ORGANIZATION, PHILOSOPHY, AND GOALS

Local School Organization and Administration

Charity Drives

This policy supersedes Policy 1375.4.

I. PURPOSE

To establish policy with regard to charity activities.

II. SUMMARY OF CHANGES

- A philosophy section was added.

III. PHILOSOPHY

The Fairfax County School Board recognizes that charity drives in Fairfax County Public Schools promote civic responsibility, empathy, and community engagement among students, families, and staff. When conducted in an age-appropriate, voluntary, and inclusive manner, charity drives support instructional goals and reflect the division's commitment to ethical participation, equity, and respect for diverse perspectives. All charity drives shall align with School Board policies, maintain instructional integrity, and ensure that no student or family is pressured to participate.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. RAISING MONEY FOR CHARITY

1. The Division Superintendent shall have the authority to permit students to collect and/or donate material goods for those in need. Such collections might include food for those in need during holiday seasons or clothing for families stricken by a disaster such as a fire or flood.

2. The Division Superintendent shall have the discretion to permit charity fundraisers on an exceptions-only basis if the fundraiser:

    a. Will not disrupt the instructional program.

    b. Is of benefit to a charity relating to the community, students, or supports student-initiated student achievement activities. The charity may be local, national, or international.

    c. Has been approved by the Office of the Comptroller, Risk Management Section and the appropriate region assistant superintendent.

    d. Will be sponsored by the school.

e. Follows the general requirements for fundraisers per Regulation 1370, Fundraising

f. Is subject to Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) finance and accounting regulations.

3. The Division Superintendent shall have the authority to permit:

a. Charity fundraising drives among employees on an annual or as-needed basis.

b. School systemwide charity fundraising drives deemed necessary to meet a unique need relating to children. The charity may be local, national, or international.

Any systemwide fundraising drive approved by the Division Superintendent shall be subject to FCPS finance and accounting regulations.

B. INFORMATION MATERIAL

The Division Superintendent 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, Distribution of Materials, and Regulation 1367, Distribution of Fliers or Other Informational Materials, Nonprofit Organizations' Access, and Procedures for Contests and Competitions.

Cross References: 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

Regulation 1370, Fundraising

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