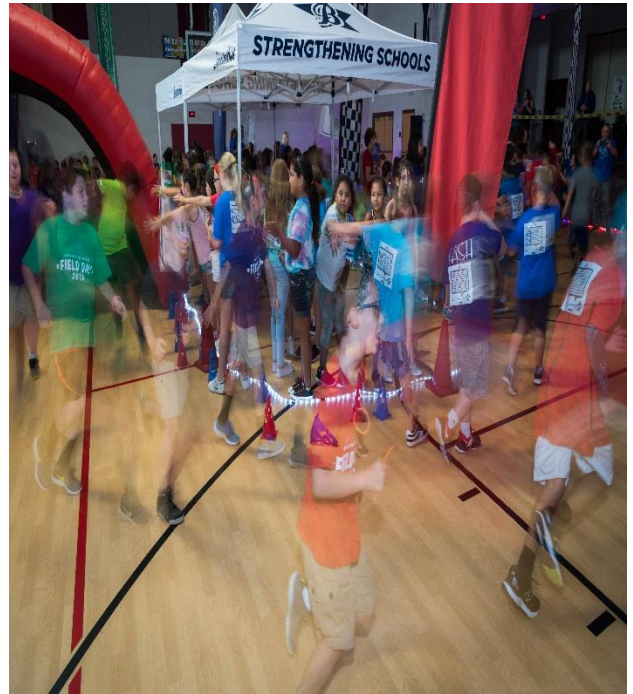


Parent Support Organization Manual



Dysart Schools

Finance Department

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GUIDELINES FOR OPERATION

DEFINITION/PURPOSE

The partnership between Dysart Unified School District, Parent Support Organizations (PSO) and district schools promotes a positive community partnership. When families, schools, and communities work together:

- Student achievement improves
- Teacher morale rises
- Communication increases
- Family, school and community connections multiply

ESTABLISHING A PARENT SUPPORT ORGANIZATION

A Parent Support Organization may choose to form one of the following: PTA, PTSA, PTO, PTSO or Parent Booster. PTA and PTSA organizations are a local chapter of a national non-profit corporation.

Formal Non-Profit Corporation

- File [IRS Form SS-4](#) “Application for Employer Identification Number” to obtain a Federal tax identification number (www.irs.gov)
- Contact Arizona Corporation Commission for Articles of Incorporation Non-Profit Corporation application (1200 W. Washington St., Phoenix, Arizona 85007, 1-800-345-5819 or www.AZCC.gov)
- Develop and adopt a set of organization by-laws and standard operating rules
- Establish officers of the organization
- Establish checking account with two signatures required on all checks and approval for electronic transactions
- File [IRS Form 1023](#) “Application for Recognition of Exemption” (application fee is \$400-\$850)
- Annual Financial Report is required by the Internal Revenue Service ([IRS Form 990](#))
- Ensure all Officers are registered volunteers and fingerprinted through [Dysart’s Community Education Department](#)

Advantages:

- Tax deduction for donations to organization
- No personal liability for the officers as long as acting as a reasonable, prudent person

Disadvantages:

- Expensive and time consuming to establish
- Requires diligent annual reporting by succeeding officers with penalties for non-compliance

Informal Non-Profit Association

- File [IRS Form SS-4](#) “Application for Employer Identification Number” to obtain a Federal tax identification number (www.irs.gov)
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- Establish checking account with two signatures required on all checks and approval for electronic transactions
- Ensure all Officers are registered volunteers and fingerprinted through Dysart’s Community Education Department

Advantages:

- Inexpensive
- Simple to establish

Disadvantages:

- Donations to organizations are not tax deductible
- Personal liability can attach to the officers if negligence is established
- Officers can be held personally responsible and liable for contractual obligations which they have signed
- IRS may determine that annual net revenue of the organization is subject to Federal income tax

