

Student Activity Funds

BP 3452(a)

Business and Noninstructional Operations

The Governing Board recognizes that student organizations can provide students with an opportunity to conduct worthwhile cocurricular activities while helping students learn about effective financial practices and develop leadership and management skills. To that end, the Board may approve the formation of associated student body organizations which are composed entirely of students, operate under the oversight of the principal or other district-employed advisor, and are subject to the control and regulation of the Board. Student organizations may raise and spend funds to support activities that promote the general welfare, morale, and educational experiences of the student body.

(cf. 1230 – School Connected Organizations)
(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)
(cf. 6145.5 - Student Organizations and Equal Access)

Fundraising

At the beginning of each school year, each principal or designee shall submit to the Superintendent or designee a list of the fund-raising events that each student organization proposes to hold that year. The Superintendent or designee shall review the proposed events and determine whether the events contribute to the educational experience and are not in conflict with or detract from the school's educational program. When reviewing proposed events, the Superintendent or designee shall consider the effects of the activities on student health and safety, evaluate the risk of liability to the district, and ensure that the proposed activities are in compliance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

(cf. 1321 - Solicitation of Funds from and by Students)
(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)
(cf. 3554 - Other Food Sales)
(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)
(cf. 5142 - Safety)
(cf. 5143 - Insurance)

Fundraising events that involve the sale of food and/or beverages shall comply with applicable state and/or federal nutrition standards and BP/AR 3554 – Other Food Sales. If the fundraising event involves the sale of noncompliant food and/or beverages, it shall not take place from midnight until at least one-half hour after the end of the school day, or not be conducted on school premises.

(cf. 3554 – Other Food Sales)

Management and Reporting of Funds

Student body funds shall be managed in accordance with law regulations, Board policies, and sound business procedures designed to encourage the largest possible educational return to students without sacrificing the security of funds.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop internal control procedures to safeguard the organization's assets, promote the success of fund-raising ventures, provide reliable financial information, protect employees and volunteers from accusations of impropriety, and reduce the risk of fraud and abuse. These procedures shall detail the oversight of activities and funds including, but not limited to, the appropriate role and provision of training for staff and students, parameters for events on campus, appropriate and prohibited uses of funds, and accounting and record-keeping processes, including procedures for handling questionable expenditures.

(cf. 3400 - Management of District Assets/Accounts)

The principal or designee shall be responsible for the proper conduct of all student organization financial activities. The budget adopted by the student body organization should serve as the financial plan for the school year and shall be submitted to the Superintendent or designee at the beginning of each school year. The Superintendent or designee shall monitor the budget and periodically review the organization's use of funds to ensure compliance with the district's internal control procedures.

Funds derived from the student body shall be disbursed according to procedures established by the student organization. All expenditures must be approved by a Board-designated employee or official, the certificated employee who is the student organization advisor, and a student organization representative. (Education Code 48933)

When student body funds are expended for equipment, supplies, or activities that support the district's athletic program, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the expenditures are aligned with the district's commitment to provide equitable opportunities for males and females.

(cf. 6145.2 – Athletic Competition)

Because of the district's administrative and/or direct financial involvement in the assets of the student organization, the student activity fund shall be reported within the district's fund in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 84.

The Board shall provide an annual audit of student organization accounts by a certified public accountant or licensed public accountant. The cost of the audit shall be paid from district funds. (Education Code 41020)

(cf. 3460 - Financial Reports and Accountability)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35182.5 Non-nutritious foods and beverages, vending machines

35564 Funds, obligation of the student body

41020 Requirement for annual audit

48930-48938 Student body organization

49431 Sale of food, elementary school

49431.2 Sale of food, middle and high schools

49431.5 Sale of beverages, elementary, middle and high schools

51520 School premise, prohibited solicitations

51521 Fund-raising projects

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4922 Nondiscrimination in intramural, interscholastic, and club activities

15500 Food sales, elementary schools

15501 Food sales, middle and junior high schools

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

106.41 Nondiscrimination in athletic programs

COURT DECISIONS

Prince v. Jacoby, (2002) 303 F.3d 1074

Management Resources:

FISCAL CRISIS MANAGEMENT & ASSISTANCE TEAM PUBLICATIONS

Fiscal Alert: GASB 84 and Its Impact on Associated Student Body Accounts, May 2020

Associated Student Body Accounting Manual & Desk Reference 2015

GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD PUBLICATIONS

Implementation Guide No. 2019-2, fiduciary Activities, June 2019

Statement No. 84, January 2017

WEB SITES

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

Fiscal Crisis Management & Assistance Team: <http://www.fcmat.org>

Governmental Accounting Standards Board: www.gasb.org