

## **STUDENT FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES**

Public Schools, as an integral part of the community, can properly participate in fund-raising activities to support charitable causes and vital community organizations and programs. Problems arise, however, in deciding which of many causes should be supported and how much time can be devoted to these efforts. An individual class or school club, with the approval of the building principal, may support a worthwhile community or service project.

There are many educational values to be gained by students' participation in school-sponsored clubs and activities on a voluntary basis. For many, this provides leadership and group exercises which are not possible within the formal classroom. Ideally, the School Committee should underwrite the expenses for these educational experiences, but limitations of funds seldom allow this to happen. Accordingly, administration guidelines are set forth to govern the fund-raising activities of student groups. Fund raising for school clubs and activities are allowed with the approval of the building principal.

Fund raising drives may be conducted only by duly authorized clubs and groups of schools. For the purposes of this policy, local PTA and PTO groups and groups representing school system employees will be considered "school groups" and will be governed by the Committee's policy on staff solicitations. PTO's are responsible for securing and using their own tax identification numbers.

In general, the School Committee discourages the door-to-door solicitations by students for fundraising activities. Factors to be considered for the approval of the sale of merchandise are the quality of the product to be sold, the effect on local businesses, and the frequency of such fundraisers.

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