OPERATION AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

- Obtain approval and support from School Administrator (signature is required on the Application for Approval).
- Dysart employees are to be in advisory roles only. They may not be officers of the organization or signers on the checking account. Coaches and student club sponsors don't have authority over a PSO.
- Develop and adopt organization by-laws (governing document). This document should include provisions for amendments.
- Establish officers of the organization (usually: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer).
- Develop annual budget plan and goals for the organization. Plan activities for the year based on the budget and goals.
- Expense approval should follow the by-laws including proper approval, what is being purchased and total cost or not to exceed (NTE) amount. Ideally, the by-laws will have expenses approved by the membership in a public meeting.
- Treasurer should produce a monthly financial report after the receipt of each bank statement.
 - Report should identify all revenue sources during the month
 - The report should itemize all expenditures paid during the month, listing date, payment method (check number, debit card, etc.), payee, description of expense and dollar amount
 - All activity on the bank statement should be reconciled
 - Copies of report and bank statement should be made available to all officers monthly and any other members that request
 - Officers should vote approval of the financial report after presented in a public meeting
- Bank account that requires two approvals/signatures for all expenses.
- Monthly bank statements should be mailed to the school address, not an individual's home.
- An annual audit should be conducted by an independent third party (does not have to be a CPA).
- Money collected through fundraisers and other organization activities should be accounted for, verified by, and prepared for bank deposit by two individuals.
- Minutes of each officer and membership meeting should be produced, distributed to members, and maintained for at least three years.
- The Arizona School Risk Retention Trust insurance policy includes liability coverage for a Dysart Parent Support Organization as long as their meetings and activities are approved by a school administrator. Failure to obtain a school administrator's approval would put the organization at risk. The organization must also be recognized by the Dysart Unified School District Superintendent's Office in order to be covered by the District's liability insurance.
- Fundraising activities must be approved and agreed to by a School Administrator (use Fundraising Approval Form – Appendix).

FUNDRAISING GUIDELINES

Activities that are done for the purpose of fundraising must be initiated, sponsored, and recorded by either a Dysart authorized student club or a recognized parent support organization. **Dysart schools and employees may not hold fundraisers.**

Activity for a Dysart authorized student club must be recorded in a Dysart managed student activities account. Details on the process are outlined in the Student Activities Handbook for staff sponsors to reference.

Activity for a Dysart recognized parent support organization is managed by their organization and activity is recorded in a parent support organization bank account.

Fundraisers that are recorded by the district in a student club account cannot originate from raffles or any other type of gambling activity which constitutes as chance to win.

Fundraisers sponsored by a Dysart student club must follow [District Policy 5-212](#) and [Procedure 5-212.C](#) and the Dysart Student Activities Handbook.

Fundraising activities that cause district students to go into the community to make sales on a door-to-door basis are strictly prohibited.

A Parent Support Organization may participate in a joint fundraising project with a student club. The proceeds should be allocated proportionately between the two organizations based on the level of effort devoted by each group on the fundraiser per Attorney General Opinion 184-032. Fundraisers that are co-sponsored by a parent support organization and student club must have a pre-arranged division of revenue between the groups before the activity begins.

The approval process for fundraisers must be followed using the DUSD Fundraising Approval Form (appendix).

Fundraising activities on school premises or elsewhere involving students may not interfere with the instructional time of any student.

DISTRICT RESOURCES:

Student Fundraising Activities:

[District Policy 5-212 Student Clubs and Activities](#)

[District Procedure 5-212.C Student Clubs and Activities - Fundraising](#)

Advertising and Promotional Materials:

[District Policy 3-201 Facilities](#)

[District Procedure 3-201.B Facilities – Outside Business Operations](#)

[Carnival Festival Rides and Attractions Guidelines](#)

REFERENCES:

[A.R.S 13-3302 Exclusions](#)

GIFTS AND DONATIONS

Public Gifts and Donations

The Governing Board has exclusive authority to accept gifts and donations. This includes the right to refuse, surplus or dispose of any gifts or donations. All gifts and donations become the property of the District. District policy and defined processes establish the criteria for appropriateness and acceptability of gifts and donations.

Practical Considerations for Parent Support Organizations

Donations of equipment, buildings and permanent or semi-permanent structures must go through the acceptance process established by the Governing Board. This means that according to policy, parent support organizations must consult with district administration on the appropriateness of such gifts.

The Superintendent has requested that all such requests be processed to the Superintendent's office through the site or building administrator. The site or building administrator will consult with the appropriate district personnel to determine appropriateness and feasibility of accepting, as well as the installation of equipment, building and permanent or semi-permanent structures.

