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## GOALS FOR SCHOOL-COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The School Board recognizes that good school-community relations are essential to securing public input and public support for educational programs. The School Board sets goals and standards for school-community relations and regularly evaluates its relationship with the public. The School Board also regularly evaluates its programs for maintaining open channels of communication and good relations with parents, community organizations, other governmental organizations, non-profit organizations, businesses and industries and the community at large.

Through its school-community relations program, the Board encourages the community to

1. take an active interest in the schools and participate in school activities,
2. place a high priority on education and make funds available for an educational system that supports learning for all children, and
3. establish partnerships with the schools to enhance learning opportunities.

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Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-78, 22.1-253.13:7.C.4.

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| Cross Refs : | AF   | Comprehensive Plan   |
|              | KBC  | Media Relations  |
|              | KB   | Public Information Program   |
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## PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM

The MECKLENBURG COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS School Board recognizes the importance of providing information regarding the school division to the community. The Board will utilize all appropriate means and media in order to

- explain the programs, achievements, and needs of the school division;
- keep students, parents/guardians, and staff members fully informed about Board policies and procedures as well as their own rights and responsibilities;
- communicate factual information regarding the school division: and
- involve students, parents/guardians, and the community in discussions regarding education programs, student activities, and Board policy.

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| Cross Refs.: | KA  | Goals for School Community Relations |
|              | KBA | Requests for Public Records          |
|              | KBC | Media Relations                      |

## REQUESTS FOR PUBLIC RECORDS

MECKLENBURG COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS School Board complies with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, all public records are open to citizens of the Commonwealth, representatives of newspapers and magazines with circulation in the Commonwealth and representatives of radio and television stations broadcasting in or into the Commonwealth during the regular office hours of the custodian of such records. All requests for information are processed in accordance with KBA-R Requests for Public Records.

Officers, employees, and members of the School Board who fail to provide public records as required by FOIA because they altered or destroyed the requested records with the intent to avoid the provisions of FOIA are subject to penalties in their individual capacity of up to \$100 per record altered or destroyed.

The name(s) and contact information for the person(s) MECKLENBURG COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS School Board has designated as its Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Officer(s) is listed in regulation KBA-R Requests for Public Records and posted at the School Board office and on the division's website. The FOIA Officer(s) serve(s) as a point of contact for members of the public in requesting public records and coordinate(s) the School Board's compliance with FOIA. The FOIA officer(s) receive(s) training at least once during each consecutive period of two calendar years beginning on the date on which the FOIA Officer last completed a training session by the School Board's legal counsel or the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council.

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Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 2.2-3704, 2.2-3704.2, 2.2-3714.

Cross Ref.: KBA-E      Rights and Responsibilities

## The Rights of Requestors and the Responsibilities of Mecklenburg County Public Schools under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act

The Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), located at S 2.2-3700 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, guarantees citizens of the Commonwealth and representatives of the media access to public records held by public bodies, public officials and public employees.

A public record is any writing or recording — regardless of whether it is a paper record, an electronic file, an audio or video recording or record in any other format — that is prepared or owned by, or in the possession of a public body or its officers, employees or agents in the transaction of public business. All public records are presumed to be open to the public and may only be withheld if a specific statutory exemption applies.

The policy of FOIA is to promote an increased awareness by all persons of governmental activities. In furthering this policy, FOIA requires that the law be interpreted liberally, in favor of access, and that any exemption allowing public records to be withheld must be interpreted narrowly.

### **FOIA Rights**

- Citizens of the Commonwealth and representatives of the media have the right to request to inspect or receive copies of public records, or both.
- Citizens of the Commonwealth and representatives of the media have the right to request that any charges for the requested records be estimated in advance.
- If a citizen of the Commonwealth or representatives of the media believes that their FOIA rights have been violated, the citizen or media representative may file a petition in district or circuit court to compel compliance with FOIA. Alternatively, they may contact the FOIA Council for a nonbinding advisory opinion.

### **Making a Request for Records from Mecklenburg County Public Schools**

- Records may be requested by U.S. Mail, fax, e-mail, in person or over the phone. FOIA does not require that a request be in writing, nor that it specifically state that records are being requested under FOIA.
- As a practical matter, it may be helpful to both the requestor and the person receiving the request to put the request in writing. This creates a record of the request. It also gives us a clear statement of what records are requested, so that there is no misunderstanding over a verbal request. However, we cannot refuse to respond to a FOIA request if it is not put in writing.
- A request must identify the records sought with "reasonable specificity." This is a common-sense standard. It does not refer to or limit the volume or number of records requested; instead, it requires the requestor to be specific enough so that we can identify and locate the records that are requested.
- A request must ask for existing records or documents. FOIA creates a right to inspect or copy records; it does not apply to general questions about the

- work of Mecklenburg County Public Schools, nor does it require Mecklenburg County Public Schools to create a record that does not exist.
- A requestor may choose to receive electronic records in any format used by Mecklenburg County Public Schools in the regular course of business. For example, if requested records are maintained in an Excel file: the requestor you may elect to receive those records electronically, via e-mail or on a computer disk or to receive a printed copy of those records.
  - If we have questions about a request, please cooperate with staff's efforts to clarify the type of records sought, or to attempt to reach a reasonable agreement about a response to a large request. Making a FOIA request is not an adversarial process, but we may need to discuss a request to ensure that we understand what records are being sought.

To request records from Mecklenburg County Public Schools, direct your request to Mecklenburg County Public Schools' designated Freedom of Information Act Officer (FOIA Officer) who is responsible for serving as a point of contact for members of the public who wish to request public records. The Mecklenburg County Public Schools FOIA Officer is:

Paula Giammatteo  
P. O. Box 190  
Boydton, Virginia 23917  
pqiammatteo@mcpsweb.org  
434-738-6111 Ext. 1027

In addition, the FOIA Advisory Council is available to answer questions about FOIA. The Council may be contacted by e-mail at [foiacouncil@dls.virginia.gov](mailto:foiacouncil@dls.virginia.gov) or by phone at (804) 689-1810 or 1-866-448-4100.

### **Mecklenburg County Public Schools' Responsibilities in Responding to Your Request**

Mecklenburg County Public Schools must respond to a request within five working days of receiving it. "Day One" is considered the day after the request is received. The 5-day period does not include weekends or holidays.

The reason behind a request for public records from Mecklenburg County Public Schools is irrelevant and a requestor does not have to state why they want the records before we respond to the request. FOIA does, however, allow Mecklenburg County Public Schools to require a requestor to provide their name and legal address.

FOIA requires that Mecklenburg County Public Schools make one of the following responses to a request within the 5-day time period:

1. We provide the records requested in their entirety.
2. We withhold all of the records requested, because all of the records are subject to a specific statutory exemption or exemptions. If all of the records are being withheld, we must send a response in writing. That writing must identify the

- volume and subject matter of the records withheld and state the specific section(s) of the Code of Virginia that allows us to withhold the records.
3. We provide some of the records requested, but withhold other records. We cannot withhold an entire record if only a portion of it is subject to an exemption. In that instance, we may\_ redact the portion of the record that may be withheld, and must provide the remainder of the record. We must provide the requestor a written response stating the specific section(s) of the Code of Virginia that allows portions of the requested records to be withheld.
  4. We inform the requestor in writing that the requested records cannot be found or do not exist (we do not have the records requested). However, if we know that another public body has the requested records, we must include contact information for the other public body in our response.
  5. If it is practically impossible for Mecklenburg County Public Schools to respond to the request within the 5-day period, we must state this in writing, explaining the conditions that make the response impossible. This will allow us 7 additional working days to respond to the request, giving us a total of 12 working days to respond to the request.

