

Recommended Language for School-Connected Organization Websites and Donation Flyers

Recommended website language:

*As a school-connected organization, we must follow the same Constitutional guidelines related to student fees that mandate all schools and districts provide a public education to your student free of charge. Subject to certain exceptions, your right to a free public education means that neither the school nor its support organizations can require you or your family to purchase materials, supplies, equipment or specific uniforms for any school activity, nor can we require you or your family to pay security deposits or make donations in order to participate in the program. **All donations are strictly voluntary and greatly appreciated as we work to support our schools and programs!***

Suggested language for flyers/donation forms:

1. You are not required to purchase any of these items.
2. Donations are voluntary and all students will be allowed to participate regardless of whether a donation is made.
3. A voluntary donation of \$_____ is appreciated. Funds will be used to purchase _____.
4. A \$___ donation to the _____ is appreciated to help offset costs of _____ and maintain the quality of the program that we have at _____.
5. Students who participate in the after school sports program are encouraged to support a one-time sports program donation of \$40, and a donation of \$25 per season for bus transportation. The program donation will help to cover the cost of uniforms, equipment, coaches, and officials for the year. The bus transportation donation will help to cover the cost of transportation to the away games during the season of sport.
6. We appreciate any donations made to this program.

Resource: Orange County Department of Education, School Legal Services