Licking Heights Local School District Bylaws & Policies

5830 - STUDENT FUND RAISING

The Board of Education acknowledges that the solicitation of funds from students must be limited since compulsory attendance laws make the student a captive donor and since such solicitation may disrupt the program of the schools.

For purposes of this policy "student fund raising" shall include the student solicitation and collection of money by students for any purpose and shall include including the collection of money in exchange for tickets, papers or any other goods or services. "Student fund-raising" also includes giving away goods or services, but suggesting a monetary donation.

The Board will permit student fund_-raising in school, or on school property, or at any school-sponsored event only when the profit therefrom is to be used for school purposes or for an activity connected with the schools.

Student Ffund-raising by approved school organizations, whose funds are managed by the Treasurer, may be permitted in school by the Perincipal. Collections of money by approved school organizations off school grounds may be permitted by principal. For any fund-raisers, including those operated by student clubs and organizations, parent groups, or boosters clubs, that involve the sale of food items and / or beverages to students that will be consumed on the school campus (any area of property under the jurisdiction of the school that is accessible to students during the school day (the period from the midnight before, to thirty (30) minutes after the end of the official school day), the food items and / or beverages to be sold shall comply with the current USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards, and also be consistent with requirements set forth in Policy 8550, Competitive Foods.

Student fund-raising by approved school organizations off school grounds may be permitted under administrative guidelines of the Superintendent.

Crowdfunding activities aimed at raising funds for a specific classroom or school activity, including extracurricular activities, or to obtain supplemental resources (e.g., supplies or equipment) that are not required to provide a free appropriate public education to any students in the classroom may be permitted, but only with the specific approval of the Superintendent.

All crowdfunding activities are subject to AG 6605.

Fund-raising by students on behalf of school-related organizations whose funds are not managed by the Treasurer may be permitted on school grounds in accordance with the Superintendent's administrative guidelines.

Fund raising by students on behalf of organizations outside the schools may be permitted on school grounds by the Superintendent and off school grounds by the Superintendent.

The Superintendent shall establish administrative guidelines for the solicitation of funds which shall specify the times and places in which funds may be collected.

These administrative guidelines should:

- A. specify the times and places in which funds may be collected;
- B. describe permitted methods of solicitation that do not place undue pressure on students;
- C. limit the kind and amount of advertising for solicitation;
- D. establish procedures and guidelines to be followed in obtaining authorization to conduct fundraising activity;
- E. set forth guidelines for approving a fundraising activity;
- F. note potential for sales tax imposed on any sales;
- G. instruct all involved individuals that they are handling public funds and that all transactions are to be accounted for on the financial records maintained by and the procedures specified by the Treasurer;
- H. set forth the procedures for revising a group's budget because of an event;
- Frovide a list of the documentation that should be maintained during the fundraising activities;
- J. designate persons responsible for each aspect of the activity.

Advisors for approved school organizations shall not accept any form of compensation from vendors that might influence their selection on a vendor that will provide a fund-raising activity or a product that will be sold as a fund-raiser. Furthermore, advisors for approved school organizations shall not accept any compensation from a vendor after a decision has been made regarding a fund-raising activity or a product that will be sold as a fund-raiser. In addition, advisors for approved school organizations who make the selection of a vendor that will provide a fund-raising activity or a product that will be sold as a fund-raiser shall not enter into a contractual arrangement whereby an advisor receives compensation in any form from the vendor that provides a fund-raising activity or a product that will be sold as a fund-raiser.

Such compensation includes, but is not limited to, cash, checks, stocks, or any other form of securities, and gifts such as televisions, microwave ovens, computers, discount certificates, travel vouchers, tickets, passes, and other such things of value. In the event that an advisor of an approved school organization receives such compensation, albeit unsolicited, from a vendor, the individual shall notify the Treasurer, in writing, that s/he received such compensation and shall thereafter properly transmit said compensation to the Treasurer at his/her earliest opportunity.

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