If a request is made for a very large number of records and we feel that we cannot provide the records within 12 working days without disrupting our other organizational responsibilities, we may petition the court for additional time to respond to the request. However, FOIA requires that we make a reasonable effort to reach an agreement with the requestor concerning the production of the records before we go to court to ask for more time.

## **Costs**

Except with regard to scholastic records requested pursuant to subdivision A 1 of Va. Code § 2.2-3705.4 that must be made available for inspection pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. § 1232g) and such requests for scholastic records by a parent or legal guardian of a minor student or by a student who is 18 years of age or older, Mecklenburg County Public Schools may make reasonable charges not to exceed its actual cost incurred in accessing, duplicating, supplying or searching for the requested records and makes all reasonable efforts to supply the requested records at the lowest possible cost. Mecklenburg County Public Schools will not impose any extraneous, intermediary or surplus fees or expenses to recoup the general costs associated with creating or maintaining records or transacting the general business of the schools. Any duplicating fee charged by Mecklenburg County Public Schools will not exceed the actual cost of duplication. Prior to conducting a search for records, Mecklenburg County Public Schools notifies the requestor in writing that it may make reasonable charges not to exceed its actual cost incurred in accessing, duplicating, supplying, or searching for requested records and inquires of the requestor whether the requestor would like to request a cost estimate in advance of the supplying of the requested records as set forth in Va. Code § 2.2-3704.F. A requestor may request that Mecklenburg County Public Schools estimate in advance the charges for supplying the records requested. This will allow the requestor to know about any costs upfront, or give the requestor the opportunity to modify the request in an attempt to lower the estimated costs.

The requestor may have to pay for the records requested from the Mecklenburg County

Public Schools. FOIA allows us to charge for the actual costs of responding to FOIA requests. This includes items like staff time spent searching for the requested records, copying costs or any other costs directly related to supplying the requested records. It does not include general overhead costs. Any costs incurred by the BLANK Public Schools in estimating the cost of supplying the requested records will be applied toward the overall charges to be paid by the requestor for the supplying of such requested records.

If we estimate that it will cost more than \$200 to respond to a request, we may require the requestor to pay a deposit, not to exceed the amount of the estimate, before proceeding with the request. The five days that we have to respond to the request does not include the time between when we ask for a deposit and when the requestor responds.

If a requestor owes us money from a previous FOIA request that has remained unpaid for more than 30 days, Mecklenburg County Public Schools may require payment of the past-due bill before it will respond to a new FOIA request.

### **Types of Records**

The following is a general description of the types of records held by Mecklenburg County Public Schools:

- Personnel records concerning employees and officials of Mecklenburg County Public Schools
- Scholastic records
- Business and finance records
- Operational records involving support departments such as Technology, Transportation, Facilities, Food Services, etc.
- Agendas, minutes and other records of the meetings of the School Board and committees appointed by the School Board (which are also available on the Mecklenburg County Public Schools website at [www.mcpsweb.org](http://www.mcpsweb.org))
- Records of contracts to which Mecklenburg County Public Schools is a party

### **Commonly Used Exemptions**

The Code of Virginia allows any public body to withhold certain records from public disclosure. Mecklenburg County Public Schools commonly withholds records subject to the following exemptions:

- Personnel records (S 2.2-3705.1 (1) of the Code of Virginia)
- Records subject to attorney-client privilege (S 2.2-3705.1 (2)) or attorney work product (S 2.2-3705.1 (3))
- Vendor proprietary information (S 2.2-3705.1 (6))
- Records relating to the negotiation and award of a contract, prior to a contract being awarded (S 2.2-3705.1 (12))
- Records related to critical incident response (S 2.2-3705.2 (14))
- Scholastic records (S 2.2-3705.4(1) and 20 U.S.C. S 1232q)

## **Policy Regarding the Use of Exemptions**

The general policy of Mecklenburg County Public Schools is to invoke the personnel records exemption in those instances where it applies in order to protect the privacy of employees and officials of Mecklenburg County Public Schools.

The general policy of Mecklenburg County Public Schools is to invoke the contract negotiations exemption whenever it applies in order to protect Mecklenburg County Public Schools bargaining position and negotiating strategy.

The general policy of Mecklenburg County Public Schools is to invoke the scholastic records exemption in those instances where it applies in order to protect the privacy of students and comply with other state and federal laws governing the privacy of student records.

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REQUEST FOR PUBLIC RECORDS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a (Check one):

- Citizen of the Commonwealth of Virginia
- Member of the Press referenced in Va. Code §2.2-3704. Please specify:  
News Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Requesters may be asked to provide verification that they are citizens of the Commonwealth or a member of the press referenced in Va. Code §2.2-3704.

| STAFF USE ONLY   |       |
|--|-------|
| Date Request Receive   | _____ |
| Request was made (Check one):  |       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> By requester on this form                               |       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> By telephone  |       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In writing other than on form (attach original request) |       |
| Date Response Sent (attach copy):  | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Identification Verified                                 |       |
| Type   | _____ |
| Number:  | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Itemized Cost Estimated Attache                         | _____ |
| Staff Names  | _____ |

I am requesting access to the following records (please be as specific as possible, and attach additional paper if necessary) \_\_\_\_\_

Responsible costs may be assessed in connection with this request. A current schedule of costs appears in Regulation KBA-R Requests for Public Records. If the costs associated with this request are expected to exceed \$200, the requestor will be asked to pay the estimated costs before the request is processed.

In addition, the requestor may ask for an advance determination of the cost of the request. Please indicate here if you would like an advance determination of costs.

- YES     NO

If you are requesting copies, please specify the format in which you would like to receive them. Mecklenburg County School Division will provide the record(s) in the requested format if that medium is used by it in the regular course of its business.

Specify format desired (if available):

- Photocopies                       E-mail (give address): \_\_\_\_\_
- Website posting                     Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:  
 Mecklenburg County Public Schools  
 Attn: Paula Giammatteo  
 P.O. Box 190, Boydton, Virginia 23917  
 pgiammatteo@mcpsweb.org 434-738-6111 ext 21027  
**MECKLENBURG COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**RECORD OF INSPECTION and/or DELIVERY OF COPIES**

**Inspection of Public Records**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time In \_\_\_\_\_ Time Out \_\_\_\_\_

Person Inspecting Records

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Signature

Staff Person in Attendance

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Signature

Records Reviewed (describe)

**Copies of Public Records**

| <u>Record</u> | <u>No. Pages</u> | <u>Delivery Method (mail, e-mail, etc.)</u> | <u>Date of Delivery</u> | <u>Cost (if any)</u> | <u>Date and Method of Payment</u> |
|---------------|------------------|---|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
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Staff Person Providing Copies

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Signature

## MEDIA RELATIONS

Media releases by the schools are encouraged as a means of informing the public of programs, activities, and accomplishments. Staff members are encouraged to participate in activities that inform the public about school programs and activities.

News and information concerning personnel and students is released only with the approval of the principal and in accordance with state and federal laws regarding confidentiality.

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Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-287, 22.1-287.1.

Cross Ref.: JO                      Student Records  
                 KA                      Goals for School-Community Relations  
                 KB                      Public Information Program

## INTERNET PRIVACY

The MECKLENBURG COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS School Board is committed to complying with the Government Data Collection and Dissemination Practices Act and the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. The MECKLENBURG COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS School Board does not collect unnecessary personal information by means of its website, and collects only appropriate personal information to the extent necessary to serve its constituents and the community.

Our website does not place any "cookies" on your computer.

The sole information collected through the division's website is the page(s) browsed. That information is used for internal purposes to analyze traffic to our site.

The Superintendent is responsible for creating and updating, as necessary, an internet privacy policy statement. The statement is available at the bottom of the division's website.

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Legal Refs: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, § 2.2-3803.

