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Solicitation of Charitable Contributions

First Supervisory District of Suffolk County
201 Sunrise Highway
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Students

Direct solicitation of charitable donations from Eastern Suffolk BOCES students on ESBOCES property during regular instructional hours is prohibited. It is a violation of ESBOCES policy and the Rules of the Board of Regents to ask ESBOCES students directly to contribute money or goods for the benefit of a charity during the hours in which they are compelled to be on ESBOCES grounds.

However, this policy does not prevent the following types of fundraising activities:

1. fundraising activities which take place off ESBOCES grounds or outside of regular instructional hours or during before-class or after-class extracurricular periods;
2. arms-length transactions, where the purchaser receives consideration for their donation (e.g., the sale of goods or tickets for concerts or social events, where the proceeds go to charity); and
3. indirect forms of charitable solicitation on ESBOCES grounds that do not involve coercion and are collected in a passive manner such that the identities of students making and not making donations are not revealed, such as placing a bin or collection box in a hallway or other common area for the donation of food, clothing, other goods, or money.

Collection of charitable contributions of food, clothing, other goods or money from students in the classroom or homeroom is prohibited.

The Board will ultimately decide which organizations, groups, etc. may solicit charitable donations and for what purposes, as long as the activities comply with the terms of this policy and the Rules of the Board of Regents. Direct solicitation of students during school hours is prohibited regardless of the nature of the person or organization soliciting donations.

Personnel

Soliciting of funds from ESBOCES personnel by persons or organizations representing public or private organizations is prohibited. The District Superintendent and Chief Operating Officer or designee have the authority to make exceptions to this policy in cases where solicitation is considered to be in ESBOCES' best interest. The Board will be notified of these instances.

Distribution of information about worthwhile local charities may be made through the Office of the District Superintendent/Chief Operating Officer as a service to ESBOCES personnel.

No person or organization may solicit funds from employees within ESBOCES, nor may anyone distribute posters, flyers or other materials related to fund drives through ESBOCES, without the prior approval of the District Superintendent, Chief Operating Officer, or designee, nor shall

employees be made responsible, or assume responsibility for, the collection of any money or distribution of any fund drive literature within ESBOCES without such activity having the prior approval of the District Superintendent, Chief Operating Officer, or designee.

References:

- New York State Constitution Article 8, Section 1
- Education Law Section 414
- 8 NYCRR Section 19.6

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