

SA-P-5510 -FUNDRAISING AND CHARITABLE SOLICITATIONS POLICY

Prohibition of direct solicitation during school hours:

The Board of Fei Tian Academy of the Arts-Middletown prohibits the direct solicitation of charitable donations from students on school property during school hours without written approval from the principal or designee. Students shall not be directly asked to contribute money or goods for the benefit of charity during the hours in which they are compelled to be on school premises. "School hours" means the regular school day, from opening bell to closing bell, and includes homerooms and any other non-class time during the school day with the exception of school club activities during lunch period only. This prohibition applies to solicitations by all school and non-school persons and organizations, including students, staff and school-related organizations, such as Parent Teacher Organizations (PTOs).

Separation of fundraising from instruction:

Fundraising activities and instruction may not be intertwined. Student participation in curricular activities during the school day, where that participation generates pledges of money or goods, is permitted during lunch period only. Participation in fundraising shall not be a factor in the calculation of a student's grade for any course or subject, nor be a basis for awarding extra credit.

Passive collection and sales permitted during school day:

The building principal may allow students to participate during the school day in a food or clothing drive for the needy under the auspices of a not-for-profit organization, or in a collection of donations for hardship situations involving students or community members. The food, clothing, other goods or funds may only be collected in a noncoercive and passive fashion in a common area. Students participating in these types of collections are only permitted during non-class time or lunch period.

Ticket sales, bake sales and sales of items such as school supplies, T-shirts, and sweatshirts are permitted during school hours provided the transactions are noncoercive and do not intrude into classrooms.

Notifying students of after-school fundraising permitted:

School personnel and organizations may distribute flyers or other literature, put up posters or otherwise notify students of voluntary out-of-school fundraising activities for school related purposes or for the benefit of a not-for-profit organization. However, school personnel may not act as conduits and collect funds from students on behalf of a charity for which they recruited students, even if the funds were raised by students off school property and not during school hours.

Approval of building principals:

Prior approval must be received from the building principal for any fundraising activity conducted on school property, or that has a direct connection or benefit to the school. The building principal shall ensure that such activity does not infringe on student learning, and shall take into consideration other fundraising efforts so as not to place undue pressure on parents and community to contribute. Building principals shall notify the Director of Education of such activities at the school.

Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs):

Nothing in this policy shall be construed to prohibit the customary flow of information and written materials between the schools, PTOs and parents. PTO envelopes containing PTO fundraising information and order forms may be sent home with students, and students may return PTO envelopes to the school and to their teachers.

Distribution of policy:

This policy and any regulations established by the Principal shall be distributed to all building teachers and Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs), and shall be posted on the school website and otherwise distributed as deemed appropriate by the director of education. The director of education shall periodically inform the board of fundraising activities in the schools.

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