

Associated Student Bodies

An associated student body (ASB) will be formed in each school within the district whenever one or more students in that school engage in money-raising activities with the approval and at the direction or under the supervision of the district. An associated student body will be a formal organization of students, including sub-components or affiliated student groups. Each associated student body will submit a constitution and bylaws to the Board for approval. The constitution and bylaws will identify how student activities become approved as student body activities and establish standards for their supervision, governance and financing. Subject to such approval process, any lawful activity which promotes the educational, recreational or cultural growth of students as an optional extracurricular or co-curricular activity may be considered for recognition as an associated student body activity. Any lawful fund raising practices that are consistent with the goals of the district and which do not bring disrespect to the district or its students may be acceptable methods and means for raising funds for student body activities. The Board of Directors may act or delegate the authority to a staff member to act as the associated student body for any school which contains no grade higher than grade six.

The principal will designate a staff member as the primary advisor to the ASB and assure that all groups affiliated with the ASB have an advisor assigned to assist them. Advisors will have the authority and responsibility to intervene in any activities that are inconsistent with district policy, ASB standards, student safety or ordinarily accepted standards of behavior in the community. When in doubt, advisors will consult the principal regarding the propriety of proposed student activities. Student activities cannot include support or opposition to any political candidate or ballot measure.

Each ASB will prepare and submit annually a budget for the support of the ASB program to the Board for approval. All property and money acquired by ASBs, except private non-associated student body funds, will be district funds and will be deposited and disbursed from the district's associated student body program fund.

Money acquired by associated student body groups through fundraising and donations for scholarships, student exchanges and charitable purposes will be private non-associated student body fund moneys.

Solicitation of funds for non-associated student body fund purposes must be voluntary and must be accompanied by notice of the intended use of the proceeds and the fact that the district will hold the funds in trust for their intended purpose. Non-associated student body fund moneys will be disbursed as determined by the group raising the money. Private non-associated student body funds will be held in trust by the district for the purposes indicated during the fund raising activities until the student group doing the fund raising requests disbursement of the funds and the accounts of the fundraising are complete and reconciled.

Cross Reference(s)

Board Policy 2150 – Co-Curricular Program
Board Policy 3515 – Student Incentives
Board Policy 4200 – Safe and Orderly Learning Environment
Board Policy 6020 – System of Funds and Accounts

Legal Reference(s)

RCW 28A.325.020 – Associated Student Bodies – Powers and Responsibilities Affecting
RCW 28A.325.030 – Associated Student Body Program Fund – Fundraising Activities – Non-associated
Student Body Program Fund Moneys
WAC Chapter 392-138 – Finance – Associated Student Body Moneys

Management Resource(s)

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