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION MAKING

The Mecklenburg County School Board calls meetings of the people of the school division for consultation in regard to school interests thereof when it deems such meetings to be necessary.

The Board may appoint a committee of not less than three nor more than seven members for each public school in the school division. The committee's duty will be to advise the members of the School Board with reference to matters pertaining to the school and to cooperate with the School Board in the care of the school property and in the successful operation of the school. Such committees serve without compensation.

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Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-86, 22.1-253.13:7.

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| Cross Ref.: | AF      | Comprehensive Plan                      |
|             | BCF     | Advisory Committees to the School Board |
|             | BDDH/KD | Public Participation at Board Meetings  |
|             | CA      | Administration Goa                      |

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Members of the community are invited and encouraged to attend meetings of the Mecklenburg County School Board to observe its deliberations. Any member of the community may address the Board on matters related to the Mecklenburg County Public Schools at any regular meeting as provided in the accompanying regulation. Persons wishing to address the School Board are requested to contact the superintendent, the School Board Chairman, or their designee for placement on the agenda.

The Chairman is responsible for the orderly conduct of the meeting and shall rule on such matters as the appropriateness of the subject being presented and length of time for such presentation. Upon recognition by the chairman, the speaker shall address himself to the chairman and if, at the conclusion of his remarks, any member of the School Board desires further information, the member will address the speaker only with the permission of the chairman. No one will be allowed to make additional presentations until everyone who wishes to speak has an opportunity to make an initial presentation.

A reasonable period of time, as determined by the School Board, will be allocated at each regular meeting for community members to present matters of concern.

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Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-78,22.1-253.13:7.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS REGULATIONS

The Mecklenburg County School Board welcomes public comment during regular meetings and during public hearings. School Board members do not respond to public comment during the meetings or hearings. School Board members are available to meet with members of the public independently, outside of scheduled meetings and hearings. In addition, the Board reviews letters and emails sent to the School Board.

**Time:** The Board may allow up to one hour for public comment following all Board Committee reports at regular meetings and public hearings, except that a motion to extend the time shall be in order and a majority vote by the School Board members present shall be necessary to carry the motion. If there are a large number of speakers, the Board may limit the total time for comment and/or may reduce the time allotted for each speaker. Each speaker may speak for up to six minutes, except that a motion to extend the time shall be in order and a majority vote by the School Board members present shall be necessary to carry the motion. A timer is used to time all remarks and speakers should conclude their remarks when the buzzer sounds. Only individuals signed up to speak will be allowed to address the School Board. Time may not be “yielded” to other speakers.

**Topics:** Speakers may address an item on a School Board agenda or may address an item not on the agenda; however, all comments should address a matter related to Mecklenburg County Public Schools. The School Board will not hear public comment that involves a complaint about an individual staff member, a personnel action, a student disciplinary matter, a complaint about an individual student, or pending litigation.

**Signing up to Speak:** Speakers who want to address any school related matter may make his/her request prior to the beginning of the School Board meeting by signing up for public comment on a sheet provided at the Board Room entrance. Speakers will be called in the order in which they sign up. Speakers may not speak more than once on a specific topic. Speakers who wish to speak on more than one topic must submit a separate request for each item.

**Addressing the Board:** Upon recognition by the Board Chairman, the speaker addressing the School Board should clearly state his/her name, address and the subject of his/her remarks. The Speaker should address the Chairman. If any School Board member desires further information at the conclusion of the Speaker’s remarks, said School Board member shall address the Speaker only with the permission of the Board Chairman. The courtesy of the School Board shall be extended to the Speaker and the Speaker shall respect the privilege extended by the School Board.

**Recognition from the Floor:** In the case where no advance request was made by the person desiring to address the School Board, recognition will be granted at a specific time during the meeting at the discretion of the School Board Chairman.

**Decorum:** The School Board expects that each speaker will be courteous, modeling for our students how one can respectfully disagree with others' views. No profanity or vulgar language is permitted. Speakers will address their comments to the entire School Board and not to one individual Board member, nor to the Superintendent, to a staff member, nor to the audience. Speakers will not engage in personal attacks. Speakers will present their comments from the podium provided for them. Any speaker who violates any one of these regulations will be ruled out of order by the Chairman and asked to relinquish the lectern.

**Written Comments:** If a speaker would like to present written comments to the School Board, eleven copies should be provided to the School Board Clerk prior to the meeting being called to order. Approved: November 10, 2014

Adopted: April 16, 2018

## DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION/MATERIALS

The Mecklenburg County School Board seeks to minimize intrusions on the time of students and employees by communications from sources other than the school division. The division superintendent, or his/her designee, must approve, in advance, any materials sought to be distributed or made available by non-school organizations, including parent-teacher organizations and booster clubs. Approval will be granted only for materials from governmental organizations and nonprofit community organizations regarding activities related to the educational mission of the Mecklenburg County School Division.

Approval will not be given for materials which

- are likely to cause substantial disruption of, or a material interference with, school activities;
- endorse or encourage the use of alcohol, tobacco, electronic cigarettes or any illegal substance or action;
- endorse or encourage any violation of the Standards of Student Conduct (see Policy JFC-R); or
- are obscene, pornographic, or defamatory.

Materials from nonprofit community organizations approved for distribution must clearly indicate their source and must include the following statement: "These materials and the activity described herein, are not sponsored or endorsed by the Mecklenburg County School Board."

The superintendent, by regulation, will establish the time, place, and manner of distribution of approved materials. No distribution will be permitted during class time.

### Political Communications

Students shall not be required to convey or deliver any material that advocates (1) the election or defeat of any candidate; (2) the passage or defeat of any referendum question or (3) the passage or defeat of any matter pending before a local school board, local governing body, the General Assembly or Congress

This Policy shall not be construed to prohibit the discussion or use of political or issue-oriented materials as part of classroom discussions or projects.

Adopted: March 16, 2015

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Legal Refs.: U. S. Constitution amend. I.

Child Evangelism Fellowship of Maryland, Inc. v. Montgomery County Public Schools, 457 F.3d 376 (4<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2006)

Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-70, 22.1-78, 22.1-79.3, 22.1-79.5, 22.1-131, 22.1-279.6 and 22.1-293(B-D).

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| Cross Refs.: | JFC-R | Standards of Student Conduct                            |
|              | KFB   | Administration of Surveys and Questionnaires            |
|              | KG    | Community Use of School Facilities                      |
|              | KQ    | Commercial, Promotional, and Corporate Sponsorships and |

## COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

The School Board may permit use of school property by members of the community when such use will not impair the efficiency of the school. The superintendent shall develop guidelines and applications for use of school property. Requests for the use of any school facilities shall be made to the superintendent or superintendent's designee. The superintendent shall report actions taken under this policy to the School Board at the end of each month.

If the School Board permits the use of its facilities by members of the community or the distribution of literature on school property or at school functions, it will permit such use or such distribution by the Boy Scouts of America, the Girl Scouts of the United States of America, and other youth groups designated as patriotic societies by federal law, to the same extent and in the same manner as all other persons or groups.

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Legal Refs.: 20 U.S.C. § 7905  
Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-79.3, 22.1-130.1, 22.1-131,  
22.1-132.  
Acts 2016, c. 647.

Cross Refs.: GBEC/JFCH/KGC Tobacco Products and Nicotine Vapor Products  
IGDA Student Organizations  
KF Distribution of Information/Materials

## COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

### Facilities Use Form (KG-R2)

All requests for facilities use involving third parties must be referred to the Executive Director of Facilities and Operations, who coordinates Mecklenburg County Public Schools facilities use requests. All potential facility users must complete the Mecklenburg County Public Schools Facilities Use Form (KG-R2) and must submit the completed form to the building principal or designee at least twenty (20) working days before the proposed event. Approved users of facilities shall be charged a building usage fee as authorized by MCPS Policy and Regulation to offset facility costs as well as personnel cost(s) as outlined below.

