

POLICY	BOARD OF EDUCATION OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND		
FUNDRAISING IN SCHOOLS		POLICY 426	

Purpose

To ensure that all fundraising activities are approved by the principal or designee, adhere to Board of Education (Board) policy and Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) regulation, and activities are balanced with the benefit of fundraising and the time commitment involved for students so that academic success is not compromised.

Policy Statement

The Board acknowledges that student organizations and parent groups use fundraising activities to support curricular and co-curricular endeavors. It is an expectation that raising and expending of funds by these groups contribute to the educational experience of FCPS students, not conflict with or disrupt the operation of the instructional program, and adhere to relevant state and federal law.

- A. Recognizing there are inherent concerns for student safety associated with door-to-door solicitations, the Board advocates alternative efforts of selling such as telephone calls, social media communications, parental assistance through personal or professional contacts, and parent or other adult supervision for any door-to-door solicitation by students.
- B. Donation-based crowdfunding (i.e. tools that source money for a project by asking a large amount of contributors to donate a small portion) must be reviewed by the principal, approved by the instructional director, and meet criteria as outlined in FCPS Regulation 300-38 *Fundraising* and in compliance with Board Policy 444 *Educational Equity*.
- C. Under Title IX and the Board's Policy 444 *Educational Equity*, it is an expectation that fundraising efforts are offered and applied fairly and equitably among girls and boys school athletic programs.

Legal Reference	§ 5-109 Education Article, <i>Annotated Code of Maryland</i>		
	Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendments, 20 U.S.C. §1681(a)		
Source Document	Board Policy 201 <i>Naming Rights of Board of Education Facilities</i>		
	Board Policy 444 <i>Educational Equity</i>		
	FCPS Regulation 100-06 <i>Naming Rights of Board of Education Facilities</i>		
	FCPS Regulation 200-33 <i>Donations</i>		
	FCPS Regulation 300-38 <i>Fundraising</i>		
Policy History	FCPS School Activity Funds Accounting Manual		
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