

ORGANIZATION, PHILOSOPHY, AND GOALS

Local School Organization and Administration

Charity Drives

This policy supersedes Policy 1375.2

I. PURPOSE

To establish policy with regard to charity activities.

II. SUMMARY OF CHANGES SINCE LAST PUBLICATION

- A. Section IV.B.2. adds wording to clarify that student-initiated charity drives are permissible if the principal determines they relate to student achievement goal 3 and approves them as appropriate.
- B. Section IV C.2. adds wording to clarify that a charity outside the Fairfax community can be the recipient of a fund-raising drive.
- C. Section IV.C.3. adds reference to FCPS finance and accounting regulation.

III. PROHIBITION—RAISING MONEY

Charity drives for the purpose of raising money shall not be permitted in Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS), except as provided in section IV.

IV. EXCEPTIONS

- A. Principals shall have the authority to permit students to collect and/or donate material goods for the needy. Such collections might include food for the needy during holiday seasons or clothing for families stricken by a disaster such as a fire or flood.
- B. Principals also shall have the discretion to permit charity fund-raisers on an exceptions-only basis if the fund-raiser:
 - 1. Will not disrupt the instructional program.
 - 2. Either benefits a charity relating to the community, benefits students or supports student-initiated student achievement goal 3 activities. The charity may be local, national, or international.
 - 3. Has been approved by the Risk Management Section and the appropriate cluster assistant superintendent.

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4. Will be sponsored by the school.
 5. Is subject to FCPS finance and accounting regulations.
- C. The Superintendent shall have the authority to permit:
1. Charity fund-raising drives among employees on an annual or as-needed basis.
 2. School systemwide charity fund-raising drives deemed necessary to support business partners or meet a unique need relating to children. The charity may be local, national, or international.

Any systemwide fund-raising drive approved by the superintendent shall be subject to FCPS finance and accounting regulations.

V. INFORMATION MATERIAL

The Superintendent and principals shall determine how informational materials relating to their charity drives shall be displayed and distributed. Informational materials regarding all other charity drives may be displayed and distributed as provided in the current versions of Policy 1365 and Regulation 1367.

See also the current versions of: Policy 1365, Distribution of Materials
Regulation 1367, Distribution of Fliers or Other
Informational Materials, Nonprofit Organizations'
Access, and Procedures for Contests and Competitions

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