POLICY—200.2—FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

BOARD POLICY

1. The Board of Education is committed to the principles of fiscal accountability, transparency, and ethical financial management to safeguard public funds.
2. The Board of Education complies with all applicable state and federal procurement laws. The Board delegates to the Chief Procurement Officer (Director of Purchasing) authority to carry out the procurement functions of the district, the authority to establish procedures for small purchases, and to ensure such functions are in accordance with established policies, regulations, and procedures. The Director of Purchasing may delegate or withdraw delegated purchasing authority from other employees.
3. The Board expects employees and staff to act in a responsible and ethical manner regarding District resources consistent with the Utah Public Officer’s and Employee’s Ethics Act.
4. The Board authorizes the Superintendent and District Administration to develop administrative regulations consistent with this policy. Administrative regulations are subject to review and approval by the Board.

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION—200.2-1: (Purchasing and Contract Protocols)

1. All procurement activities must be conducted in accordance with all applicable procurement laws, including Utah Procurement Code and the Utah Public Officers’ and Employees’ Ethics Act. District employees shall also comply with all District policies and procedures when making any purchases.
2. All contracts must be approved and signed by the Business Administrator/CFO or her/her designee.
3. Except for small purchases made in accordance with Administrative Regulation 200.23, no purchase will be made, and no indebtedness will be incurred, by any District officer or employee without prior Board approval.
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION—200.2-2: (Illegal Activities)

1. Employees participating in any aspect of a procurement process shall not use their position to request or receive gratuities or kickbacks.
2. Employees are prohibited from artificially dividing a purchase order, regardless of the method, to avoid exceeding the dollar expenditure limits established by the District. It is unlawful and a violation of District policy to intentionally structure a purchase to evade any of the thresholds set out in this policy, and such actions are subject to criminal penalties and may result in employee disciplinary action, up to and including termination (e.g., splitting up the purchase of uniforms, club or athletic equipment, or textbook orders).
3. Violations of the state’s procurement and ethical laws, including those stated above, are punishable as a misdemeanor or felony depending on the dollar amount involved.
4. Caution should be exercised with using purchase cards, and employees should not split purchases with such cards to stay under daily purchase limits on purchase cards or the established purchasing thresholds.

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION—200.2-3: (Small Purchases)

Definitions:
1. “Small Purchase”: means a procurement (e.g., a single or cumulative purchase) by the District that does not require the use of a standard procurement process (e.g., bidding, requests for proposals) and may be approved by the Chief Procurement Officer or designee.
2. “Annual cumulative threshold”: means the maximum total amount that the District may expend to obtain procurement items as small purchase from the same source in a single year.
3. "Individual procurement threshold": means the maximum amount that the District may purchase a procurement item as a small purchase.
4. “Single procurement aggregate threshold”: means the maximum total amount that the District may expend to obtain multiple procurement items from one source at one time as small purchases.
Purchases:
1. Procurement of items or services costing more than $80,000 must be approved by the Board of Education.
2. A purchase may exceed the thresholds only if the Board or its designee gives written authorization and the written authorization sets forth the reason for exceeding the threshold.
3. The District may not use the small purchases process for ongoing, continuous, and regularly scheduled procurements that exceed the annual cumulative threshold. The District shall use an awarded contract or another standard procurement process for regularly scheduled procurements in excess of the annual cumulative threshold.

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION—200.2-4: (Expenditure of Public Funds; Cash Handling; Donations; Gifts)

1. **Expenditure of Public Funds**: Consistent with state administrative rule the District establishes procedures for expenditure of public funds, including checks, electronic transfers and credit/debit cards by individual schools as outlined in the Canyons School District (CSD) Financial Accounting Manual and Purchasing Department Training resources. (See, R277-113 (6). Please refer to these sources for questions regarding credit card transactions, employee reimbursements, travel, payroll, length of multi-year contracts, procurement law requirements, and exclusive contracts.


3. **Donations and Gifts**: Consistent with state administrative rule the District establishes procedures for monetary donations, donations and gifts with donor restrictions, donations of gifts, good, materials or equipment, and funds for items designated for construction or improvement of facilities. See, R277-113 (6). Please refer to the outlined sections of the Canyons School District Financial Accounting Manual for specific donation procedures.

3.1. All donations to Canyons District schools received over $500.00 dollars must be forwarded to the Canyons Education Foundation for completion of proper accounting paperwork and issuance of tax receipts. Booster Clubs fundraisers and school fundraisers are exempt from this provision.
### ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION—200.2-5: (Fundraising)

#### Definitions:

1. “Fundraising”: means an activity or event provided, sponsored, or supported by the District that uses students to generate funds or raise money to: (1) provide financial support to a school or a school’s class, group, team, or program; or (2) benefit a particular charity or for other charitable purposes.

2. “Fundraising” does not include an alternative method of raising revenue without students. See, Utah Code §53G-7-501 (7).

3. “Group fundraiser” or “group fundraising” means a fundraising activity where the money raised is used for the mutual benefit of the group, team, or organization. 
   3.1. If the proceeds of the group fundraiser are to offset individual fees, only those students who participate may receive benefit of from the group, team, or organization fundraiser.

