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**Salem, New Jersey**

**Policy**

# FUNDRAISING AND SOLICITATION

All collections and the participation by staff and/or students for charitable causes shall be approved by the Elsinboro Township Board of Education on an individual basis.

Selling and advertising on school property is prohibited except with the approval of the superintendent.

No employee of the board may solicit or sell products for personal gain within the school while under contract.

School Sponsored Fundraising

Money-making activities revolving around school activities and student personnel shall generally be sponsored for the benefit of students and school organizations.

Money-making activities by school organizations shall be held to a minimum. The money-making activity should meet the following two criteria:

A. The activity shall be educational in itself;

B. The need for the funds shall be of a magnitude that cannot be met by dues of the activity concerned.

The superintendent shall establish such rules and regulations as are necessary to implement this policy.

No fund raising drives may be conducted by non-school organizations including those of a charitable nature except with the express approval of the board of education.

Fundraising by Outside Organizations

No advertising, canvassing and fundraising activities by outside organizations may be conducted in the school without the approval of the board of education. Any canvasser in the school without the approval from the Administrator should be reported immediately.

The Elsinboro Township School District may cooperate in furthering the work of any non-profit, community-wide social service agency provided such cooperation does not restrict or impair educational programs. As a matter of policy, the board expects such activities to be kept to a minimum.

No organization may solicit funds from staff members or students within the schools and/or distribute flyers or other materials related to fundraising drives through the school without the approval of the superintendent.

No staff member may be made responsible for, or assume responsibility for, the collection of any money or distribution of any fund drive literature without such activity being approved by the board on the recommendation of the superintendent.

The superintendent shall seek direction from the board in instances where prior practice has set no policy as to a particular fund drive.

Solicitations by Staff

Staff members shall refrain from using their positions in the school district for personal gain and for soliciting support of parents/guardians or students in the district for projects or enterprises in which the staff member is directly or indirectly involved, except as may be approved by the superintendent.

Solicitations of Staff

In the interest of preventing the exploitation of staff, solicitation of staff by whatever source is prohibited during the school day on school grounds unless approval in writing is obtained from the superintendent.

Solicitation by Students

It is the policy of the board to permit in-school sponsorship of only those solicitations that have educational value for the students and which do not interfere with the educational program. Students shall not solicit funds or distribute materials on school grounds without the approval of the superintendent.

Solicitations of Students

In the interest of preventing the exploitation of students, solicitations by outside organizations, commercial enterprises and individuals are prohibited on school grounds both during and after school hours.

Outside organizations are not permitted to advertise events or sell products through the schools or use the children to sell tickets and/or products except those events jointly sponsored with a school and school-approved parent-teacher activities, and those specifically approved by the superintendent.

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**Legal References:** N.J.S.A. 18A:36-34 School surveys, certain, parental consent required before

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N.J.S.A. 18A:42-4 Distribution of literature as to candidacy, bond issues or

other public question

N.J.S.A. 52:14-15.9c1 Public employee charitable fund-raising act

**Cross References** \*1140 Distribution of materials by students and staff

1210 Community organizations

**\***1230 School-connected organizations

\*3453 School activity funds

\*5136 Fundraising activities

\*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.