

ACTIVITY FUNDS (REGULATIONS)

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In accordance with the policy of the board of education, the following regulation shall govern school activity funds:

1. **Authority for Activity Funds:** Under the general provisions of Title 70, Section 5-129 and the specific provisions of Title 70, Section 5-135, Oklahoma Statutes, the board of education shall exercise control over all activity funds. The cost of surety bonds and audit services are payable from such funds.
2. **Record of Funds:** Records shall be kept of all funds collected, handled or disbursed by any school or activity by the sponsor of the activity and the school district treasurer.
3. **Audit:** The Activity Funds Auditor is appointed by and is responsible to the board of education. The auditor will make periodic audits of each school's activity fund and will furnish a detailed report to the board of education at the end of each school year showing the receipts, disbursements, and financial position of each account so far as may be determined from the records in the various schools. The auditor will give assistance and advice when necessary to insure adequate compliance with Activity Fund Procedure. Caution should be used in accepting personal checks. However, whenever bad checks occur, it shall be the responsibility of the principal to see that the checks are properly taken care of.
4. **Classroom Receipt Books:** Each teacher will have a classroom receipt book containing duplicate receipts. When a student turns in money for any purpose, the teacher will **immediately** prepare a receipt and provide the original of the receipt to the student. Each receipt will be properly dated and state the student's name and the purpose of the collection. At the start of each semester and until the heaviest period of collection is over, the teacher will add the amount of receipts written since the date of the last deposit and will take the money **and** the classroom receipt book to the secretary who will, in the presence of the teacher, again add the receipts written, count the money and issue the teacher a receipt from the office receipt book or receipt machine. The secretary will then place the date, amount, and receipt number at the bottom of the last receipt duplicate in the teacher's receipt book.
5. **Disbursements** from each fund must be made only for the specific purpose for which the fund was created.

Invoices must be on file to support each check issued. These may be direct invoices from companies or, in some cases, they may be signed requests for payment from individuals. Invoices will be numerically filed according to check number for audit and reference purposes. (Financial transactions with board members or employees/employers of board members or their families are prohibited by law.)
6. **Bank Deposits:** The Welch State Bank will be used as the school depository for all activity funds. Deposits of less than \$100 will be made by the secretary in a timely manner. Deposits of more than \$100 will be made by the end of the next business day. (70 OS §5-129) In no case will deposits be made less than one time each week. At the end of the month, the sponsor of each organization will receive a copy of the monthly report. If the sponsor's ledger does not agree with the balance on the report, the sponsor will immediately reconcile the discrepancy with the treasurer.

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7. **Filing:** A regulation envelope file should be used to file each month's invoices, duplicate deposit slips, requests for reimbursements, bank statements, copies of reports, and other documents relating to the activity accounts for the month covered.
8. **Transfer:** If money is left in a fund account or subaccount after the purpose of the fund has been served, it may be transferred to some other approved school activity fund. Such transfers shall be made only upon passage of a written resolution by the board of education that any balance in excess of the amount needed to fulfill the function or purpose for which an account was established may be transferred to a designated account.
9. **School Activity Funds:**
- A. All money collected, handled or disbursed by the school or any activity, organization or program of the school other than those funds designated as "Assessments" and "Lunch Funds" shall be classified as "School Activity Funds." All such funds shall be deposited with the school secretary. Disbursements shall be made by check. Each check must be supported by proper requisitions, invoices, statements, etc.
- B. When money or equipment is donated directly to a school by any group or individual donor, the money or equipment so donated shall become the sole property of the school and will be controlled by the rules and regulations of the board of education. Donations of any kind will not be returned to the donor once accepted by the school. Money or equipment donations will not be accepted from any donor with restrictions, conditions, or qualifications as to the use of such money or equipment.
10. **Gift Cards (Local)**
- A. **Employees:**
1. Gift cards are not to be used as incentives, rewards or wages. Employees of the district are not to be given gift cards (this includes gift cards to restaurants or specialty stores as well as money cards such as Visa cards) or they may be considered compensation and added to their taxable wages. If a club purchases a gift card using their activity fund money and gives the card to a district employee, the district may add the amount to the employee's taxable wages.
 2. According to the IRS, cash and cash equivalent items provided by the employer are never excludable from income. All amounts paid to an employee in the form of cash or gift cards are considered compensation. Items that may be considered de minimis, and therefore excluded from income, are those that are occasional or unusual in frequency. The law does not specify a value threshold for benefits to qualify as de minimis. The IRS has determined in the past that a benefit valued at \$100 was not de minimis.
 3. All of the following may be excludable if they are occasional and infrequent:
Personal use of photocopier (no more than 15% of total use)
Group meals, employee picnics
Occasional coffee, snacks or soft drinks
Flowers or fruit for special circumstances
Local telephone calls
Traditional birthday or holiday gifts (not cash) with a low fair market value

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1. All gift cards must be signed for by the recipient on the Gift Card Recipient List. The list should then be forwarded to the Activity Fund Custodian. In no event should one person receive more than \$200 in gift cards during a calendar year, from all activity clubs combined. Prizes, gifts, gift cards or any other incentives, rewards or awards that are \$600 or more must be reviewed for tax consequences before the details are finalized. (Local)

The principal may not give, donate, or loan money to any group, organization, or individual regardless of circumstances or motive.

SPONSORS

- A. Each student group, class, or organization that carries a separate account or subaccount in the activity fund shall have a sponsor. The principal of the school shall appoint the sponsor. Sponsors shall be responsible for the funds collected by that entity and shall use the procedure described below for ordering supplies and equipment and for depositing funds.
- B. Each sponsor shall be responsible for the payment of bills created against the sponsor's account. These bills shall be paid immediately after purchase is made. No student shall charge any item to any school without written authorization from the appropriate sponsor. When authorized, the student shall sign the student's name, the sponsor's name and the name of the organization on the ticket and return it immediately to the sponsor for payment. (Any exception must have the approval of the superintendent's office.)
- C. **No sponsor of any account shall make purchases or obligations in excess of funds on hand.**