4. “Individual fundraiser” or “individual fundraising” means a fundraising activity where money is raised by each individual student to pay the individual student’s fees.

#### Individual and Group Fundraising Requirements

1. CSD individual schools or groups may not authorize, establish or allow for required individual fundraising.

2. CSD individual schools or groups may provide optional individual fundraising opportunities for students to raise money to offset the cost of student’s fees.
3. The District may allow for group fundraisers.
4. The District shall prohibit denying a student membership in or participation on a team or group in an activity based on the student's non-participation in a fundraiser. See, R277-407-10 (2).
5. The District shall require compliance with R277-113 when using alternative methods of raising revenue that do not include students.

Fundraising Activity Approval Process
Any administrator, faculty, or staff member, coach, or advisor or other district employee that is involved with fundraising shall review and comply with the standards set forth in Policy 200.2 Fiscal Accountability and state law.

1. The District provides funds for specific educational functions on an equitable basis; therefore, no fundraising effort (school partnership) will be approved that would generate funds for the following categories:
   1.1. Textbooks and supplies (purchase of)
   1.2. Transportation of students between school and home on a regular basis
   1.3. The purchase or construction of an additional classroom (s)
   1.4. The hiring of licensed, educational support professional or paraprofessional staff
2. All elementary and middle schools may participate annually in the following fundraisers:
   2.1. Two (2) school fundraisers:
      2.1.1. One (1) fundraiser sponsored by the school.
      2.1.2. One (1) fundraiser sponsored by the school and/or PTA.
      2.1.3. Should a compelling financial need arise to conduct an additional fundraiser, approval must be obtained from the principal and the Superintendent or designee.
      2.1.4. Two charitable fundraisers (such as activities sponsored by nonprofit [501C-3] organizations).
3. High schools may participate in additional fundraising opportunities due to the unique demands for activity program funding. However, individual high school groups or organizations are limited to a maximum of 5 (five) fundraisers per school year beginning in 2020-2021, and must receive approval from the school principal and the Office of School Performance.
4. All schools must complete a needs assessment before a fundraiser can be approved in order to determine the amount of funds required and the methods used to raise the funds.
5. All local school fundraisers must be submitted first to the school principal then to the Office of School Performance for review and approval using the online fundraising approval process.

6. All school fundraised monies (individual or group) will be recorded for accounting purposes during the school year, which is July 1st to June 30th. All unused fundraised monies (individual or group) will be carried forward into the next school year to benefit the group, team, class or organization as a whole and not any one individual.

7. The Canyons Public Engagement Coordinator is responsible to review and approve fundraising permits on behalf of commercial entities used for school fundraising. School personnel/PTA may only use Foundation approved entities. School personnel may recommend potential commercial entities for review and approval by the District.

8. Students must not be compelled to sell or purchase products or services and must be free to voluntarily participate without peer or group pressure for competitive selling.

9. Students are not to miss class (instructional time) to participate in fundraisers.

10. Under no circumstances shall individual student fundraising goals/success be posted publicly, online, or in any public format. No student will be embarrassed, humiliated, or shamed whether a student participates or not in fundraising.

11. Charitable fundraising will not be endorsed or sponsored on a District wide basis. Materials that advertise other charitable fundraising activities may be placed in the school office or other locations to be determined by the school administration.

12. School Level Guidelines:
   12.1. The guidelines for elementary school and middle school vary from guidelines for high school. Funds raised in elementary and middle schools are primarily used to support school activities, enhance instruction, and for general operational assistance for school. Elementary and middle school students are restricted by policy from participating in overnight travel.
   12.2. Fundraisers that involve students in the sale of a product/service or the solicitation of a donation will be allowed. Door-to-door sales will not be allowed.


ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION—200.2-6: (Canyons Education Foundation)

1. Fundraiser Partnerships:
   1.1. The External Relations department, including the Canyons Education Foundation develops partnerships with organizations for the purpose of raising funds for the
1. Schools and the Foundation. A list of these organizations is disseminated to the schools on a regular basis (available at www.foundation.canyonsdistrict.org). School personnel are required to consider these partnerships to raise funds for the school or school organizations.

1.2. The Public Engagement Coordinator shall consult with the Superintendent of Schools, the Office of School Performance or designee to disseminate fundraising information to the school or the District.

1.3. All partnerships and fundraisers are subject to the level guidelines of this policy.

2. Advertising Partnerships (commercial and nonprofit)

2.1. The Canyons Education Foundation and the Canyons School District may not distribute advertisements to students unless there is a direct financial benefit to the district, school or the student’s team/activity from the sale of the advertised product/service. All requests to distribute advertising to students must be reviewed and approved by the Public Engagement Coordinator. The Public Engagement Coordinator will approve requests using criteria that evaluate the reputation of the advertising entity and the potential for revenue to support school activities, and Foundation activities, among others. The local school administration is responsible to ensure that any advertising to be distributed to students has been approved by the Public Engagement Coordinator and the Office of School Performance.

2.2. Advertisements from all other commercial enterprises may be placed in the school office for interested students and parents with the approval of the school administration.

REFERENCES
None

FORMS
None

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