### Alcohol, Drugs and Smoking Prohibited

The use of alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs is prohibited in all Mecklenburg County Public School facilities at all times. In accordance with the Clean Air Act, smoking, including the use of e-Cigarettes, is prohibited in and on all Mecklenburg County Public School facilities.

### Facilities Use by School Groups

Use of Mecklenburg County Public School buildings and grounds by school groups for educational purposes after school hours shall be scheduled and coordinated by the relevant building principal or his/her designee and the Executive Director of Facilities and Operations according to policies and regulations of Mecklenburg County Public Schools.

### Facilities Use by Non-Mecklenburg County Public School Groups

Use of Mecklenburg County Public Schools buildings and grounds by non-school groups shall be governed by the following:

#### 1. Written Request Required and Insurance

Organizations may request the use of school buildings and grounds if the program is of a: cultural, sports, or educational nature. Permission to use the buildings and grounds by such groups shall be granted with the initial approval of the relevant building principal or his/her designee only after a Facility Usage Form (KG-R2) and Certificate of Insurance (naming Mecklenburg County Public Schools as "other insured") is filed with the building principal no fewer than twenty (20) working days prior to the activity. The insurance policy must be for at least \$1,000,000 liability and injury requested for the event. The Executive Director of Facilities and Operations may require additional insurance coverage for events judged to be high risk. In the event of repeated use of the facility, a new Facility Usage Form (KG-R2) and new Certificate of Insurance must be resubmitted each six months for renewal. Failure to provide the Facility Usage Form (KG-R2) and Certificate of Insurance within twenty (20) days of the event will result in the denial of the facilities use request.

For-Profit Organizations are not eligible to request the use of school facilities.

## 2. Personnel/Staffing Requirements

A school district employee will be assigned each event requested (see Rental Fees). The superintendent reserves the right to charge the facilities user with expenses for actual time MCPS employees spend monitoring, supervising, operating equipment and cleaning up following an event in order to return the facilities to their normal condition (see Rates).

- a. Custodial Staff: Outside of regular custodial hours, a custodial staff member or designee shall be on duty for all non-school activities for any group/event. The minimum time for a custodian will be five hours as they must come in prior to an event and work after the event. The presence of the employee on duty does not relieve the facilities user of responsibility for any damage done to the property.
- b. Employee Volunteers Prohibited: MCPS employees shall not be permitted or requested to volunteer their services for these purposes.
- c. Security Personnel: Law enforcement supervision may be required at the direction of the principal or their respective designee(s) and/or the Executive Director of Facilities and Operations. In such instances, the facilities user must arrange for security with confirmation provided to the building principal or their respective designee(s) prior to the event/activity. The law enforcement unit shall bill the facilities user directly for such services.

## 3. Equipment and Special Fees

School kitchens are NOT available for outside group usage. A service fee shall be assessed and collected for athletic field lights, stage lights, spot lights, sound system and other technical equipment which may be rented by the facilities user, and for the technician appointed by the principal or their respective designee(s) to operate the equipment in question. The superintendent reserves the right to subsequently charge the facilities user for any required special trash pick-up required after an event. Pianos may NOT be used or moved unless under the authorization and/or supervision of the building principal or their designee. The charge for the use of the piano and of persons to operate lights will be determined annually. Special fees may be incurred in addition to the space rental and custodial fees.

## 4. Deposit and Full Payment

An advance, non-refundable deposit of (\$50.00) is required twenty (20) calendar days in advance of the facilities use date. Payment of the balance is due five (5) business days before the date of the use of the facilities. The (\$50.00) non-refundable deposit will be credited toward the total amount charged for the use of the facilities. In the event that payment is not made in accordance with the terms stated herein, MCPS may exercise its legal rights to recoup any sums due and owing, including, without limitation, any late charges, interest, attorney's fees, and/or any other litigation-related expenses or costs incurred in the collection of monies owed. The forfeiture of reservation and deposit may occur if the payment balance is not received at least 5 business days prior to the scheduled event.

## 5. Rental Fees

Rental, custodial, and other fees will be required in accordance with a scale set annually by the superintendent (see below).

- a. All rental and special fees should be paid directly to Mecklenburg County Public Schools.
- b. Fee Schedule:

| Location/Space<br>Maintenance Fee | Base<br>Fee<br>(½ day/<br>full day) | Custodial<br>Fee<br>(per hr./<br>per person) | Special<br>Equipment Fee<br>(per hr./<br>per person) | Field<br>Fee<br>(per hr./<br>per person) |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| <b>MCHS/MCMS Auditorium</b>       | \$250/\$500                         | \$25   | \$50/hour (4 hr. minimum) ^                          | N.A.                                     |
| Phoenix Stadium                   | \$250/\$500                         | \$25   | \$50/hour (4 hr. minimum) ^                          | N.A.                                     |
| MCMS Football Field               | \$200/\$400                         | \$25   | N.A.   | N.A.                                     |
| MCMS Soccer/Practice Field        | \$200/\$400                         | \$25   | N.A.   | N.A.                                     |
| <b>MCHS Soccer/Practice Field</b> | \$200/\$400                         | \$25   | N.A.   | N.A.                                     |
| MCMS Auxiliary Gymnasium          | \$200/\$400                         | \$25   | N.A.   | N.A.                                     |
| MCMS Gymnasium                    | \$300/\$600                         | \$25   | \$50/hour (4 hr. minimum) #                          | N.A.                                     |
| <b>MCHS Gym (single-court)</b>    | \$300/\$600                         | \$25   | \$50/hour (4 hr. minimum) #                          | N.A.                                     |
| <b>MCHS Gym (multi-court)</b>     | \$300/\$600                         | \$25   | N.A.   | N.A.                                     |
| <b>MCHS Cafeteria</b>             | \$200/\$400                         | \$25   | \$50/hour (4 hr. minimum) ^                          | N.A.                                     |
| MCMS Cafeteria                    | \$200/\$400                         | \$25   | \$50/hour (4 hr. minimum) ^                          | N.A.                                     |
| <b>MCHS Baseball Field</b>        | \$200/\$400                         | \$25   | \$35/hour (4 hr. minimum) @                          | \$35                                     |
| MCMS Baseball Field               | \$200/\$400                         | \$25   | \$35/hour (4 hr. minimum) @                          | \$35                                     |
| <b>MCHS Softball Field</b>        | \$200/\$400                         | \$25   | \$35/hour (4 hr. minimum) @                          | \$35                                     |
| MCMS Softball Field               | \$200/\$400                         | \$25   | \$35/hour (4 hr. minimum) @                          | \$35                                     |
| Elementary Field                  | \$200/\$400                         | \$25   | N.A.   | N.A.                                     |
| Elementary Cafeteria/Stage        | \$200/\$400                         | \$25   | T.B.A.   | N.A.                                     |
| Elementary Gymnasium              | \$300/\$600                         | \$25   | T.B.A.   | N.A.                                     |
| Former High School Field          | \$200/\$400                         | \$25   | N.A.   | N.A.                                     |
| Former High School Gym            | \$300/\$600                         | \$25   | N.A.   | N.A.                                     |

### Notes:

^ above house lights and single microphone

# above regular gym lights; NO BLEACHERS

@ this cost will add use of scoreboard & PA system

**\$50 non-refundable deposit due to "reserve" facility**

**Full fee due 5 business days PRIOR** to event (forfeit of reservation & deposit if not paid "on-time")

\*half day is up to four hours at the minimum charge for outside of school hours

\*\*full day is up to eight hours

\*\*\*If the event is beyond eight hours, but less than twelve hours, the fee would add another 1/2 day charge and so forth.

