

Policy 705.07: Fundraising Within the District

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Fundraising can foster a sense of community and pride in the school district through group efforts to accomplish a common goal. The school board believes fundraising campaigns can further the interests of the district. Care must be taken to help ensure fundraising efforts are done properly and safely to benefit the school community. The school board is responsible for approving all district affiliated and student fundraising. Any person or entity acting on behalf of the district and wishing to conduct a fundraising campaign for the benefit of the district shall begin the process by seeking prior approval from the board or its designee. Any fundraising efforts conducted using the district's resources, name, logos, symbols, or imagery will be conducted in accordance with all policies, regulations and rules for fundraising within the district.

District Affiliated Fundraising

There are times when the school board may decide to engage in district-affiliated fundraising efforts to benefit the school district. All district affiliated fundraising efforts will fulfill a public purpose and will not benefit only one single individual or family, except in unique circumstances pre-approved by the school board. The use of district owned resources to conduct fundraising efforts will be in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations and other relevant district policies and procedures.

Money or items raised by any district affiliated fundraising campaign will be the property of the district only upon acceptance by the board and will be used only in accordance with the terms for which they were given, as agreed to by the board.

Student Fundraising

Students may raise funds for school-sponsored events with the permission of the school board. The school board delegates to the Superintendent the authority to approve routine student fundraising as deemed appropriate. Collection boxes for school fund raising must have prior approval from the school board or its designee before being placed on school property. All funds generated from district-sponsored student fundraising will be placed in the district's student activity fund. The Superintendent will develop necessary regulations to ensure the safety and equity of student fundraising efforts.

Online Fundraising

The use of the district's name, logos, symbols, or imagery for online fundraising will be subject to the approval of the Superintendent. All online fundraising efforts will fulfill a public purpose, and will not benefit only one single individual or family except in unique circumstances pre-approved by the school board. If approved, the requestor shall be responsible for preparing all materials and information related to the online fundraising campaign and keeping district administration apprised of the status of the campaign.

All items and money generated from online fundraising are subject to the same controls and regulations as other district property and shall be deposited or inventoried accordingly. No money raised or items purchased shall be distributed to individual employees.

NOTE: This is an optional policy.

Legal Reference: Senior Class of Pekin High School v. Tharp, 154 N.W.2d 874 (Iowa 1967).
Iowa Code §§ 279.8; 279.42; 565.6.