

TITLE: FUND-RAISING IN SCHOOLS

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1.0 OBJECTIVE

To ensure that school fund-raising activities benefit the school, education and the community, and comply with Board policies and procedures.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

In this policy,

2.1 **Fund-raising** is the collection of funds raised from activities that include:

- a) projects that are directly associated with the schools and are in the interests of the students of the local school; and
- b) charitable organizations operating in the interests of children, education, and the community.

3.0 POLICY

- 3.1 This policy shall apply to all fund-raising directly associated with the school including fund-raising by school councils, parent associations, parent/teacher groups, and student councils.
- 3.2 The Board permits fund-raising which supports the school, education or the community through:
 - a) supervised activities or projects by students; and
 - b) limited supervised participation of students in activities for non-profit charitable organizations.
- 3.3 The Board discourages door-to-door canvassing by elementary school students. No elementary school student shall participate in a door-to-door canvassing project without prior written consent of the parent or guardian.

- 3.4 The Board supports fund-raising activities which, in addition to meeting the definition in 2.0 above, reinforce the curriculum, for example by calling on student organizational or accounting skills.

4.0 SPECIFIC DIRECTIVES

- 4.1 Participation in school-supported fund-raising activities is strictly voluntary.
- 4.2 The principal shall be responsible for ensuring that all fund-raising events conform to Board policies and procedures.
- 4.3 The Director of Education is authorized to issue such procedures as may be necessary to implement this policy.

5.0 REFERENCES

The Education Act Regulation 298, s. 25
OCDSB School Generated Funds Accounting Procedures Handbook 2000
Board Policy P.014.SCO: School Councils
Board Policy P.045.GOV: Partnerships, Donations and Co-operative Ventures
Board Procedure PR.616.FIN: Accounting for School-Generated Funds
Board Procedure PR.540.SCO: Fund-raising in Schools
Board Procedure PR.535.GOV: Partnerships, Donations, and Co-operative Ventures