

Policy 1230: School-Connected Organizations

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The Board of Education recognizes that parents/guardians and community members may wish to organize parent organizations and/or booster clubs for the purpose of supporting the educational program and/or extracurricular programs, such as athletic teams, debate teams, and musical groups. The Board appreciates the contributions made by such organizations and encourages their interest and participation in supporting district activities and helping to achieve the district's vision for student learning. 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 recognizes that school-connected organizations are separate legal entities, independent of the district. The district's tax exempt status and federal identification number are not for use by school-connected organizations. In order to help the Board fulfill its legal and fiduciary responsibility to manage District operations, any school-connected organization that desires to raise money to benefit any district student shall submit a request for authorization to the Superintendent or designee, in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall establish appropriate internal controls for the relationship between school-connected organizations and the District.

The Board encourages school-connected organizations to consider the impact of fund-raising activities on the overall school and district program. School-connected organizations may consult with the principal to determine school needs and priorities. Activities by school-connected organizations shall not conflict with law, Board policies, administrative regulations, or any rules of the sponsoring school. No student shall be required to fundraise for, or pay any fees, deposits or other charges for his/her participation in an educational activity which constitutes an integral fundamental part of the district's educational program, including curricular and extracurricular activities.

The District shall maintain a list of all recognized school-organizations and shall publish the list on its website. Additionally, once a year all teachers, coaches and school site staff will be provided with information on these requirements.
