

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES FUNDS MANAGEMENT

The School Board recognizes that each school and certain activities may find it necessary to carry special financial accounts. The school principal is authorized by the Board to open a special account and shall be personally responsible for such monies.

### A. Funds Raised By Clubs And Organizations

The purpose of student activity funds is to promote the general welfare, education and morale of all students and to finance the normal, legitimate co-curricular activities of the various student body organizations in the Londonderry School District.

1. The School District shall have the authority to authorize those activity programs it wishes to be operational in the Londonderry School District. These accounts will be managed by the respective school principal in accordance with the standards set forth in the *NH Financial Accounting Handbook for Local Education Agencies*.
2. It is recognized that student participation is an important factor in the management of money raised by the student body and expended for its benefit.
3. Projects for the raising of student activity funds shall, in general, contribute to the educational experience of pupils and shall add to, not conflict with, the instructional program. Maintaining school accounts which are not relative to student activities is strictly prohibited.
4. Student activity funds shall, to the extent possible, be expended in such a way as to benefit those pupils who have contributed to the accumulation of such money.
5. Student activity funds shall not be used for any purpose that represents an accommodation, loan or credit to Londonderry School District employees or other persons. Post-dated checks may not be accepted and checks may not be cashed for anyone. Employees of the School District or others may not make purchases through a student body activity account in order to take personal advantage of student body purchasing privilege. Furthermore, these funds are not for staff activities (principal funds, sunshine funds, etc.). Funds collected for staff activities shall not be commingled with student activity funds.
6. No student body organization shall be obligated for purchases made by students, staff or others unless supported by a written request signed by the appropriate student body organization treasurer. The authorization for an expenditure may only take place when funds are available for the specific student body organization making said request. All transactions must be supported by appropriate written documentation which meets the standards of the annual School District audit.
7. Monthly financial reports for the student activity funds shall be prepared by the principal and submitted to the Business Office. Financial reports shall be available to each participating student organization on a regular basis.

**B. Class Funds**

The disposition of class funds shall be treated the same as any other activity account. The moneys accrued shall be designated for expenses, projects, memorials, or other selected items. The balances, if any, shall be released within one year following graduation, in the names of at least two class officers for class purposes. The designated class officers shall receive their authorization from an official vote of the class membership. The official minutes from said meeting will allow the principal to disburse the funds after graduation along with a final accounting of the funds. Both parties will sign a mutual release form as prescribed by the Superintendent of Schools.

**C. Internal Controls**

The School District recognizes its obligation to maintain a system of internal controls to prevent fraud and waste, ensure accuracy of the accounting data, promote adherence to stated policies, and secure conformity with applicable laws. The elements of control shall include but not be limited to: management responsibility, reasonable assurance, limitations, segregation of functions, transaction documentation, and access to records. The Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee shall maintain written procedures to be followed by everyone involved in the handling of student activity accounts. Said administrative guidelines may change from time to time to accommodate system needs. Nonetheless, the purpose of the guidelines shall always be to ensure that the student activity accounts conform to the *NH Financial Accounting Handbook for Local Education Agencies* and have adequate internal controls in place to safeguard these funds.

LONDONDERRY SCHOOL BOARD

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