

STUDENT ACTIVITY FUNDS

Student organizations may raise and spend money in order to promote the general welfare, morale and educational experiences of the students. Student funds shall finance worthwhile activities which go beyond those provided by the District. Minutes shall be kept of student organization meetings and shall properly reflect all financial activities.

(cf. 1321 - Solicitation of Funds from and by Students)
(cf. 3554 - Other Food Sales)

Student funds shall be managed in accordance with sound business procedures designed to encourage the largest possible educational return to students without sacrificing the safety of funds or exposing students to undue responsibility or unnecessary routine.

With Governing Board approval, student funds shall be held or invested in one of the ways allowed by law. (Education Codes 48933, 48936)

Student funds shall be disbursed according to procedures established by the student organization. All disbursements must be approved by a Board-designated official, the certificated employee who is the student organization advisor, and a student organization representative. (Education Code 48933)

The principal or designee shall be responsible for the proper conduct of all student organization financial activities. The Superintendent or designee shall periodically review the organizations' general financial structures and accounting procedures.

The Board shall provide an annual audit of student accounts by a certified public accountant or licensed public accountant. Auditing cost shall be paid from District funds. (Education Code 41020)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
41020 Requirement for annual audit
48930-48938 Student body organization

STUDENT ACTIVITY FUNDS

The Governing Board recognizes that student organizations can provide students with an opportunity to conduct worthwhile cocurricular activities beyond those provided by the district and can also help students learn about effective financial practices. To that end, student organizations may raise and spend funds to support activities that promote the general welfare, morale, and educational experiences of the student body.

(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)

(cf. 5000 - Concepts and Roles)

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

(cf. 6145.5 - Student Organizations and Equal Access)

Fund-Raising Events

At the beginning of each school year, each principal or designee shall submit to the Superintendent or designee a list of the fund-raising events that each student organization proposes to hold that year. The Superintendent or designee shall review the proposed events and determine whether the events contribute to the educational experience and are not in conflict with or detract from the school's educational program. When reviewing proposed events, the Superintendent or designee shall consider the effects of the activities on student health and safety, evaluate the risk of liability to the district, and ensure that the proposed activities are in compliance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

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

(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)

(cf. 3554 - Other Food Sales)

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

(cf. 5142 - Safety)

(cf. 5143 - Insurance)

Management of Funds

Student body funds shall be managed in accordance with law and sound business procedures designed to encourage the largest possible educational return to students without sacrificing the security of funds.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop internal control procedures to safeguard the organization's assets, promote the success of fund-raising ventures, provide reliable financial information, and reduce the risk of fraud and abuse. These procedures shall detail the oversight of activities and funds including, but not limited to, the appropriate role and provision of training for staff and students, parameters for events on campus, appropriate and prohibited uses of funds, and accounting and record-keeping processes, including procedures for handling questionable expenditures.

(cf. 3400 - Management of District Assets/Accounts)

STUDENT ACTIVITY FUNDS (continued)

The principal or designee shall be responsible for the proper conduct of all student organization financial activities. The budget adopted by the student body organization should serve as the financial plan for the school year and shall be submitted to the Superintendent or designee at the beginning of each school year. The Superintendent or designee shall periodically review the organization's use of funds to ensure compliance with the district's internal control procedures.

Funds derived from the student body shall be disbursed according to procedures established by the student organization. All disbursements must be approved by a Board-designated official, the certificated employee who is the student organization advisor, and a student organization representative. (Education Code 48933)

The Board shall provide an annual audit of student accounts by a certified public accountant or licensed public accountant. The cost of the audit shall be paid from district funds. (Education Code 41020)

(cf. 3460 - *Financial Reports and Accountability*)

Legal Reference:EDUCATION CODE

35182.5 Non-nutritious foods and beverages, vending machines

35564 Funds, obligation of the student body

41020 Requirement for annual audit

48930-48938 Student body organization

49431 Sale of food and beverages, elementary school

49431.5 Sale of food and beverages, middle and high schools

51520 School premise, prohibited solicitations

51521 Fund-raising projects

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

15500 Food sales, elementary schools

15501 Food sales, middle and junior high schools

COURT DECISIONS

Prince v. Jacoby, (2002) 303 F.3d 1074

Management Resources:FISCAL CRISIS MANAGEMENT & ASSISTANCE TEAM PUBLICATIONS

Associated Student Body Accounting Manual & Desk Reference, 2005

WEB SITES

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

Fiscal Crisis Management & Assistance Team: <http://www.fcmat.org>

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Student Activity Funds

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 48930, the Governing Board may approve the formation of associated student body organizations (ASBs), composed entirely of students. Generally, there are two types of ASBs. ASBs in high schools and middle schools are called "organized ASBs" since the students, organizing their activities around student clubs and/or a student council, have primary responsibility for the ASB, with the assistance of an adviser. In elementary schools, the ASB is "unorganized" because there is no student council and the principal or designee usually oversees the fund-raising and spending decisions, with more limited involvement from the students.

Note: Unlike parent-teacher associations or other school-connected organizations, ASBs are legally considered part of the district. See BP /AR 1230 - School-Connected Organizations.

Note: The following optional policy may be modified to reflect district practice.

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Fund-Raising Events

Note: Education Code 48932 requires the Board to approve a student organization's fund-raising events and to determine whether such activities will interfere with the normal conduct of the schools. The following paragraph provides for the Board to delegate the review and approval of ASB fund-raising events to the Superintendent or designee and should be modified to reflect district practice.

Note: Education Code 49431 and 49431.5 limit the number of fund-raising events and types of food that may be sold on school grounds, see BP/AR 3550 - Other Food Sales. For a list of activities that may be prohibited on school grounds because of safety concerns, see AR 5142 - Safety.

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Management of Funds

Note: Education Code 48937 requires the district to provide for the supervision of all funds raised by any student body organization or student organization using the name of the school. The acceptable investment and use of such funds are detailed in Education Code 48933, 48934, and 48936. The Fiscal Crisis & Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) has developed the Associated Student Body Accounting Manual & Desk Reference, available on its web site, to outline the district's fiscal and managerial responsibilities relative to these funds.

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Funds derived from the student body shall be disbursed according to procedures established by the student organization. All disbursements must be approved by a Board-designated official, the certificated employee who is the student organization advisor, and a student organization representative. (Education Code 48933)

Note: Because the ASB is an entity of the district, ASB funds are reviewed as part of the annual audit of the district conducted pursuant to Education Code 41020, as specified below.

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