## 6. Fee Waivers

The superintendent shall not charge facility rental fees to Mecklenburg County Public Schools students and employees requesting building use for school-related extracurricular or professional development, school-support groups (e.g., PTAs and/or school approved booster clubs) and Mecklenburg County Government agencies. The rental fee for the use of the facilities by Mecklenburg County based fire department(s), rescue squad(s), lifesaving crew(s), law enforcement agencies and agencies of the Commonwealth will also

be waived.

\*Mecklenburg County organizations (non-profit/not-for-profit) who were “grandfathered” as of June 30, 2022, shall be considered for a reduction of facility use fees for the Bluestone High School and Park View High School facilities (only), due to their longstanding relationship with the school division and for providing services to area youth (MCPS students). These reduced fees shall be based on nominal operational costs as determined by Mecklenburg County Public Schools. This grandfather clause shall end should these organizations discontinue their program(s) at either of the before mentioned facilities, or when these facilities revert back to the Mecklenburg County Board of Supervisors. No new organizations will be considered for fee reductions.

#### 7. Facilities Hours

Generally, MCPS shall make its facilities available for use by outside organizations Mondays through Fridays from 4:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. and on weekends from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

#### 8. Termination of Usage

The Superintendent of Schools, or their designee, Executive Director of Facilities and Operations, and/or building principal has the right to terminate use of facilities by any group when they determine that the group has damaged facilities or other school property in any way, has created an unnecessary burden on the school, or has violated any of the terms of agreement for building use.

#### 9. Recurring Use of Facilities

The following procedures shall be followed when an organization is requesting repeated use of school facilities.

- a. An approved Facility Usage Form (KG-R2) is valid for six (6) months from the date of approval. The renewal date will be included on the KG-R2 form.
- a. An applicant may submit a new Facility Usage Form (KG-R2) after six months have passed since the last facility use approval.
- b. A review of the Facility Usage Form (KG-R2) will be conducted by school personnel along with a representative from the organization at the time of each reapplication. The parties' review shall address any areas of concern.
- c. Failure to adhere to the rules and regulations will result in termination of the approved Facility Use.

#### 10. User's Responsibilities

All facilities users accept responsibility for the care and maintenance of Mecklenburg County Public Schools facilities and agree to the conditions listed on the Facility Usage Form (KG-R2) and in this Regulation. In addition, users agree to obey public laws and MCPS policies and regulations while on MCPS property. The person or organization who signs the application will be held financially and legally responsible for complying with the terms and conditions (financial and otherwise) as well as for any damages that may occur to MCPS equipment and/or facilities. The person assuming responsibility for the activity

must sign the Facility Usage Form (KG-R2) and must be present when the activity is conducted.

11. Principals, or their respective designee(s), Responsibilities

Principals, or their respective designee(s), will:

- Require all users of school facilities to complete and submit the Facilities Usage Form (KG-R2);
- Review the form for accuracy and completion then;
- Forward all completed Facilities Usage Forms (KG-R2) to the Executive Director of Facilities and Operations;

Executive Director of Facilities and Operations will:

- Compute fees on facilities use (if approved) then return the final copy back to the principal to perform the aforementioned duties;
- Provide the Insurance Certificate to the Clerk of the School Board for review and approval;
- Contact the requesting party concerning approval/denial and assign custodian and/or technician to the event;
- Retain a copy of all approved Facilities Usage Forms (KG-R2) for three (3) years.

12. Priority for Use of Facilities

Permission to use Mecklenburg County Public Schools facilities shall be granted according to the following priorities:

- First: MCPS instructional and extracurricular programs;
- Second: School-related groups, such as parent-teacher associations and booster clubs; tutoring and school business partnerships;
- Third: Local and state government activities;
- Last: All others as space is available and at times that do not interfere with the operation of the school and the preceding priorities, on a first come, first served basis, including youth groups, Mecklenburg County School and Government employee organizations, civic and cultural groups, churches, private organizations, and individuals.

13. Cancellation of Use

On any day that the Mecklenburg County Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather or other emergencies, use of the school facilities will likewise be cancelled. Users of the facilities, and not the school district or its employees, are responsible for notifying their memberships of such circumstances. The school district further reserves the right to deny any Facility Usage Form or cancel any previously approved contract when it deems such action to be in the best interest of the school district. Examples of such circumstances include, but are not limited to:

- 1) The applicant has not demonstrated to the satisfaction of the school district that reasonable security has been provided and

- reasonable safety precautions have been taken;
- 2) The rescheduling of school activities cancelled by emergencies creates conflicts with scheduled community uses;
- (3) The primary purpose for the usage is for commercial use; and
- (4) Emergencies arise that require school district use of the facilities.

#### 14. Additional Rules and Regulations

- a. No organizations may use the buildings or grounds at any time, or in such a manner, that would interfere with the operation of the school for public education purposes.
- b. MCPS representatives' access to schools will not be limited at any time due to outside group/organization use of school facilities.
- c. The facilities use applicant shall not sublet space to another organization or group.
- d. Any organization desiring to move special properties into the school or into the grounds, including the auditorium, prior to or on the date of rehearsal or performance, must obtain permission from the building principal and/or the Executive Director of Facilities and Operations. All flats, curtains and costumes must be certified as treated for fire resistance.
- e. Using decorations, scenery, or moving school equipment is prohibited unless special permission is granted.
- f. The parking of automobiles shall be restricted to designated areas. Parking is prohibited in areas for the handicapped (without proper authorization) and in fire lanes.
- g. The group/organization using the building and grounds shall be responsible for the conduct of its members.
- h. Compensation shall be made by the sponsoring individual or organization for any damage done to MCPS property.
- i. All publicity for an event shall carry the name of the group sponsoring the meeting or event. All advertisements for the event shall be reviewed and pre-approved by the building principal and/or the Executive Director of Facilities and Operations, and shall include the statement "*Permission to use a MCPS facility and the activities herein does not, in any way, constitute sponsorship or endorsement of the groups' policies or beliefs by Mecklenburg County Public Schools.*"
- j. Department facilities, such as laboratories, music, vocational and commercial departments, shall not be made available for non-school use.
- k. MCPS assumes no responsibility for items or equipment brought on MCPS premises by the using organization, its members or guests, or for lost or stolen items. MCPS also assumes no responsibility for injuries or illness sustained and/or contracted on the premises. The person signing the Facilities Usage Form, and the organization which he/she represents, shall be held financially responsible for any damage to the building, and its furniture and equipment during the period of use. The organization using the school facilities shall be responsible for damage or theft of school property.

Adopted: March 19, 2019

Revised: June 15, 2020; October 12, 2022





## SALES AND SOLICITATIONS IN SCHOOLS

No one may sell or offer for sale, within the schools, on school grounds, or at school-sponsored activities, any product or service except when the sale will benefit the educational program of the schools.

Solicitations for contributions to charitable organizations, dues for employee organizations, contributions for the benefit of professional organizations, or for school organizations may only be made outside school hours. Individual discussions between school division employees during school hours are not prohibited.

Adopted: March 16, 2015

Revised: May 20, 2019

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Legal Refs.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, § 22.1-78.

|              |       |                                       |
|--------------|-------|---------------------------------------|
| Cross Refs.: | DJG   | Vendor Relations                      |
|              | GAH   | School Employee Conflict of Interests |
|              | GCQAB | Tutoring for Pay                      |
|              | JHCH  | School Meals and Snacks               |
|              | JL    | Fund Raising and Solicitation         |
|              | KG    | Community Use of School Facilities    |
|              | KJ    | Advertising in the Schools            |
|              | KK    | Visitors to the Schools               |

## PUBLIC CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

All visitors must register at the school office on arrival.

