

6.3—Fund Raising

All fund raising activities held in the Van Buren School District or in the name of the District must be pre-approved in writing by the principal and the Superintendent/designee. Approval will be predicated on the need and use of the funds to be raised as well as time and energy to be invested in the fundraising. Fund raising that conflicts excessively with and/or detracts from student or teacher instructional time in either the planning or the execution of the activity will not be approved.

Neither an individual school nor the District shall be liable for any contract between clubs or organizations and third parties.

Student participation in any fund raising activity shall:

1. Not influence or affect the student's grade; and
2. Be voluntary. Students who choose not to participate shall not forfeit any school privileges. It shall not be considered discriminatory to reward those who participate.

Secondary Schools

Fund raising in the secondary schools may only be done by school activity programs, officially sanctioned student clubs, spirit groups, school PTAs, or parent booster clubs. Student clubs and spirit groups must receive written approval from their sponsor and the school principal before submitting the fund raising proposal to the Superintendent.

Door to door fundraising activities are generally discouraged. If approved, students wishing to participate who are under the age of eighteen (18) must return to their sponsor a signed parental notification and permission form.

Elementary Schools

Fund raising in the elementary schools may only be done by the school or a school sponsored organization. Door to door fundraising activities are not allowed in Van Buren Elementary Schools. Schools must provide written notification of the following to parents or legal guardians of elementary students who participate in fund raising programs:

1. Student participation in fund raising programs is voluntary;
2. Students who do not participate will not forfeit any school privileges;
3. Students may not participate in fund raising programs without written parental permission returned to school authorities.

Online Fund Raisers

All school-affiliated online fund raisers must be approved by the superintendent, or the superintendent's designee. The superintendent, or the superintendent's designee, shall act as the point of contact for all school-affiliated online fund raisers. An employee may be disciplined, up to and including termination, if the employee establishes:

- a. A school-affiliated online fund raiser without the permission of the superintendent, or the superintendent's designee; or
- b. The employee as the point of contact for a school-affiliated fund raised instead of the superintendent, or the superintendent's designee.

For purposes of this policy, a “school-affiliated online fund raiser” includes, but is not limited to, a fund raiser intended to raise funds for a particular teacher’s classroom, grade, student club or organization, or athletic team.

Legal References: A.C.A. §§6-18-1102
 A.C.A §6-18-1104

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