

**SCHOOL-CONNECTED ORGANIZATIONS**

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 district and extracurricular programs, such as athletic teams, debate teams, or 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.

The Board recognizes that school-connected organizations are separate legal entities, independent of the district. However, 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 Board, 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.

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**49431 Sale of food to elementary students during the school day**49431.2 Sale of food to middle, junior, or high school students**49431.5 Sale of beverages at elementary, middle, or junior high schools**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*

## 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*

## COURT DECISIONS

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

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION LEGAL ADVISORIES

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

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>

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