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**Charities And United Way**

## CHARITIES

Board Rule 6Gx13-1C-1.15 <http://www.dadeschools.net/schoolboard/rules/Chapt1/1c-1.15.pdf> authorizes the United Way solicitation among elementary and secondary school students. The United Way student campaign will be conducted in accordance with district policies. Through this rule, the School Board authorizes senior high school clubs to participate, at the discretion of the principal, in fund-raising activities for charitable purposes as specified below:

- A. A senior high school club may fund-raise or donate to the national/state 501(c)(3) public charity supported by the club's national/state sponsoring organization provided that the fund-raising involved follows all Miami-Dade County Public Schools guidelines as stated in the *Manual of Internal Fund Accounting* for fund-raising. (The list of clubs approved to do such fundraising is included in this handbook section.)
- B. Such fund-raising may not be conducted concurrently with the United Way of Miami-Dade County student campaign in the Miami-Dade County Public Schools except when the 501(c)(3) public charity fund-raising drive supported by the club's national/state sponsoring organization occurs during the United Way student campaign.

School participation, directly involving the handling of money by School Board employees and/or students in fundraising activities, is authorized only for the annual United Way fundraising campaign and Scholarship Saturday events. Students are also permitted to participate in fundraising activities for Scholarship Saturday events. However, handling of money as part of fundraising campaigns for voluntary health agencies or humanitarian causes other than the district's annual United Way Campaign. may only be conducted when formal approval is given by the Superintendent of Schools and transmitted to the School Board via a formal Agenda Item (6Gx13-1C- 1.09) <http://www.dadeschools.net/schoolboard/rules/Chapt1/1c-1.09.pdf> (6Gx13-1C-1.15).

Limited participation by School Board employees and/or students in fundraising campaigns for other voluntary health agencies or humanitarian causes can be authorized, in advance, by the principal or the principal's designated representative. Such participation is limited to publicizing the event through posters and making materials available for distribution at a central location, but must not involve the handling of money in any way unless formally approved by the Superintendent of Schools and transmitted to the School Board. (6Gx13-1C-1.15)

No student, school organization or member of the school staff may solicit funds from the public in the name of the school for any purpose without the prior approval of the

principal and the Region superintendent/designee. (6Gx13-1C-1.10)  
<http://www.dadeschools.net/schoolboard/rules/Chapt1/1c-1.10.pdf>.

Any exceptions to the stated guidelines must be requested by the Superintendent of Schools and submitted to the Board for approval.

## **Clubs Fund-Raising or Donating to Charities**

### **Board Rule 6Gx13-1C-1.15 has been amended to read as follows:**

“Authorization for Limited Senior High School Club Participation in Fund-raising Activities for Charitable Purposes

The School Board authorizes senior high school clubs to participate, at the discretion of the principal, in fund-raising activities for charitable purposes.

- A. A senior high school club may fund-raise or donate to the national/state 501(c)(3) public charity supported by the club’s national/state sponsoring organization provided that the fund-raising involved follows all Miami-Dade County Public Schools guidelines as stated in the Manual of Internal Fund Accounting for Fund-raising.
- B. Such fund-raising may not be conducted concurrently with the United Way of Miami-Dade County Student Campaign in the Miami-Dade County Public Schools except when the 501(c)(3) public charity fund-raising drive supported by the club’s national/state sponsoring organization occurs during the United Way Student Campaign.”

### **What does this mean for schools?**

If you have a school-site club that has a national/state parent organization AND that national/state parent organization raises funds for a particular 501(c)(3) charity (or charities), then the school-site club can, at the principal’s discretion, donate funds from their Internal Funds account or have a fund-raiser to put funds into their Internal Funds account to donate to the charity.

If you have a school-site that does not have a national/state parent organization, OR one that does have a national/state parent organization which does not hold fund-raising drives for any 501(c)(3) charity, then that group is NOT permitted to donate to any charity.

If the school-site club has a national/state parent organization which is itself a 501(c)(3) charity (e.g., SADD and Best Buddies), then the school-site club is permitted to fund-raise and donate from their Internal Funds account directly to the parent organization.

### **What do you mean by fund-raising or donating?**

Fund-raising means that all procedures in the Manual for Internal Fund Association for Elementary and Secondary Schools are followed. Refer to Section 21 in the Student Activities Handbook for detailed information.

Donating means that the funds are either currently in the club account in the Internal Funds system or have been deposited into the club account as a result of an approved fund-raising activity for which an operating report is on file at the school. The club may request that a check be issued to the charity.

Solicitation of funds through door-to-door, classroom collections, school-wide collection drives or students carrying containers soliciting funds is expressly prohibited. (Board Rule 6Gx13-1C-1.10) <http://www.dadeschools.net/schoolboard/rules/Chapt1/1c-1.10.pdf>

Any Kind of “coin drive” (e.g., “Pennies for Patients”, “Quarters from Kids”, UNICEF containers) are prohibited. The club may still donate funds from their account or have a valid fund-raiser to generate funds to donate.

The revision to the Board Rule permits only fund-raisers/donations through Internal Funds.

### **Approved List of Clubs with National/State Parent Organizations & Charity**

The following are the ONLY groups permitted to fund-raise/donate to their national/state parent organization’s charity fund-raising drive.

ASPIRA	Partnership for Traffic Safety, Click It or Ticket
Best Buddies	Best Buddies International, Best Buddies Challenge
Crime Watch	Online Child Safety and The Virtual Global Taskforce
DECA	Muscular Dystrophy Association
FBLA	March of Dimes
FCCLA	America’s Promise, American Cancer Society, Connect America, Join Hands Day, Feed the Children
HOSA	Autism Speaks
Invisible Children United	Invisible Children
Junior Civitan	Walk-N-Roll
Key Club	UNICEF, Children’s Miracle Network, Kiwanis, March of Dimes, March of Dimes
LEO Club	Lions Club
Mu Alpha Theta	Relay for Life
O Ambassadors	Oprah’s Angel Network, Free the Children
Red Cross	American Red Cross
SADD	SADD, Red Ribbon Week
SHAPE	SHAPE , State and National
Thespians	Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS
TSA	American Cancer Society
Tri-M	Feed the Children

## **Clubs with a National/Parent Organization that do not fund-raise for a specific Charity**

The groups listed below were researched and these groups are NOT permitted to fundraise or donate to ANY charity.

5000 Role Models	Japanese Club
Amnesty International	JETS
BCE	JROTC
Bible/Cross Talk	Latin Club
Chamber of Commerce	Model UN
Chess	National Forensics
DCT	National Honor
DCT-H	NTA
Debate	Odyssey of the Mind
D-FY-IT	Quill and Scroll
English Honor	Science Honor
Equal Access Groups	SECME
ESOL	Social Studies Honor
FEA	Spanish Honor
FFA	Spectrum
French Honor	SWAT
German Honor	Teen Anglers
GSA	VICA/Skills USA
Hispanic Honor	WEP
In-School Chamber	Zonta International
Italian Honor	

### **What if a club is not listed above?**

It is not approved to fund-raise or donate to ANY charity.

### **How can a club be added to the approved list?**

The club must contact its national/state parent organization and request, on organization letterhead, the 501(c)(3) charity that the national/state parent is fundraising for and when the fund-raiser occurs. Additionally, contact information for the national/state parent organization must be provided so that the information can be verified.

This information is to be submitted to the Activities Director who in turn will submit the information to the Division of Athletics/Activities and Accreditation for approval. Until such approval has been provided, in writing, the group is not permitted to fundraise or donate to any charity.