

SECTION: COMMUNITY

TITLE: BOOSTER ORGANIZATIONS

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BETHEL PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

<p>915. BOOSTER ORGANIZATIONS</p>	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>The Board of School Directors recognizes the contributions that booster organizations make to the quality of a student's school life at the Bethel Park School District. The purpose of the booster organization is to support the activities of the school district. Therefore, those activities should be consistent with the philosophy and objectives of the Bethel Park School District. Further, the activities of a booster organization may have direct bearing on whether or not a school athletic team and/or an individual on that team is disqualified from participating in sanctioned athletic events.</p>
<p>2. Definitions</p>	<p>Booster organization means any support organization that provides services, funds, and/or equipment for a school district sponsored program. Such programs include athletic and non-athletic, as well as interscholastic co-curricular and extracurricular programs.</p>
<p>3. Authority</p>	<p>Booster organizations shall apply for recognition from the Board of School Directors. A booster organization, in order to be recognized, must conduct its activities in a manner that is consistent with the philosophy, mission and objectives of the district.</p>
<p>4. Guidelines</p>	<p><u>Recognition</u></p> <p>A booster organization, in order to gain recognition of the Board of School Directors, must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Present to the Board a set of by-laws or similar rules governing the activities of the organization. The by-laws or similar rules must be consistent with the philosophy, mission and policy of the school district. 2. Agree that it will comply with all district policies and guidelines relating to booster organizations, as well as with the P.I.A.A. and W.P.I.A.L. rules and regulations, and any other governing body regulating the activity which the booster organization is organized to support.

<p>PA Act 82, Article XVI-C</p>	<p>3. Booster organizations must turn in a yearly financial statement to the Business Office for compliance with Act 82 Interscholastic Athletic Opportunities Disclosure Act.</p> <p><u>Fundraising</u></p> <p>Fundraising can only occur if the booster organization is in compliance with all of the requirements of this policy. The district reserves the right to deny any fundraising activities at their digression. Permissible fundraising activities shall be for the following purposes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Supplement programs for the various interscholastic and co-curricular and extracurricular programs within the school district with the advice and approval of the designated administrator.2. Support district student scholarships. The Booster Club shall confirm that no gift or award may be given to a student, directly or indirectly, without the prior approval of the Superintendent and/or the Board of School Directors, as may be appropriate. Further, the Booster Club shall confirm that all awards, gifts, or other items given to students not violate the policies of the School District, the PIAA or the NCAA.3. Supplement equipment, supplies and programs for individual schools with the advice and approval of the designated administrator. Pre-approval is required to ensure compliance with Title IX Regulations.4. Support recognition banquets and awards which meet the enclosed guidelines.5. Provide deminimus gifts to coaches and volunteer coaches at the end of the season in an amount not to exceed \$100 per coach. <p>Any other activities should be submitted in the business plan/budget for pre-approval.</p> <p>Booster/fundraising money <u>may not be used</u> to supplement any coach's or volunteer coach's salary. District coaches are paid by the Bethel Park School District payroll system.</p> <p><u>Guidelines For Fundraising</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Students are not to be required to take part in fundraising activities, nor are they to be singled out if they do not wish to participate in the fundraising activity.2. Non-secondary students are not permitted to participate in door-to-door fundraising activities.
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3. All advertising must be in accordance with district policy and administrative guidelines.
4. Booster organizations must follow appropriate practices in maintaining and disbursing funds.
5. Booster organizations shall not use the BPSD tax-exempt number for purchases. Organizations who wish to have tax-exempt status must file with the Commission of Charitable Organizations, Department of State, as a charitable, non-profit organization to secure their own tax-exempt number.
6. The Booster group is required to comply with all laws and pertinent regulations. (i.e. Small Games of Chance, IRS, State & Local Income Tax Reporting regulations)

Guidelines For Making Contributions To The School District

The Bethel Park School District may accept contributions to the District with written pre-approval by the designated administrator and/or the Board, prior to any fundraising or the expenditure of any funds. Any items accepted as a donation become School District property upon approval.

Student Participation In Fundraising

Students will not be permitted to participate in any fundraising activities unless the following requirements are complied with:

1. The booster organization has been recognized by the district.
2. There are no restrictions on the participation of any student in the activities of the booster organization or benefits of the booster organization (i.e., banquets) if that student does not participate in fundraising. An exception may be made in instances when a fundraising goal has been established for the purpose of defraying costs associated with an approved field trip.
3. No student(s) shall be required to participate in fundraisers before a determination is made that they are an official member of the team.
4. Students' participation in fundraising is contingent upon identifying to the community the purpose of the fundraiser and clearly identifying that the fundraiser is being conducted by a specific booster organization.

Violations

Booster organizations that violate this policy or P.I.A.A. and W.P.I.A.L. rules and regulations may have their recognition revoked or suspended by the Board of School Directors of the district.

Section 4 - Permissible Awards

Pertaining to athletic recognitions, refer to all applicable P.I.A.A. By-Laws including AMATEUR STATUS AND AWARDS