

ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODIES

An associated student body (ASB) shall be formed in each school within the district whenever one or more students in that school engage in money-raising activities with the approval of, at the direction of, or under the supervision of the district.

An associated student body is a formal organization of students, including subcomponents or affiliated student groups. Each associated student body shall submit a constitution and bylaws to the superintendent/designee for approval. ASB constitutions shall provide for participation by ASB representatives in the decisions to budget for and disburse ASB moneys. The constitution and bylaws shall identify how student activities become approved as student body activities and establish standards for their supervision, governance, and financing. Elementary schools are exempt from these requirements. Subject to such approval process, any lawful activity which promotes the cultural, athletic, recreational and social growth of students may be considered for recognition as an associated student body activity.

The financial resources of the fund are for the benefit of students. 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. Student involvement in the decision-making processes related to the use of these funds is an integral part of the associated student body; however, the superintendent may delegate 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 of each school shall 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 them. Advisors shall 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 shall consult the principal regarding the propriety of proposed student activities. Student activities cannot include support or opposition to any political candidate or ballot measure.

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

Money acquired by associated student body groups through fund raising and donations for scholarships, student exchanges and charitable purposes shall 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 or in "6000" accounts of ASB for their intended purpose. Non-associated student body fund moneys shall be disbursed as determined by the group raising the money. Private non-associated student body funds shall 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.

State law identifies school boards as having the control, supervision, and approval of associated student bodies, their constitutions and bylaws, and their activities. Under the district's Policy Governance model, this function is delegated to the superintendent. As with all district business, this policy does not supersede nor replace the Board's authority to oversee all district functions and activities.

Cross Reference: Board Policy 6020
Legal References: RCW 28A.325.020
RCW 28A.325.030
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System of Funds and Accounts
Associated student bodies — Powers and responsibilities affecting
Associated student body program fund — Created — Source of funds — Expenditures — Budgeting — Care of other moneys received by students for private purposes
Finance — Associated student body moneys

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