The site or building administrator is responsible for initiating and following through on the acceptance process.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Without final notice from the Superintendent and the Governing Board, Parent Support Organizations should not purchase the items to donate to the district. The required best practice is to donate the dollar amount to the district and the district procures items that are capital or building modification in nature.

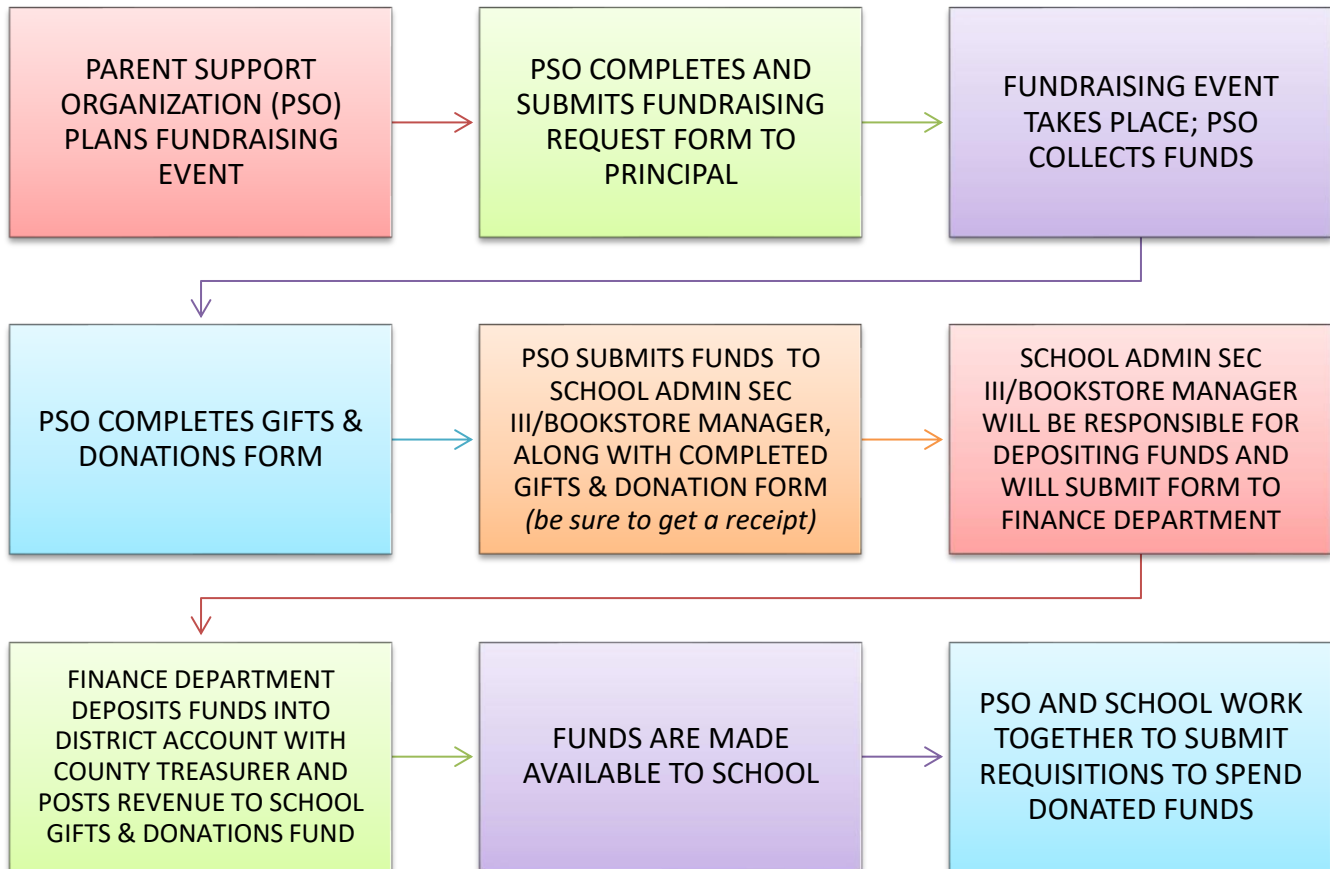
DISTRICT RESOURCE:

