

STUDENT GIFTS AND SOLICITATIONS

Only those organizations granted approval by the Board of Education, on advice of the superintendent of schools, shall have permission to solicit donations and contributions from students. All fund-raising activities must be voluntary and in accord with the Rules of the Board of Regents and the State Education Department.

No direct solicitation of students is permitted during school hours.

Display or distribution in schools or through students of notices or announcements of programs or events sponsored by a non-school organization require the prior permission of the superintendent of schools.

Fund-Raising

Some forms of indirect solicitation may be permitted. Examples include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) the sale of tickets to a social, musical or athletic event where a portion of the funds support a charitable purpose,
- (2) the placement of a collection box in a corridor or other common area for donation of food, clothing or money,
- (3) the recruitment of students during school hours to participate in fund-raising activities to be conducted off school premises and/or when a school is not in session

School personnel may post posters or distribute flyers notifying students of these activities. School personnel may not, however, act as a conduit and collect funds from students on behalf of a charity for which they are recruited.

Gifts to School Personnel

Students are discouraged from presenting elaborate gifts to school district staff members. Spontaneous, inexpensive gifts are allowable when reasonable to express gratitude. Letters of appreciation are always welcome.

References:

Article 8, § 1, NYS Constitution

§414, NYS Education Law

§19.6, Rules of the NYS Board of Regents

State Education Guidelines, 1994, Solicitation of Charitable Donations from School Children

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