No one may possess or consume any alcoholic beverage in or on the grounds of any public school during school hours or school or student activities. In addition, no one may consume, and no organization shall serve, any alcoholic beverage in or on the grounds of any public school after school hours or school or student activities, except for religious congregations using wine for sacramental purposes only.

In accordance with Policy KGC Tobacco Products and Nicotine Vapor Products, use of tobacco products and nicotine vapor products is not permitted in schools, at school-sponsored events, or in school vehicles.

Any person found to be engaged in or advocating illegal activity while on school property, including school buses, is reported by the principal to the local law enforcement authorities.

Any person who willfully and maliciously damages, destroys or defaces any school district building, or damages or removes any school property from a school building, is required to compensate the school division and may be prosecuted.

Any person who willfully interrupts or disturbs the operation of any school or, being intoxicated, disturbs the same, whether willfully or not, may be ejected and/or prosecuted.

Adopted: March 16, 2019

Revised: July 29, 2019; May 17, 2021

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Legal Refs.: 20 U.S.C. §§ 6083, 7183.

Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 4.1-309, 18.2-415, 18.2-128, 18.2-138, 22.1-78, 22.1-79.5.

|             |               |   |
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| Cross Refs: | ECAB          | Vandalism   |
|             | GBEC/JFCH/KGC | Tobacco Products and Nicotine Vapor Products                |
|             | KK            | School Visitors   |
|             | KN            | Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry Information |
|             | KNA           | Violent Sex Offenders on School Property                    |

## TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND NICOTINE VAPOR PRODUCTS

### Generally

Students are prohibited from possessing any tobacco product or nicotine vapor product on a school bus, on school property, or at an on-site or off-site school sponsored activity.

In addition, the use or distribution of any tobacco product or nicotine vapor product, on a school bus, on school property, or at an on-site or off-site school-sponsored activity is prohibited.

The superintendent is responsible for developing a regulation which contains

- provisions for the enforcement of this policy among students, employees, and visitors, including the enumeration of possible sanctions or disciplinary actions, and
- referrals to resources to help staff and students overcome tobacco addiction.

### Definitions

"Nicotine vapor product" means any noncombustible product containing nicotine that employs a heating element, power source, electronic circuit, or other electronic, chemical, or mechanical means, regardless of shape or size, that can be used to produce vapor from nicotine in a solution or other form. "Nicotine vapor product" includes any electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device and any cartridge or other container of nicotine in a solution or other form that is intended to be used with or in an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device. "Nicotine vapor product" does not include any product regulated by the FDA under Chapter V (21 U.S.C. § 351 et seq.) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

"Tobacco product" means any product made of tobacco and includes cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco, pipe tobacco, bidis, and wrappings. "Tobacco product" does not include any nicotine vapor product, alternative nicotine product, or product that is regulated by the FDA under Chapter V (21 U.S.C. § 351 et seq.) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

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Legal Refs.: 20 U.S.C. §§ 6083, 7183.

Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 18.2-371.2, 22.1-79.5, 22.1-279.6.

Cross Refs.: CLA Reporting Acts of Violence and Substance Abuse  
GBEC/JFCH Tobacco Products and Nicotine Vapor Products  
JFC-R Standards of Student Conduct  
KG Community Use of School Facilities  
KGB Public Conduct on School Property

## PUBLIC GIFTS TO THE SCHOOLS

The School Board acts on offers of gifts to schools or to the school division. The School Board may impose reasonable conditions on donations.

When any real or personal property is given to and accepted by the Board, it vests in the Board unless inconsistent with the terms of the gift, devise or bequest, and is managed by the Board, according to the wishes of the donor or testator. The Board in addition to the regular settlement it is required to make of all school funds, settles annually before the commissioner of accounts so far as the management of the property bequeathed or devised is concerned.

In the case of any change in the boundaries of the division, the Board shall make provision for continuing the fulfillment of the purposes of the donor as far as practicable and settlement shall be made as provided for above.

Adopted: March 16, 2015

Revised: July 29, 2019

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Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, § 22.1-126.

Cross Ref: FFA Naming School Facilities  
KJ Advertising in the Schools  
KQ Commercial, Promotional, and Corporate Sponsorships and Partnerships

## ADVERTISING IN THE SCHOOLS

Individual schools may not endorse or imply endorsement of any product. All requests for endorsement must be directed to the superintendent or superintendent's designee.

School organizations must secure approval from the principal before soliciting advertisements for school publications. If there is need for policy clarification, the principal consults with the superintendent.

Commercial establishments whose primary source of revenue is the sale of intoxicants may not advertise in school publications.

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Revised: July 29, 2019

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Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, § 22.1-78.

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| Cross Refs.: | DJG | Vendor Relations   |
|              | JP  | Student Publications   |
|              | KF  | Distribution of Information/Materials                                |
|              | KGA | Sales and Solicitations in Schools                                   |
|              | KQ  | Commercial, Promotional, and Corporate Sponsorships and Partnerships |

## SCHOOL VISITORS

### Generally

Visitors are welcome in the schools as long as their presence is not disruptive. Upon arriving at a school, all visitors must report to the administrative office. Potential visitors, including parents, who are registered sex offenders, should consult Policy KN Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry Information before arriving at school property or school sponsored activities. The school division expects mutual respect, civility and orderly conduct from all individuals on school property and at school events. Unauthorized persons, including suspended and expelled students, will be requested to leave school grounds by the building administrator. Unauthorized persons who fail to leave the school grounds or school activity as requested will be considered trespassers. The School Board authorizes the superintendent to take all necessary actions regarding the safety, order and preservation of the educational environment on School Board property or at school division sponsored activities. Law enforcement may be called to enforce this policy.

Anyone, including students, who enters a school at nighttime without the consent of an authorized person except to attend an approved meeting or service or who enters or remains on any school property, including school buses, in violation of (i) any direction to vacate the property by an authorized individual or (ii) any posted notice which contains such information, posted at a place where it reasonably may be seen may be prosecuted.

### Parents

Parents are encouraged to visit the schools on scheduled days for conferences with teachers, assemblies, PTA meetings, volunteer service and other school programs. Noncustodial parents are not denied, solely on the basis of their noncustodial status, the opportunity to participate in any of the student's school or day care activities in which such participation is supported or encouraged by the policies of the School Board.

### Board Members

Periodically, Board members may visit schools within the division. The purpose of these visits is to maintain contact with building employees and increase understanding of actual educational practices. School Board members follow the same procedures applicable to all other visitors when visiting a school.

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Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 18.2-128; 18.2-415, 22.1-4.3, 22.1-79.

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| Cross Refs.: | DJG  | Vendor Relations   |
|              | ECA  | Inventory and Reporting of Loss or Damage                      |
|              | IGBC | Parental Involvement   |
|              | KGB  | Public Conduct on School Property                              |
|              | KN   | Sex Offender and Crimes Against<br>Minors Registry Information |
|              | KP   | Parental Rights and Responsibilities                           |

## SERVICE ANIMALS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### A. Service Animals

An individual with a disability is permitted to be accompanied by the individual's service animal on school property when required by law, subject to the conditions of this policy.

A "service animal" means a dog that has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. Other species of animals, whether wild or domestic, trained or untrained, are not service animals for the purposes of this definition. (See, however, Section D regarding miniature horses.) The work or tasks performed by a service animal must be directly related to the individual's disability.

School officials can ask the owner or handler of an animal whether the animal is required because of a disability and what work or task the animal has been trained to do unless the answers to these inquiries are readily apparent. School officials may not ask about the nature or extent of a person's disability and may not require documentary proof of certification or licensing as a service animal.

