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**Policy 942: Management of
Student Activity Funds (Pre-K-8)**

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The purpose of this policy is to define the cash collection procedures, accountability responsibilities, and record-keeping requirements for funds collected in connection to all student activities. Examples of such activities include, but are not limited to, class field trips, special classroom or school projects, and school stores.

Activities undertaken by school PTOs are not subject to these regulations. PTOs are separate organizations that adhere to their own by-laws and operating procedures.

1. Staff members wishing to collect funds for an activity must request prior approval of their building principal.
2. The request must clearly indicate the purpose of the collection, the amount to be collected, an estimate of costs, the timeline of the activity, and the method of communicating this request to the parents.
3. The principal may alter, deny, or approve the request.
4. The requestor (teacher) is responsible for collecting and recording all individual collections. All collections will be sent to the principal's office on the day they are received. All funds will be deposited as soon as possible into the designated bank account using deposit slips provided by Central Office. One copy of the deposit slip, date stamped by the bank, will be forwarded to Central Office by the school.
5. Requests for checks/payments from this account will be made using the Student Activity Account Check Request Form as provided by Central Office. The requestor will complete such form and attach the invoice to be paid. The building principal must approve all check requests by signing the Check Request Form.
6. Approved check requests will be disbursed by Central Office within two working days. Each check from this account must have two signatures by designated Central Office personnel.

7. The Director of Business Services will insure that each school's account balance is maintained and that the sum of all school balances reconciles with the monthly bank statement. The Central Office will forward a monthly statement to each school. Each principal will maintain school-based records detailing the revenue and expenditure for each activity. Principals will also insure that their local records reconcile with the balance for their school as maintained in the Central Office. At a minimum, principals will complete a quarterly reconciliation and forward it to Central Office.

8. All school employees are prohibited from opening any bank account to manage or deposit Student Activity Account (or other school) funds.

9. Employees are prohibited from paying for activities from their personal funds and then seeking direct reimbursement from students and/or parents.

10. Funds in the Student Activity Account are to be used exclusively for student-related activities. **Accrued interest may be used to fund or offset the costs of external audits or other costs related to the management of the fund.**

11. The Director of Business Services and Town Treasurer will insure compliance with the regulations to maintain both an "agency" account and ~~an "expense"~~ a "checking" account as directed by Massachusetts General Laws. **The maximum amount authorized in the checking account is \$75,000. Replenishment of the checking account will be done through the warrant process.**

12. The Director of Business Services will engage an external, independent audit of the fund, once every three years, with results reported to the School Committee.

13. The Director of Business Services will coordinate an annual ~~audit~~ **internal review** of the Student Activity Account with the results reported to ~~School Committee~~ **the Superintendent and each school building principal.**

14. The Superintendent reserves the right to cancel any student activity that is not in the best interest of the school district or students.

References: MGL 71:47, Ch. 66 of the Acts of 1996, Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education: Agreed Upon Procedures and Audit Guidelines: Student Activity Funds.

This policy will be reviewed within five years of its last revision.