

Dyer County Board of Education

Descriptor Term:

**Student Solicitations/Fundraising
Activities**

Descriptor Code:

JHA

Board Approved:

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8/3/99

Individual Schools

The schools shall avoid exploiting students, whether by advertising or otherwise promoting products or services, soliciting funds or information, or securing participation in non-school related activities and functions. At the same time, schools shall inform and assist students in learning about programs, activities or information which may be of help or service to them. To attempt a fair balance, the following general guidelines will apply:

1. Fund-raising activities shall be authorized by the director of schools and shall be for the purpose of supplementing and not for supplanting funds necessary to fulfill the Board's obligation to provide an instructional program.
2. Any commission payable by companies will be paid in the form of reduced prices to the students, or paid into the activity fund of the school for use by the school. No school employee shall personally benefit from any fund-raising activity.
3. All fund-raising activities must be approved in writing by the director of schools. The authorization request shall contain the following information:
 1. A list of the proposed fund-raising activities;
 2. Purpose of the fundraising activity;
 3. Amount needed and proposed uses;
 4. Present balance of affected fund and/or accounts;
 5. Expected student involvement in fund-raising activity (school-wide or individual class or club);
 6. Anticipated beginning and ending dates; and
 7. Margin of profit and how it is to be paid to the school.
4. No grade in a subject or course will be affected by a student's participation in a fund-raising activity.
5. No quotas will be imposed on students involved and their efforts will be voluntary. Students who do not participate in fund-raising activities will not be punished or discriminated against in any way.

1 This policy shall not be construed as preventing a teacher from using instructional or informational
2 materials even though the materials might include reference to a brand, product or a service.

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4 **LOTTERIES**

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6 No fund-raising activity shall be conducted which distributes prizes or makes awards to winners from
7 among purchasers of chance by means of tickets or otherwise through random drawing or other random
8 selection process.²

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Legal References:

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1. Tennessee Internal School Uniform Accounting Policy Manual; Section 4-26
2. OP Tenn. Atty. Gen. 89-35 (March 20, 1989);
OP Tenn. Atty. Gen. 95-039(April 18, 1995)

Cross References:

- Student Activity Funds Management 2.900
Staff Gifts and Solicitations 5.605