

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

SUBJECT: Solicitation of Funds from and by Students

The County Office of Education recognizes that student participation in fund-raising activities for the schools and nonprofit, nonpartisan charitable organizations can help develop a sense of social responsibility in students, enhance the relationship between the school and community, and contribute to the improvement of the school program.

(cf. 4135/4235/4335 - Soliciting and Selling)
(cf. 5022 - Student and Family Privacy Rights)

Whether solicitations are made on behalf of the school or on behalf of a charitable organization, students shall not be barred from an event or activity because they did not participate in fund-raising. Potential donors, including parents/guardians and members of the community, should not be unduly pressured to contribute to the school system or charitable organizations. Staff is expected to emphasize the fact that donations are always voluntary.

The County Superintendent of Schools or designee shall ensure that parents/guardians are informed of the purpose of fund-raisers.

Solicitations on Behalf of the School

With the prior written approval of the County Superintendent or designee, official school-related organizations may organize fund-raising events involving students.

(cf. 3554 - Other Food Sales)

If requested, after the fund-raiser has been held, parents/guardians shall be informed how much money was raised and how it was spent.

Solicitations on Behalf of Charities

When approved in advance by the County Superintendent or designee, nonprofit, nonpartisan organizations that are properly chartered or licensed by state or federal law may solicit students on school grounds during school hours and within one hour before school has opened and one hour after school has closed. (Education Code 51520)

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
51520 Prohibited solicitations on school premises

51521 Unlawful solicitations of contribution or purchase of personal property for benefit of public school or student body; exception

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

17510-17510.95 Charitable solicitations

PENAL CODE

319-329 Raffles

REVENUE AND TAX CODE

6361 Sales tax exemption for certain sales

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

11706 Dangerous activities and occupations

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Healthy Food Policy Resource Guide, 2003

ATTORNEY GENERAL PUBLICATIONS

Guide to Charitable Solicitation, 1999

Attorney General's Guide for Charities, 1988

WEB SITES

Office of the Attorney General: <http://caag.state.ca.us>