

# OAK PARK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD POLICY

Series 1000

Community Relations

BP 1321(a)

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## Solicitation Of Funds From And By Students

The Governing Board recognizes that student participation in fund-raising activities for the schools and nonprofit, nonpartisan charitable organizations can help develop a sense of social responsibility in students, enhance the relationship between the school and community, and contribute to the improvement of the school program.

*(cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)*  
*(cf. 4135/4235/4335 - Soliciting and Selling)*  
*(cf. 5022 - Student and Family Privacy Rights)*  
*(cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service)*

Whether solicitations are made on behalf of the school or on behalf of a charitable organization, students shall not be barred from an event or activity because they did not participate in fund-raising. Potential donors, including parents/guardians and members of the community, should not be unduly pressured to contribute to the school system or charitable organizations. Staff is expected to emphasize the fact that donations are always voluntary.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that parents/guardians are informed of the purpose of fund-raisers.

## Solicitations on Behalf of the School

With the prior written approval of the Superintendent or designee, official school-related organizations may organize fund-raising events involving students.

*(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)*  
*(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)*  
*(cf. 1260 - Educational Foundation)*  
*(cf. 3290 - Gifts, Grants and Bequests)*  
*(cf. 3554 - Other Food Sales)*

## Solicitations on Behalf of Charities

When approved in advance by the Superintendent or designee, nonprofit, nonpartisan organizations that are properly chartered or licensed by state or federal law may solicit students on school grounds during school hours and within one hour before school has opened and one hour after school has closed. (Education Code 51520)

Legal Reference:  
*EDUCATION CODE*  
51520 Prohibited solicitations on school premises

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51521 Unlawful solicitations of contribution or purchase of personal property for benefit of public school or student body; exception

*BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE*

17510-17510.95 Charitable solicitations

*PENAL CODE*

319-329 Raffles

*REVENUE AND TAX CODE*

6361 Sales tax exemption for certain sales

*CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8*

11706 Dangerous activities and occupations

Management Resources:

*CSBA PUBLICATIONS*

Healthy Food Policy Resource Guide, 2003

*ATTORNEY GENERAL PUBLICATIONS*

Guide to Charitable Solicitation, 1999

Attorney General's Guide for Charities, 1988

*WEB SITES*

Office of the Attorney General: <http://caag.state.ca.us>

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