### B. Requirements That Must be Satisfied Before a Service Animal Will be Allowed on School Property

**Vaccination:** The service animal must be immunized against diseases common to that type of animal.

**Health:** The service animal must be in good health.

**Control:** A service animal must be under the control of its handler at all times. The service animal must have a harness, backpack or vest identifying the dog as a trained service dog, a leash (blaze orange in color) for hearing dogs, a harness for guide dogs, or other tether unless either the handler is unable because of a disability to use a harness, backpack, vest, leash, or other tether, or the use of a harness, backpack, vest, leash, or other tether would interfere with the service animal's safe, effective performance of work or tasks, in which case the service animal must be otherwise under the handler's control.

### C. Service Dogs in Training

Experienced trainers of service animals may be accompanied on school property by a dog that is in training to become a service animal. The dog must be at least six months of age. Trainers must wear a jacket identifying the organization to which they belong. Persons conducting continuing training of a service animal may be accompanied by a service animal while on school property for the purpose of school business. Persons who are part of a three-unit service dog team may be accompanied by a service dog while on school property provided that person is conducting continuing training of a service dog. A three-unit service dog team consists of a trained service dog, a disabled person, and a person who is an adult and who has been trained to

handle the service dog. The dogs may accompany these persons while on school property for school purposes.

Use of Harnesses, Vests, etc. A dog that is in training to become a guide dog or a currently trained guide dog that is undergoing continuing training must be in a harness.

A dog that is in training to become a hearing dog or a currently trained hearing dog that is undergoing continuing training must be on a blaze orange leash.

A dog that is in training to become a service dog or a currently trained service dog that is undergoing continuing training must be in a harness, backpack, or a vest identifying the dog as a trained service dog.

The training cannot disrupt or interfere with a school's educational process. It is expected that training would not normally take place in the classroom during instructional time.

All requirements of this policy which apply to service animals, such as annual written requests, and supervision, care and damages, also apply to dogs in training.

#### D. Miniature Horses

The school division will make reasonable modifications in policies, practices, or procedures to permit the use of a miniature horse by an individual with a disability if the miniature horse has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of the individual with a disability. In determining whether reasonable modifications in policies, practices, or procedures can be made to allow a miniature horse into a specific

1. The type, size, and weight of the miniature horse and whether the facility can accommodate these features;
2. Whether the handler has sufficient control of the miniature horse;
3. Whether the miniature horse is housebroken; and
4. Whether the miniature horse's presence in a specific facility compromises legitimate safety requirements that are necessary for safe operation.

All additional requirements outlined in this policy, which apply to service animals, also apply to miniature horses.

#### E. Extra Charges

The owner or handler of a service animal cannot be required to pay an admission fee or a charge for the animal to attend events for which a fee is charged.

#### F. Supervision and Care of Service Animals

The owner or handler of a service animal is responsible for the supervision and care of the animal, including any feeding, exercising, and clean up.

#### G. Damages to School Property and Injuries

The owner or handler of a service animal is solely responsible for any damage to school property or injury to personnel, students, or others caused by the animal.

#### H. Removal of Service Animals From School Property

A school administrator can require an individual with a disability to remove a service animal from school property under the following circumstances:

1. The animal is out of control and the animal’s handler does not take effective action to control it;
2. The animal is not housebroken;
3. The presence of the animal poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others; or
4. The presence of an animal would require a fundamental alteration to the service, program, or activity of the school division.

If the service animal is removed, the individual with a disability shall be provided with the opportunity to participate in the service, program, or activity without the service animal.

#### I. Denial of Access and Grievance

If a school official denies a request for access of a service animal or a dog in training, the disabled individual or parent or guardian can file a written grievance with the school division’s Section 504 Coordinator.

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Legal Refs.: 28 C.F.R. 35.104, 35.136

Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, § 51.5-44.

|              |          |   |
|--------------|----------|---|
| Cross Refs.: | DJG      | Vendor Relations  |
|              | GB       | Equal Employment Opportunity/Nondiscrimination                |
|              | JB       | Equal Educational Opportunities/Nondiscrimination             |
|              | JBA      | Section 504 Nondiscrimination Policy and Grievance Procedures |
|              | JFHA/GBA | Prohibition Against Harassment and Retaliation                |
|              | KK       | School Visitors   |
|              | KGB      | Public Conduct on School Property                             |
|              | KN       | Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry Information   |

## PUBLIC COMPLAINTS

Complaints involving a particular school are handled within the school through the established channel of responsibility. If the complaint cannot be resolved at the level of the principal, it is referred to the superintendent or superintendent's designee. If the central office staff and complainant cannot reach a satisfactory solution, the matter may, at the School Board's discretion, be heard at a regular board meeting.

Any parent, custodian, or legal guardian of a pupil attending the Mecklenburg County public schools who is aggrieved by an action of the School Board may, within thirty days after such action, petition the local circuit court to review the action of the School Board. The court will sustain the action of the School Board unless the School Board exceeded its authority, acted arbitrarily or capriciously or abused its discretion.

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Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-87, 22.1-253.13:7.

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| Cross Refs.: | GB       | Equal Employment Opportunity/Nondiscrimination    |
|              | GBA/JFHA | Prohibition Against Harassment and Retaliation    |
|              | GBLA     | Third Party Complaints Against Employees          |
|              | JB       | Equal Educational Opportunities/Nondiscrimination |

## PUBLIC COMPLAINTS ABOUT LEARNING RESOURCES

Despite the care taken in selecting suitable learning resources, and despite the qualifications and expertise of persons involved in that selection process, it is recognized that occasional objections to materials will be made by the public. It is, therefore, the policy of the School Board to provide channels of communication and a fair procedure for members of the community to follow in expressing and resolving concerns about learning resources, including instructional materials, used in teaching the curriculum.

Complaints about learning resources should be presented in writing using KLB-E, "Request for Reconsideration of Learning Resources" form, which may be obtained from the principal or the central office. The standards and procedure for review shall be consistently applied in recognition of the respective rights and responsibilities of all concerned. Materials shall be considered for their educational suitability and shall not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval. Challenges which are not resolved at the building level may be submitted to the superintendent or superintendent's designee. The decision of the superintendent may be appealed to the School Board or reviewed at the School Board's request. The decision of the School Board will be final.

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Legal Refs.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, § 22.1-253.13:7.

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| Cross Refs.: | IIA  | Instructional Materials  |
|              | IGAH | Family Life Education  |
|              | INB  | Teaching About Controversial Issues                                  |
|              | KL   | Public Complaints  |
|              | KQ   | Commercial, Promotional, and Corporate Sponsorships and Partnerships |

Mecklenburg County Public Schools  
 REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF LEARNING RESOURCES

|  |       |                       |       |
|--|-------|-----------------------|-------|
| Request By   | _____ |                       |       |
| Representing   | _____ | Myself                |       |
|  |       | Organization or Group |       |
|  |       | (please identify)     | _____ |
| Address  | _____ | E-mail address        | _____ |
| Telephone  | _____ |                       |       |
| How do you prefer to be contacted?   | _____ |                       |       |
| Title or Description of Item   | _____ |                       |       |
| Author or Editor   | _____ |                       |       |
| Type of Material (book / film / record / speaker / software / other (specify)) | _____ |                       |       |

1. Did you examine, review, or listen to this learning resource or presentation in its entirety?

- YES                       NO

2. Have you discussed this material with school staff who ordered it or who use it?

- YES                       NO

If yes, please identify the staff person(s) with whom you had the discussion:

\_\_\_\_\_

[Print name of staff person(s)]

Are you aware of evaluations of this material by professional critics?

- YES                       NO

If no, would you be interested in receiving this information?

- YES                       NO

3. Describe what prompted your concern about the material. Please cite page numbers and/or specific information from the material to support your concerns (attach additional material, if necessary).

