

The board is committed to minimizing disruptions to instructional time and the educational environment. Collections and solicitations are discouraged and must not disrupt instructional time. Employees and students will not be required to contribute or respond to any collection or solicitation.

The superintendent shall develop regulations governing collections and solicitations, including fund-raising activities. The regulations will specify the type and number of collections and solicitations permitted and an approval process for collections and solicitations subject to the following guidelines.

1. Outside organizations and/or sales representatives may not solicit individual employees or students during working hours or the school day unless prior written approval is granted by the principal or the superintendent.
2. As a general rule, students, school organizations, teachers, and/or other school employees may not sell commercial products during the instructional school day.
3. Individuals and organizations must secure approval from the principal prior to conducting collections or solicitations on school grounds.
4. Fliers and other materials that are to be distributed or displayed in conjunction with an approved collection or solicitation must be approved by the principal based upon the criteria in Section D of policy 5210, Distribution and Display of Non-School Material, and/or policy 5240, Advertising in the Schools.
5. Individual schools, school organizations, and other school-related groups may choose to conduct fund-raising activities in support of non-school organizations. When individual schools, school organizations, and other school-related groups choose to conduct such fund-raising activities, schools may collect and process funds using the appropriate school-based procedures in accordance with applicable board policy.
6. Students in elementary school and middle school (grades K-8) are prohibited from participating in door-to-door fund-raising activities, including selling items and soliciting contributions or pledges, for their schools, school organizations, and other school-related groups.

Legal References: G.S. 14-238; 115C-36, -47

Cross References: Distribution and Display of Non-School Material (policy 5210), Advertising in the Schools (policy 5240)

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