

SCHOOL-SPONSORED FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES

The purpose of this Policy is to establish parameters for school-sponsored fund-raising activities and does not limit the activities of parent support organizations such as PTAs or other parent/teacher groups, booster clubs or other groups that are independent but supportive of the New Hanover County Schools. Additionally, it does not refer to fund-raising activities such as school pictures.

The intent of this Policy is to establish guidelines by which fund-raising activities that enhance the educational opportunities and environment may be conducted.

The following guidelines for [fund-raising](#) activities shall apply:

1. The Superintendent or designee may solicit individuals or businesses for sponsorships for events approved by the Superintendent. These include but are not limited to: Best Foot Forward, athletic activities and the NHCS TV programming.
2. School and school organization's fund-raising from commercial businesses shall be restricted to the school newspaper, yearbook and athletics.
3. **Door-to-door fund-raising by students is prohibited.**
4. Fund-raising activities shall in no way exploit or discriminate against student(s).
5. Fund-raising activities shall be conducted in accordance with federal and state laws.
6. Fund-raising activities or sales of any kind, including on-line web venues, shall be limited to those by the school-sponsored organizations and staff.
7. Food items for fund-raising purposes may not be sold on school grounds between midnight and until after the final lunch period has ended.
8. Fund-raising events or activities shall neither interrupt nor reduce the instructional day for students. Vendors may not make presentations to students at any time during the school day, defined as the hours between the start of the first class and the end of the final class of the day.
9. Any student who participates in any manner in a fund-raising activity must have approval by the principal and parent notification specific to that fund-raising activity.
10. Handouts, announcements, or other related materials pertaining to fund-raising shall be given to students during homerooms, lunch periods, or as they leave the classroom.
11. The principal must approve, in writing, any fund-raising activity under sponsorship by any school group, school-sponsored organization or staff. The principal must forward a copy of all approved fund-raising activities to the Superintendent or designee to be kept on file.

12. All school fund-raising activities must be under the supervision of a teacher(s) or administrator(s). Fund-raising activities must be appropriate to the age or grade level of the students.
13. No student shall be required to participate in fund-raising activities, and the activities must not place an unrealistic demand on a student's time and effort. This does not apply to students enrolled in courses, which require fund-raising as part of the curriculum.

LEGAL REF: NGCS 115C-47 (6)
CROSS REFS: Policy 9200 Parent Support Organizations
Policy 8560 School-Sponsored Clubs and Student Activity Fees
Policy 9410 Soliciting and Advertising

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