District Fundraising Activities

The District's ability to offer diverse, quality educational programs and experiences for its students depends in part on its ability to secure reliable and supplemental sources of funding. The District recognizes that unless the state meets its constitutional obligation to fully fund basic education, the District needs funds from all sources possible to achieve its goals. The District further recognizes that shrinking state and federal funds present challenges for the District. Increasingly, the District is seeking local and nongovernmental funding sources in order to preserve and to establish important District programs and educational opportunities.

To preserve and to establish District programs and educational opportunities, the Board has authorized in the past and continues to authorize fundraising activities where such programs:

(1) promote K-12 education;

(2) provide educational experiences for students; and/or

(3) address local funding obligations that support the educational mission of the District and/or promote the effective, efficient, or safe management and operation of the District.

District fundraising activities may include:

(1) Soliciting gifts and donations that are reasonably related to the pursuit of the district's objectives;

(2) Entering into interlocal agreements with other governments which generate additional funds for school district activities; and/or

(3) Operating various revenue generating enterprises consisting of the sale of goods or services that are produced by, or that are linked to, the district's educational program. Fundraising programs, including enterprise activities and advertising, shall be in the best interests of the District and shall not interfere with the operation of the District's programs and functions. District fundraising programs shall not conflict with any applicable law, other Board policy, and/or state or federal constitutional provisions, including the separation of church and state.

This policy governs the establishment and administration of District fundraising for the general fund and for particular programs in the District. It does not address fundraising programs conducted by the Parent Teacher Student Association or other non-profit or citizens organizations. Fundraising by the associated Student Body is addressed by RCW 28A.325.030 and District Policy 3510 – Associated Student Body.

The superintendent (or designee) will establish procedures for the administration of District fundraising programs to ensure compliance with all applicable laws.

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Cross References:	3530 3510	Fundraising Activities Involving Students Associated Student Bodies
Legal References:	RCW 28A.320.015	School boards of directors – Powers – Notice of adoption of policy
	28A.320.030	Gifts, conveyances, etc., for scholarship and student aid purposes, receipt and administration
	AGO 2003 No.1	Attorney General's Opinion

Management Resources:	Policy News, December 2003 District Fundraising
	Activities

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