[District Policy 3-106 Federal Grants and Other Funding Sources](#)

[District Procedure 3-106.B Federal Grants and Other Funds – Acceptance of Gifts and Donation](#)

FUNDRAISING DONATION PROCESS FLOW CHART

FUNDRAISING DONATION PROCESS



FACILITY USE GUIDELINES

- [Arizona Revised Statute Section 15-1105.B](#) provides in pertinent part:

“The governing board, or the superintendent or chief administrative officer with the approval of the governing board, may permit the uncompensated use of school buildings, grounds, buses, equipment and other school property by any school related group, including student political organizations or by any organization whose membership is open to the public and whose activities promote the educational function of the school district as determined in good faith by the school district’s governing board, or the superintendent or chief administrative officer...”

- Parent Support Organizations that have been recognized by the Superintendent may have the benefit of using facilities without charge.
- All Parent Support Organizations must complete the facilities use process and follow the guidelines for use of facilities.
- Unapproved organizations must show proof of liability insurance.

DISTRICT RESOURCES:

[District Policy 3-202 Facility Use](#)

[District Procedure 3-202.A Facility Use – Short Term Facility Use](#)

[Facility Use Guidelines & Rental Information](#)

FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES

MARICOPA COUNTY FOOD PERMITTING GUIDELINES

Per Maricopa County Environmental Services, any activity for providing food to the public must have a permit unless the food is pre-packaged, non-refrigerated and comes from a commercial kitchen.

Parent Support Organizations which intend to sell food that meets the Maricopa County guidelines for requiring a permit can accomplish this in two ways:

- If the event is to be held off district property - contact Maricopa County Environmental at 602-506-6980 and obtain the necessary permit.
- If the event is to be held on district property
 - A Parent Support Organization which has been approved by the Dysart Governing Board may utilize the school kitchen to meet the Maricopa County's permit requirement. **The use of a school kitchen requires a Food Service employee to be present.** Per the Food Permit Guidelines, the rate for a Food Service employee is \$35 per hour.
 - A Parent Support Organization may obtain a permit from Maricopa County directly.

SMART SNACKS IN SCHOOLS – FOOD SALES AND FUNDRAISING

- Federal/USDA Smart Snacks in Schools regulation and [District Policy 3-301 Food Services](#) applies to all food and beverages sold to students in vending machines, snack bars, a la carte programs, student stores, fundraisers and school events during the school day.
- All foods sold to students during the school day must be smart snack compliant, per the USDA guidelines.
- The school day, as defined by the USDA in regards to food sales, is from midnight to 30 minutes after the final bell. Please reference the [Smart Snacks in Schools webpage](#) for more information.

CATERING SERVICES

Dysart catering services are available for any event held on district property. Many catering options are available ranging from beverage and snack service to multi-course meals. All revenue received from catering events is returned directly to the Dysart Unified School District. Please visit the [Catering Webpage](#) or call Nutrition Services.

DISTRICT RESOURCES:

[Catering Webpage](#)

[Selling Smart Snacks in Schools](#)

[USDA Food and Nutrition Service - A Guide to Smart Snacks in School](#)

[District Policy 3-301 Food Services](#)

[District Procedure 3-301.A Food Services - Nutrition](#)

[District Procedure 3-301.E Food Services – Wellness Program](#)

[Food Permits](#)

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

All Parent Support Organization officers and members must be approved Dysart volunteers. The purpose of the Dysart Unified School District Volunteer Program is to assist schools in providing the highest quality education to each and every student.

Volunteers

A Dysart volunteer is an individual who has been given a scheduled, pre-arranged activity by a district staff member to assist in one of the district schools. Any person who volunteers more than five (5) hours per year must be fingerprinted. All potential volunteers, including parents of students attending schools within Dysart Unified School District, and Dysart employees who are volunteering, must complete the Online Volunteer Application via the Volunteer Handbook, and be cleared before they can begin volunteering.

Fingerprinting Process

All volunteers must be fingerprinted. The Volunteer and Compliance Specialist will take your fingerprints. A photo ID will be required for proof of identity. Badges reflect the approval and expiration date of the application.

Please complete the appropriate application and associated documents if you are interested in volunteering.

