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Fund-Raising Activities

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Fund-raising activities are defined as group-sponsored activities which are held for the purpose of raising money, and from which the student receives little educational value. Regularly scheduled athletic events, concerts, class plays, and programs given by students are not defined as "fund-raising activities." The following provisions shall apply:

- (1) All fund-raising activities and projects sponsored by the school involving student participation shall have the principal's written approval.
- (2) All fund-raising drives sponsored by for-profit, non-school sponsored organizations shall be excluded from schools.
- (3) All fund-raising drives and activities by service organizations including, but not limited to, March of Dimes, Muscular Dystrophy Association, United Way, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts shall be approved by the principal prior to initiation.
- (4) The proceeds from entertainment or programs offered by a school shall be used for the benefit of the school.
- (5) Programs or entertainment shall not be permitted during school hours unless approved by the principal.
- (6) Money derived from any school fund-raising project or activity shall be deposited in the school's internal funds account and shall be disbursed as prescribed by State Board of Education rules and School Board rules.
- (7) The determination of the fund-raising projects and activities for a school shall be the principal and the staff's responsibility, and shall conform to the following conditions and any directives by the Superintendent.
 - (a) Fund-raising activities and projects within all schools shall be kept within a reasonable limit. Before approving any project or activity, the principal shall require full justification of the need and explanation of the manner in which the funds will be expended.
 - (b) Merchandising projects shall be kept to a minimum.
 - (c) Door-to-door solicitation by students in grades five (5) or below shall not be permitted and shall be discouraged or alternatives sought in grades six (6) through eight (8).

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- (8) A parent-teacher association or other organizations connected with the school may sponsor fund-raising projects and activities. Such activities shall be conducted in accordance with School Board rules and shall be approved by the principal.
- (9) Raffles, bingo, lotteries, or games of chance, having cash prizes, shall not be permitted on school property by school-sponsored organizations. However, a fund-raising project with clearly identified tickets or entry blanks for chances to win appropriate items of value may be permitted if approved in advance by the school principal or administrator in charge of the District facility at which the event is to occur and conducted in accordance with Chapter 849, Florida Statutes. The organization conducting the fund-raising project must not:
 - a. predetermine the winner;
 - b. require an entry fee, donation, substantial consideration, payment, proof of purchase or contribution as a condition of entering the drawing or of being selected to win a prize (a suggested minimum donation is allowed);
 - c. condition the drawing on a minimum number of tickets being disbursed or sold;
 - d. arbitrarily remove, disqualify, disallow, or reject any entry or to discriminate in any manner between entrants who gave contributions and those who did not give contributions;
 - e. fail to promptly notify the person who won;
 - f. fail to award prizes offered;
 - g. print, publish, or circulate literature in connection with the drawing which is false, deceptive, or misleading.
 - h. cancel the drawing;
 - i. condition the acquisition or giveaway of any prize upon the receipt of voluntary donations or contributions.
- (10) For events on premises other than School Board property, prior approval shall be secured from the principal or administrator in charge of the facility which sponsors the organization.
- (11) Individuals and business agencies shall not be subject to excessive annoyances from the solicitation of funds by school groups or school personnel.
- (12) If any provision of this rule is inconsistent is in conflict with Florida law, Chapter 849, Florida Statutes, shall control.

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