

INSTRUCTION

Student Activities - Fund Raising

The Board believes the primary educational aims of the schools and the needs and interests of their students must be the most important consideration at all times. Contests or fund-raising projects, in general, should not interfere with the operation of the regular course of study in classes or require a teacher to sacrifice much time from the regularly planned program for students. **The participation of teachers and students in any approved contest shall be voluntary.** No student's grade shall be affected on the basis of participation or lack of participation in a fund-raising activity.

The Board recognizes that participation of students, under faculty supervision, in the process of planning and obtaining financial support for their own activities may be desirable as part of the educational process.

It is recognized that through collections and fund-raising projects many worthwhile contributions have been made to the Macomb Community Unit School District #185. This support is given because organizations and individuals are willing and interested in making a special effort on behalf of our schools.

During various times throughout the school year, many charitable organizations approach the schools asking that school children help raise money. Though each organization may be worthwhile, it is felt that much time in and out of school would be spent by children if they participated in all charitable fund-raising activities.

The use of students to promote fund-raising activities of parent-teacher organizations and parent booster groups or any other fund-raising activities can be a positive experience for students when the proceeds contribute to a recognized school purpose.

This policy is intended to:

1. Provide for uniformity throughout the school system.
2. Provide for approval of reasonable collections and fund-raising projects which contribute to increased educational opportunities for students.
3. Avoid excessive activity in this area.
4. Provide for approval of worthwhile projects not specifically mentioned in this policy.

Therefore, the following policy shall be used in District 185 schools:

1. Each school may select a maximum of two charitable organizations to conduct a fund-raising drive each school year.
2. Any and all materials used by any charitable organization, as part of fund raising, must be approved by the principal **before** they are distributed to the students.
3. Fund-raising projects should be of some educational value to the children.
4. The principal will appoint a committee within the school to help decide which two charitable organizations they wish to sponsor within the school. The committee may decide not to participate in any project(s).
5. The committee will submit an evaluation to the principal at the conclusion of the activity. The principal will then send a report to the superintendent.

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6. Student fund raising shall be on a school-wide basis. Competitive activities (example: first place, second place, and third place) between students or groups of students shall be avoided.
7. All funds raised through student efforts shall be subject to the control of the principal with the advice and consent of the sponsors. Fund-raising plans approved by the principal shall be submitted to the superintendent. The use of such funds shall be employed to the maximum extent possible for student activities.
8. The Board authorizes student solicitations for ticket sales and sales of articles and services for activities sponsored by the District. All solicitation of funds from the community by the District's students shall be conducted in the most prudent manner.
9. All requests for student fund-raising activities shall be channeled through the principal for administrative approval. Only those fund-raising plans approved by the principal shall be submitted to the superintendent.

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