



Submit completed form to your site principal by September 15, 2011.
**Monitoring Student Fees, Donations, and Fundraising
Guidelines Compliance
School-Connected Organizations**

Date: _____

Section 5 of Article IX of the State of California Constitution guarantees students a “free public education.” The State Supreme Court concluded in the 1984 case of Hartzell v. Connell (35 Cal.3d.899 (1984)), “that all educational activities carried on by public school districts, extra-curricular as well as curricular, must be without cost to the students who participate in such activities.” This same ruling found that “mandatory fees for participating in such extra-curricular activities as drama, music, and athletic competition were illegal under the State Constitution.” Furthermore, they also rejected the argument that “fees could be charged so long as the district waived fees for students who were financially unable to pay.”

As a school-connected organization, we are responsible for informing our members and the community of this right, and for ensuring that all written and oral communications and fundraising practices reflect this right.

I, _____, executive director/president of _____

serving _____ confirm that I have:
(School Name(s))

**Date
Completed**

- _____ Met with the site administrator(s) and/or participated in annual training to review guidelines for fund-raising efforts.
- _____ Provided or facilitated participation in student-fee guidelines training for all individuals coordinating fund-raising activities connected to our organization.
- _____ Reviewed the organization’s web site for compliance with the guarantee of a “free public education” and posted explanatory language on the homepage of the website.
- _____ Established the practice of embedding language that reinforces parents/guardians’ understanding of the guarantee of a “free public education” within any publication that seeks donations.
- _____ Reviewed fundraising documents prior to their distribution (in collaboration with the site administrator) to ensure compliance with appropriate donation language.

Date Completed: _____

Signature

Principal’s Signature

Date