

Policy

FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES

The Mount Laurel Township School District Board of Education recognizes the value of having pupils participate in fund-raising activities, both as individuals and as groups, in order to help defray the cost of certain noncurricular field trips, or other worthwhile programs, or in support of a board approved charitable cause.

For purposes of this policy, "pupil fund raising" shall include the solicitation and collection of money from pupils for any purpose and shall include the collection of money in exchange for tickets, papers or any other goods or services except those goods and services which are part of a board-approved program of the schools.

Student activities that serve educational purposes generally shall be supported through budgetary funds allocated by the board of education. Additional funds may be raised for worthwhile projects with permission of the building principal and approval of the chief school administrator.

School sponsored, in school, fund raising activities shall be limited to no more than two per year for each school and shall have prior approval of the chief school administrator. Only activities that directly benefit the educational goals and mission of the school district shall be approved. Participation shall be voluntary and all prescribed financial procedures shall be observed.

The board prohibits the collection of money in school or on school property or at any school-sponsored event by a pupil for personal benefit. Collection of money by school organizations approved by the board shall be approved by the principal. Collections by organizations outside the schools or by pupils on behalf of such organizations shall be approved by the chief school administrator.

The board shall not be responsible for the protection of or the accounting of funds collected from pupils by organizations outside the schools, by teaching staff members when not required to collect money for a board-approved purpose, and by school-connected organizations. Funds raised by school-sponsored activities shall be deposited in the proper district accounts.

The principal may permit the following PTA/PTO, in school, fund raising activities: school store, book fair, holiday shop, and pretzel/baked foods sales. The sale of food items shall not be in conflict with cafeteria rules and regulations. No other PTA/ PTO fund raising activities may directly involve students by requiring them to sell products or collect money unless approved in advance by the chief school administrator. The distribution of flyers announcing the above stated approved activities and the return of funds collected by pupils to the PTA/PTO is permitted.

The board prohibits fundraising activities by school-sponsored groups or outside organizations that encourage or require door-to-door solicitation.

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Key Words

Fund Raising, School-connected Organizations

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Legal References:	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:11-1	General mandatory powers and duties
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:19-14	Funds derived from pupil activities
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:20-34	Use of schoolhouse and grounds for various purposes
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:23-1	Audit when and how made
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:23-2	Scope of audit
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:54-20	Powers of board (county vocational schools)
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 52:14-15.9c1. <u>et al.</u>	<u>Public Employee Charitable Fund-Raising Act</u>
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:23A-16.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Double Entry Bookkeeping and GAAP Accounting n Local School Districts
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:23A-16.12	Pupil activity funds
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:23A-16.13	School store business practices

Selfridge v. Kinnelon Board of Education, 1977 S.L.D. 522

Possible

Cross References:	*1140	Distribution of materials by pupils and staff
	1210	Community organizations
	*1230	School-connected organizations
	1314	Fundraising by outside organizations
	*1330	Use of school facilities
	*3400	Accounts
	*3450	Money in school buildings
	*3453	School activity funds
	3571	Financial reports
	*3571.4	Audit
	*6145	Extracurricular activities
	*6153	Field trips

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.