CARLISLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: FINANCES

TITLE: STUDENT ACTIVITY FUNDS

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618. STUDENT ACTIVITY FUNDS

1. Purpose

The Board is responsible for adopting and enforcing reasonable policy and rules regarding the management, supervision, control and prohibition of student activities, including raising and disbursing funds.

2. Definition

For purposes of this policy, **student activity funds** shall include the funds of Board-approved student groups. Student activity funds shall be raised by students and expended for purposes related to the activity, with student participation in the decision-making process regarding these areas.

3. Authority SC 511

All student organizations operating within the school setting must be recommended by the building principal and approved by the Board. No activities may be carried on, no accounts established, funds collected or disbursed prior to Board approval.

4. Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee is responsible for developing and implementing administrative procedures governing student activity funds.

The establishment of a student activity account must have the recommendation of the building principal and approval of the Superintendent. Information regarding the nature and purpose of the activity and proposed budget, including any planned fundraising activities along with any other pertinent information, shall be presented to the principal annually.

The building principal shall exercise general supervisory control over all student activity organizations within his/her building and shall be responsible for ensuring that each organization adheres to the regulations and policies of the district.

The organization's student treasurer and faculty advisor are responsible for maintaining records of all funds collected and disbursed and submitting required reports to the Board.

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5. Guidelines

The student activity fund shall be comprised of two (2) operating account areas as follows:

- 1. Student organizational accounts which are funds used for student activities managed by the student activity.
- 2. Student body accounts which are funds used for student activities which are managed by the building principal.

Each activity must have an adult advisor. Middle school clubs are not required to have student officers; however, each organization must present a formal action plan to the principal for approval following the group's first meeting. The action plan must define the purpose of the group, the source of funding, a proposed budget and use of funds. The adult advisor must sign the action plan with the number of students interested in the club.

High school organizations are required to have student officers. A list of officers, along with current bylaws, must be submitted to the building principal annually to be considered active for the current year.

SC 440.1, 623

Funds of any student body organization may be deposited or invested in banks whose accounts are insured by FDIC or investment certificates or withdrawable shares in state-chartered savings and loan associations doing business in-state and insured by FDIC or FSLIC.

All receipts collected for a student activity account, along with the deposit ticket indicating the account name and source of the funds, shall be delivered to the building principal's office within one (1) school day following their collection.

All expenditures from the student activity account shall be made only by use of a district check with the approval of the activity advisor and building principal. At the high school level, one (1) student signature is required, either the elected treasurer or assigned financial representative of the club. An invoice, cash register receipt or dated sales slip, or other documentation supporting the expenditure must accompany the check request form.

No student activity shall be allowed to overdraw its account, unless a deposit is required to make reservations for an upcoming event. The building's student body account may fund any activity account that has a deficit balance as of June 30th. The building principal may suspend the right of the organization to conduct activities or have the account terminated by forwarding written authorization to the business office.

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| | The building principal may request the business office to terminate an inactive account at any time. The request must be in writing and signed by the building principal and organization advisor, if available. Any account having no activity for a period of two (2) school years will be terminated automatically. Any fund balance remaining in a terminated account shall be transferred to the building's student body account. |
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| | Interest earned, net of bank fees, will be distributed semi-annually to the building's student body accounts proportionally based upon the account balances. |
| SC 511, 807.1 | All purchases of materials or supplies by any organization, club, society or group, or by any school or class shall be made by the purchaser in accordance with the requirements of law. |
| SC 511 | All funds accumulated in the name of a specific activity must be closed out annually, and any residual funds shall revert to the same group for the following school year. |
| SC 511 | A financial report of the condition of each student activity fund shall be submitted to the Board quarterly. |
| Pol. 619 | The student activity fund shall be audited annually during the district's established audit. |
| | Graduating Classes |
| | All graduating classes, after payment of all financial obligations and prior to graduation, shall make a commitment for distribution of the funds remaining in the class account to school activities of the class's choosing, such as a senior gift, scholarship fund or donating to another class. |
| | Funds may not be disbursed or set aside for future obligations, such as class reunions. |
| | References: |
| | School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 440.1, 511, 623, 807.1 |
| | Board Policy – 000, 608, 619, 811 |
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