DISTRICT RESOURCES:

[Volunteer in Dysart](#)

APPENDIX

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL

PARENT SUPPORT ORGANIZATION APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL (PTA, PTSA, PTO, PTSO & BOOSTER CLUBS)



As an organization we have **attended the Parent Support Organization District training**, agree to abide by the By-Laws of our organization, and follow District Guidelines for Operation, while we strive to improve our children’s educational opportunities where support is needed.

Name of Organization: _____
 Renewal **OR** New Organization

School: _____
 Taxpayer ID#: _____

Required Documents:

- 1) Copy of By-Laws **and** Standard Operating Rules
- 2) Documentation of filing with the Arizona Corporation Commission (**confirmation documentation required**)
- 3) Documentation of filing of Form 990 with IRS (**confirmation documentation from the IRS required**)
- 4) Most recent Treasurer’s Report **and** a bank statement **OR** Annual Audit Report
- 5) Revenue (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024) _____ Expenses (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024) _____
Please indicate the amounts for the previous school year: (this information is required by GASB No. 39)

OFFICERS:	
Name _____	Name _____
Office Held _____	Office Held _____
Signer on Bank Account <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	Signer on Bank Account <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
Exp. of Volunteer/Fingerprint Status _____	Exp. of Volunteer/Fingerprint Status _____
Phone _____	Phone _____
Email _____	Email _____
Name _____	Name _____
Office Held _____	Office Held _____
Signer on Bank Account <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	Signer on Bank Account <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
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Phone _____	Phone _____
Email _____	Email _____

 President Signature Date

 Vice President Signature Date

 Treasurer Signature Date

 Secretary Signature Date

Principal’s Signature: _____
 Signature Date

FUNDRAISING APPROVAL FORM


Parent Support Organization Fundraising Approval Form

All fundraisers must have the approval of a school administrator. Activities that are held for the purpose of fundraising must be initiated, sponsored, and recorded by either a PSO or student club per [District Policy 5-212](#) and [Procedure 5-212.C](#).

This completed form, contracts/written agreements, and meeting minutes must be filed with a school Administrator.

Name of PSO: _____ School: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone #: _____

Position in PSO: _____ PSO Meeting Approval Date: _____

Purpose of Fundraiser: _____

Fundraiser Event Description (what will be sold, how and at what function it will be sold, etc.):

If fundraiser is **co-sponsored between a Parent Support Organization & student club(s)**, provide a description of how the fundraising funds will be divided based on the level of effort of each group per Attorney General Opinion I84-032: _____

Location of Fundraiser (specific room, etc.): _____

Start Date: _____ **End Date:** _____

All Contracts have been thoroughly reviewed for clear understanding, including minimum charges and consequences of possible unsuccessful fundraising and have been included for School Administrator review.

PSO Officer Signature

Date

AUTHORIZATION

School Administrator Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Club Deposits Must Be Made Within 30 Days of Fundraiser

Amount Deposited to Student Club: _____ Date of Deposit at School: _____

Admin Sec III or Bookstore Manager Signature of Receipt: _____

GIFTS AND DONATIONS FORM

**Dysart**Schools
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Request for Acceptance of Gifts & Donations

Name of Individual Making Donation _____

Business or Company Representing _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

Signed By _____ Date _____

School/Department Requesting Acceptance of Donation: _____ _____
Administrator Signature**Cash Donation**

Amount Being Donated: _____ Intended Purpose: _____

Account 530.000.0000.1920. . . **Non-Cash Donation**

Description of Donated Item: _____ Intended Purpose: _____

Estimated Value: _____ Property Control Number Assigned: _____

Serial Number of Equipment: _____ Room Number/Location of Item: _____

Vehicle(Clean title must be included with donation)

Year/Make/Model: _____

Vehicle Plate Number: _____ Odometer Reading: _____

Vehicle ID Number: _____ Clean Title Received: Yes Contact District Fixed Asset Technician x7967

Estimated Value: _____ Intended Purpose: _____

Forward this form to accounts.receivable@dysart.org. For questions please contact Accounts Receivable at 623.876.7975.
Any Non-Cash items valued over \$1,000 and Vehicles must be tagged by the Fixed Assets Technician.

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