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**FRESNO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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**Community Relations  
SCHOOL-CONNECTED ORGANIZATIONS**

The County Superintendent and County Board recognize that parents/guardians and community members may wish to organize parent organizations and/or booster clubs for the purpose of supporting curricular and extracurricular programs conducted or sponsored by the County Superintendent. The County Superintendent and County Board appreciate the contributions made by such organizations and encourage their interest and participation in supporting activities of the County Superintendent and County Board, and helping to achieve the vision of the County Superintendent and County Board for student learning.

The County Superintendent and County Board recognize that school-connected organizations are separate legal entities, independent of the County Superintendent and County Board. However, in order to help the County Superintendent and County Board stay informed regarding school-connected organizations, persons proposing to establish a school-connected organization shall submit a request to the County Superintendent for authorization to operate at a school operated by the County Superintendent.

A school-connected organization, including a booster club, parent-teacher association or organization, or other organization that does not include an associated student body or other student organization, shall be established and maintained as a separate entity from the school, the County Superintendent, and the County Board. Each school-connected organization shall be subject to its own bylaws and operational procedures or to the rules or bylaws of its affiliated state or national organization, as applicable.

In addition, activities by school-connected organizations shall be conducted in accordance with law, County Superintendent and County Board policies, County Superintendent regulations, and any rules of the sponsoring school.

The County Superintendent or designee shall establish appropriate rules for the relationship between school-connected organizations and the County Superintendent and County Board.

A school-connected organization shall obtain the written approval of the County Superintendent or designee prior to soliciting funds upon the representation that the funds will be used wholly or in part for the benefit of a school operated by the County Superintendent or the students at that school. (Education Code 51521.)

A school-connected organization may consult with the principal to determine school needs and priorities.

Any participation in fundraising activities by students and their parents/guardians and/or any donation of funds or property shall be voluntary. (Education Code 49011.)

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**Legal Reference**

Education Code

200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex  
35160 Authority of governing boards  
38130-38138 Civic Center Act, use of school property for public purposes  
48931 Authorization for sale of food by student organization  
48932 Authorization for fund-raising activities by student organization  
49011 Student fees  
49431-49431.7 Nutritional standards  
51520 Prohibited solicitation on school premises  
51521 Fund-raising project

Business and Professions Code

17510-17510.95 Solicitations for charitable purposes  
25608 Alcohol on school property; use in connection with instruction

Government Code

12580-12599.7 Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act

Penal Code

319-329 Lottery, raffle

Code of Regulations, Title 5

4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs  
15500 Food sales in elementary schools  
15501 Food sales in high schools and junior high schools  
15575-15578 Requirements for foods and beverages outside the federal meals program

Code of Regulations, Title 11

300-312.1 Fundraising for charitable purposes

United States Code, Title 20

1681-1688 Discrimination based on sex or blindness, Title IX

Code of Federal Regulations, Title 7

210.11 Competitive food services  
220.12 Competitive food services

Court Decisions

Serrano v. Priest (1976) 18 Cal.3d 728

**Management Resources**

Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team Publications

2015 ASB Accounting Manual, Fraud Prevention Guide and Desk Reference

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Web Sites

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Office of the Attorney General, charitable trust registry:

<http://caag.state.ca.us/charities>

California State PTA: <http://www.capta.org>

Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team (FCMAT); <http://www.fcmat.org>

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