

SCHOOL-CONNECTED ORGANIZATIONS

The Governing Board recognizes that parents/guardians and community members may wish to organize parent organizations and/or booster clubs for the purpose of supporting the district's educational and extracurricular programs. The Board appreciates the contributions made by such organizations toward the Board's vision for student learning and for providing all district students with high-quality educational opportunities.

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

A school-connected organization, including a booster club, parent-teacher association or organization, or other organization that does not include an associated student body or other student organization, shall be established and maintained as a separate entity from the school or district. Each school-connected organization shall be subject to its own bylaws and operational procedures or to the rules or bylaws of its affiliated state or national organization, as applicable.

In addition, activities by school-connected organizations shall be conducted in accordance with law, Board policies, administrative regulations, and any rules of the sponsoring school.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

(cf. 3290 - Gifts, Grants and Bequests)

(cf. 3554 - Other Food Sales)

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

The Superintendent or designee shall establish appropriate rules for the relationship between school-connected organizations and the district.

A school-connected organization may consult with the principal to determine school needs and priorities.

Any participation in fundraising activities by students and their parents/guardians and/or any donation of funds or property shall be voluntary. (Education Code 49011)

(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

SCHOOL-CONNECTED ORGANIZATIONS (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 *Prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex*
35160 *Authority of governing boards*
38130-38138 *Civic Center Act, use of school property for public purposes*
48931 *Authorization for sale of food by student organization*
48932 *Authorization for fund-raising activities by student organization*
49011 *Student fees*
49431-49431.7 *Nutritional standards*
51520 *Prohibited solicitation on school premises*
51521 *Fund-raising project*

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

17510-17510.95 *Solicitations for charitable purposes*
25608 *Alcohol on school property; use in connection with instruction*

GOVERNMENT CODE

12580-12599.7 *Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act*

PENAL CODE

319-329 *Lottery, raffle*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4900-4965 *Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs*
15500 *Food sales in elementary schools*
15501 *Food sales in high schools and junior high schools*
15575-15578 *Requirements for foods and beverages outside the federal meals program*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 11

300-312.1 *Fundraising for charitable purposes*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1681-1688 *Discrimination based on sex or blindness, Title IX*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 7

210.11 *Competitive food services*

220.12 *Competitive food services*

COURT DECISIONS

Serrano v. Priest, (1976) 18 Cal. 3d 728

Management Resources:

FISCAL CRISIS AND MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE TEAM PUBLICATIONS

2015 ASB Accounting Manual, Fraud Prevention Guide and Desk Reference

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Office of the Attorney General, charitable trust registry: <http://caag.state.ca.us/charities>

California State PTA: <http://www.capta.org>

Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team (FCMAT): <http://www.fcmat.org>

EXISTING POLICY TO BE REPLACED

The Governing Board recognizes that parents/guardians may wish to organize clubs for the purpose of supporting the educational program and/or extracurricular programs such as athletic teams, debate teams, and musical groups. The Board supports such activities and welcomes parental interest and participation. Parent/guardian clubs shall be especially careful not to seek advantages for the activities they support if those advantages might be detrimental to the entire school program.

The Board requires parent/guardian clubs to have a written statement of purpose and bylaws. The Board recognizes that these organizations are independent of the school or district. In order to protect the district and students, the Superintendent or designee may establish appropriate controls for the relationship between such organizations and the district.

(cf. [1321](#) - Solicitation of Funds from and by Students)

(cf. [3290](#) - Gifts, Grants and Bequests)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

[35160](#) Authority of governing boards

[38131](#) Use of civic center by public

[38134](#) Groups which may use school facilities without charge

Management Resources:

LEGAL ADVISORIES

1101.89 School District Liability and "Hold Harmless" Agreements, LO: 4-89

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