

Fund Raising

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I. General Policy Statement

The Board believes that the funds required to provide public education for the students of Haywood County should be obtained through state, federal and local revenues. However, it is necessary for schools to engage in fund raising activities from time to time in order to provide some program components. The Board establishes the regulations in this policy in order to assure that fund raising activities do not encroach upon instructional time, and that the community is not overwhelmed with solicitations.

II. Regulations

- A. Fund raising activities are not to be conducted during the school day, nor are students to be involved in activities connected with fund raising during instructional time.
- B. Each school is to submit a proposed plan for all fund raising activities to be conducted by the school or school sponsored organizations during the year to the Superintendent or designee, for review and approval no later than September 30 of each year. Approval of the plan must be obtained prior to beginning of any fund raising effort. If the event will take place prior to the submission of the plan or the event was not in the original plan, the principal will submit the request to the superintendent or designee for approval.
- E. It is the responsibility of the principal to assure that staff, students and the instructional program do not suffer as a result of any fund raising activity.
- F. Each school shall coordinate and set time limits for sales to avoid flooding the community with several sales.
- G. Fund raising projects involving the sale of food items by student clubs or organizations shall not occur on school campuses during the instructional day or on buses. The sale of candy bars as single items is strictly prohibited except as it occurs in conjunction with school sponsored after school concession activities.

III. Elementary Schools and Middle Schools

- A. In compliance with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools standards, students in grades K-8 are prohibited from conducting door-to-door fund raising for their school or school related organizations.
- B. Door-to-door prohibitions for students include selling items, taking orders and soliciting contributions or pledges.

IV. High Schools

- A. Fund raising for the junior/senior prom is prohibited. Students shall purchase tickets. Students with legitimate financial needs shall not be denied participation due to ticket cost.
- B. Student clubs and other groups such as cheerleaders, ROTC, etc. are limited to one fund raising activity per semester which involves solicitation (selling items, taking orders, seeking contributions or pledges). Additional fundraising activities for competitions, camps and the sale of spirit items are allowed, but must be approved by the principal and the superintendent or his/her designee.
- C. If additional operating funds are needed, student clubs and organizations may conduct non-soliciting fund-raisers (car washes, carnivals, bake sales, yard sales, etc.).

V. Non-School Fund Raising

- A. The involvement of staff and students in fund raising by non-school organizations during the school day is to be limited to providing information, materials and making announcements. School personnel shall not be responsible for the collection of money.
- B. Staff and students may volunteer, on an individual basis, to participate in fund raising for a non-school organization outside of the school day. Persuasion to participate shall be avoided.