

Policy 1230: School-Connected Organizations

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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 the 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)

A school-connected organization may consult with the principal to determine school needs and priorities.

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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11 CCR 300-312.1	Fundraising for charitable purposes
5 CCR 15500	Food sales in elementary schools
5 CCR 15501	Food sales in high schools and junior high schools
5 CCR 15575-15578	Requirements for foods and beverages outside the federal meals program
5 CCR 4900-4965	Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary educational programs receiving state or federal financial assistance
Bus. Code 17510-17510.95	Charitable solicitations
Bus. Code 25608	Alcohol on school property; use in connection with instruction
Ed. Code 200-262.4	Prohibition of discrimination
Ed. Code 35160	Authority of governing boards
Ed. Code 38130-38138	Civic Center Act; use of school property for public purposes
Ed. Code 48931	Authorization for sale of food by student organization
Ed. Code 48932	Authorization for fund-raising activities by student organization
Ed. Code 49011	Student fees; definition
Ed. Code 49431-49431.7	Nutritional standards
Ed. Code 51520	Prohibited solicitation on school premises
Ed. Code 51521	Fundraising projects
Gov. Code 12580-12599.10	Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act
Pen. Code 319-329	Lottery; raffle
Federal	Description
20 USC 1681-1688	Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; discrimination based on sex
7 CFR 210.11	Competitive food services
7 CFR 220.12	Competitive food services
Management Resources	Description
Court Decision	Serrano v. Priest (1976) 18 Cal. 3d 728
Fiscal Crisis & Management Assistance Team Pub.	2015 ASB Accounting Manual, Fraud Prevention Guide and Desk Reference
Website	CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services
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A school-connected organization's request for authorization to operate within the district or at a district school shall contain, as appropriate:

1. The name and purpose of the organization
2. The date of application
3. Bylaws, rules, and procedures under which the organization will operate, including procedures for maintaining the organization's finances, membership qualifications, if any, and an agreement that the group will not engage in unlawful discrimination
4. The names, addresses, and phone numbers of all officers
5. A list of specific objectives
6. An agreement to grant the district the right to audit the group's financial records, either by district personnel or a certified public accountant, whenever any concern is raised regarding the use of the funds
7. The name of the bank where the organization's account will be located and the names of those authorized to withdraw funds
8. The signature of the principal of the supporting school
9. Planned use for any money remaining at the end of the year if the organization is not continued or authorized to continue in the future
10. An agreement to provide evidence of liability and/or directors and officers insurance when and in the manner required by law

Requests for subsequent authorization shall be annually submitted to the Superintendent or designee, along with a financial statement showing all income and expenditures from fundraisers. If the Superintendent or designee proposes to deny the request for reauthorization, he/she shall present his/her recommendation to the Governing Board for approval.

When deemed necessary by the Board or the Superintendent or designee, the authorization for a school-connected organization to conduct activities in the district may be revoked at any time.

Each school-connected organization shall abide by the following rules:

1. The organization shall not act as an agent of the district or school.
2. The organization shall not use the district's tax-exempt status and identification number. It shall be responsible for its own tax status, accounting, internal controls, financial reporting, retention of records, and other operations.
3. The organization shall use a separate name and logo. Any use of a name or logo affiliated with the district, a district school, or a school team shall require the prior consent of the Superintendent or designee.
4. Funds of the school-connected organization shall not be co-mingled with district funds, including associated student body funds.
5. The organization shall not hire or directly pay any district employee. If a school-connected organization wishes to pay for additional and/or extracurricular services, the person to provide the services shall be hired through the district's personnel department, provided the Board approves the position. At their discretion, employees may volunteer to perform activities for school-connected organizations during nonworking hours.

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