunities.

Persons proposing to establish a school-connected organization shall submit a request to the Board for authorization to operate within the district or at a district school.

A school-connected organization, including a booster club, parent-teacher association or organization, or other organization that does not include an associated student body or other student organization, shall be established and maintained as a separate entity from the school or district. Each school-connected organization shall be subject to its own bylaws and operational procedures or to the rules or bylaws of its affiliated state or national organization, as applicable.

In addition, activities by school-connected organizations shall be conducted in accordance with law, Board policies, administrative regulations, and any rules of the sponsoring school.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish appropriate rules for the relationship between school-connected organizations and the district.

A school-connected organization shall obtain the written approval of the Superintendent or designee prior to soliciting funds upon the representation that the funds will be used wholly or in part for the benefit of a district school or the students at that school. (Education Code 51521)

Any participation in fundraising activities by students and their parents/guardians and/or any donation of funds or property shall be voluntary. (Education Code 49011)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex
- 35160 Authority of governing boards
- 38130-38138 Civic Center Act, use of school property for public purposes
- 48931 Authorization for sale of food by student organization
- 48932 Authorization for fund-raising activities by student organization
- 49011 Student fees
- 49431-4931.7 Nutritional standards
- 51520 Prohibited solicitation on school premises
- 51521 Fund-raising project

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

- 17510-17510.95 Solicitations for charitable purposes
- 25608 Alcohol on school property; use in connection with instruction

GOVERNMENT CODE

- 12580-12599.7 Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act

PENAL CODE

- 319-329 Lottery, raffle

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

- 4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs
- 15500 Food sales in elementary schools
- 15501 Food sales in high schools and junior high schools
- 15575-15578 Requirements for foods and beverages outside the federal meals program

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 11

- 300-312.1 Fundraising for charitable purposes

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

- 1681-1688 Discrimination based on sex or blindness, Title IX

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 7

- 210.11 Competitive food services

- 220.12 Competitive food services

COURT DECISIONS

- Serrano v. Priest, (1976) 18 Cal. 3d 728

Management Resources:

FISCAL CRISIS AND MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE TEAM PUBLICATIONS

- 2015 ASB Accounting Manual, Fraud Prevention Guide and Desk Reference

WEB SITES

- CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

- California Office of the Attorney General, charitable trust registry: <http://caag.state.ca.us/charities>

- California State PTA: <http://www.capta.org>

- Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team (FCMAT); <http://www.fcmat.org>