

<b>POLICY</b>	<b>BOARD OF EDUCATION OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND</b>
<b>COMPUTER HARDWARE ACQUISITION</b>	<b>SECTION 434</b>
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**434 Computer Hardware Acquisition**

All computer hardware approved for purchase, lease or accepted by donation for use in schools must conform to standards developed by the director of Technology Services with input from stakeholders. Hardware purchased must support Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) core administrative and instructional software applications and be compatible with FCPS network protocols and management software. Standards must enable technologies to support improved student achievement, operational efficiencies, and data-based decision making. Additionally, standards will be established to reduce total cost of operations (TCO) and improve customer satisfaction.

The director of Technology Services may authorize the use of non-standard equipment at pilot sites in an effort to evaluate the effectiveness of new equipment and software to address specific instructional or operational objectives.

Any computer hardware or peripheral that schools or departments wish to purchase, lease, or accept by donation that does not conform to standards must be reviewed in advance by the director of Technology Services in collaboration with the school or department staff to determine whether a reasonable solution can be found to meet their needs. Solutions may require additional hardware, software, or the purchase of maintenance contracts.