4. Does the general purpose for the use of the material, as described by the school staff or in the MECKLENBURG COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS school division's program objectives, seem a suitable one for you?

- YES                       NO

If not, please explain (attach additional material, if necessary)

5. What action[s] would you like to see the school take regarding this material?

- Do not assign it to my child
- The school should reevaluate the material
- Other—

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. Are there other materials of the same subject and format that you would suggest for consideration in place of this material?  YES  NO

If yes, please identify your suggestions.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**

## RELATIONS WITH PARENT ORGANIZATIONS

The Mecklenburg County School Board encourages the establishment of parent-teacher organizations that seek to advance programs that improve educational opportunities for all students consistent with state and federal law. The School Board requests that parent-teacher organizations maintain a close relationship with the Board, administration and staff, and that they consider School Board and school policies when planning activities.

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Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-70, 22.1-78, 22.1-253.13:7.C.4.

Cross Refs.: IGBC            Parental Involvement  
                  KF                Distribution of Information/Materials

## SEX OFFENDER AND CRIMES AGAINST MINORS REGISTRY INFORMATION

### Generally

Each school in the division registers with the Department of State Police to receive electronic notice of the registration, reregistration, or verification of registration information of any person required to register with the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry (the Registry) within the division.

The superintendent establishes procedures regarding the use and distribution of information received from the Registry. Information received from the Registry may not be used to intimidate or harass.

The superintendent notifies the parent of each student enrolled in the school division of the availability of information in the Registry and the location of the website.

### Visitors to Schools

When the school division learns that a parent, other than a parent who has been convicted of a Tier III offense as defined in Va. Code § 9.1-902, of an enrolled student is required to register with the Registry, the parent is notified in writing that he or she is barred from being present at school or at school functions without the express written approval of the student's principal. Such approval must be obtained in advance of the proposed visit and will state the conditions under which the parent may be present. When such a parent is permitted at school or at school functions the parent is monitored to ensure that he or she does not come into contact with any children other than the parent's own children.

When the school division learns that any person other than the parent of an enrolled student, who is required to register with the Registry, but who has not been convicted of a Tier III offense, as defined in Va. Code § 9.1-902, seeks to be present at school or at school functions, the person is notified in writing that he or she is barred from being present at school or school functions without the express written approval of the principal of the school the person seeks to visit or which sponsors the event the person seeks to attend. Such approval must be obtained in advance of the proposed visit and, if obtained, will state the conditions under which the person may be present. One of the conditions will be that the person will be monitored to ensure the safety of students, staff, and others.

Principals consider requests to be present at school or at school sponsored activities from all persons who are required to register with the Registry but have not been convicted of a Tier III offense as defined in Va. Code § 9.1-902 in accordance with procedures established by the superintendent.

No adult who has been convicted of a Tier III offense, as defined in Va. Code § 9.1-902, may enter or be present during school hours, and during school-related or school-sponsored activities on any property the person knows or has reason to know is a school or child day center property, school bus, or on any property, public or private, when such property is solely being used by an elementary or secondary school for a school-related or school-sponsored

activity unless

- the person is a lawfully registered and qualified voter and is coming upon such property solely to vote;
- the person is a student enrolled at the school; or
- the person has obtained a court order pursuant to Va. Code 18.2-370.5.C allowing the person to enter and be present upon such property, has obtained the permission of the School Board or its designee for entry within all or part of the scope of the lifted ban, and is in compliance with the School Board's terms and conditions and those of the court order.

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Legal Ref: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-79, 22.1-79.3, 9.1-902, 9.1-914, 9.1-918 and 18.2-370.5.

Commonwealth v. Doe, 278 Va. 223 (2009).

Cross Ref: BBA School Board Powers and Duties  
DJF Purchasing Procedures  
KK School Visitors  
KNAJ Relations with Law Enforcement Authorities

## RELATIONS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES

### Investigations by Law Enforcement Officers at School

When it becomes necessary for any law enforcement officer to interrogate a student on school premises, the principal is contacted immediately. The principal or principal's designee makes a reasonable effort to contact the parent or guardian and have the parent or guardian in attendance for the interrogation. If the parent or guardian cannot be present for the interrogation, then the principal or principal's designee is present throughout the interrogation.

### Service of Process at School

Should there be a need to serve a student or school employee with any "legal process", the School Board encourages the process server to make all reasonable attempts to serve such documents off school premises; however, if the documents must be served on school premises, they should be served at the principal's office of the school which the student attends or the main office of the facility at which the employee is assigned.

In any case in which custody or visitation of a minor child is at issue and a summons is issued for the attendance and testimony of a teacher or other school employee who is not a party to the proceeding, if such summons is served on school property, it may be served only by a sheriff or his deputy.

### Development of Programs

The superintendent seeks to develop, in cooperation with the local law-enforcement agencies, juvenile and domestic relations court judges and personnel, parents, and the community at large, programs and procedures to prevent violence and crime on school property and at school-sponsored events. The superintendent obtains and uses Sex Offender Registry information in accordance with Policy KN Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry Information.

### Report to Law Enforcement Officials

Except as may otherwise be required by federal law, regulation or jurisprudence, the principal immediately reports to the local law-enforcement agency all incidents involving alcohol, marijuana, a controlled substance, an imitation controlled substance, or an anabolic steroid on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity, including the theft or attempted theft of student prescription medications that may constitute a felony offense.

Except as may otherwise be required by federal law, regulation or jurisprudence, the principal immediately reports to the local law-enforcement agency all incidents involving

- the sexual assault, death, shooting, stabbing, cutting, or wounding of any person, abduction of any person as described in Va. Code § 18.2-47 or § 18.2-48, or stalking of any person as described in Va. Code § 18.2-60.3, on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity;
- any written threats against school personnel while on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity;

- the illegal carrying of a firearm, as defined in Va. Code § [22.1-277.07](#), onto school property;
- any illegal conduct involving firebombs, explosive materials or devices, or hoax explosive devices, as defined in Va. Code § [18.2-85](#), or explosive or incendiary devices, as defined in Va. Code § [18.2-433.1](#), or chemical bombs, as described in Va. Code § [18.2-87.1](#), on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity; and
- any threats or false threats to bomb, as described in Va. Code § [18.2-83](#), made against school personnel or involving school property or school buses

except that a principal is not required to but may report to the local law-enforcement agency any incident involving any written threats against school personnel while on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity committed by a student who has a disability.

Except as may otherwise be required by federal law, regulation or jurisprudence, the principal may report to the local law-enforcement agency any incident described in Va. Code § 22.1-279.3:1.A that is not required to be reported pursuant to the two previous paragraphs.

If the local law-enforcement agency employs school resource officers, the School Board and the agency have a memorandum of understanding that sets forth the powers and duties of the school resource officers. The memorandum of understanding addresses the use of seclusion and restraint by law enforcement personnel in school settings. The School Board and the law-enforcement agency review and amend or affirm the memorandum of understanding at least once every two years or at any time upon the request of either party. The School Board provides notice and an opportunity for public input during each review period for the memorandum of understanding. The current memorandum of understanding is conspicuously published on the division website.

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Legal Refs.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 8.01-47, 8.01-293, 9.1-101, 16.1-264, 22.1-279.3:1, 22.1-279.9, 22.1-280.2:1, 22.1-280.2:3, 22.1-293.

8 VAC 20-750-70.

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| Cross Refs.: | JFC     | Student Conduct   |
|              | JGD/JGE | Student Suspension/Expulsion                                |
|              | CLA     | Reporting Acts of Violence and Substance Abuse              |
|              | KN      | Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry Information |

## REPORTS OF MISSING CHILDREN

The Mecklenburg County School Division shall receive reports of the disappearance of any child living within the school division from local law enforcement pursuant to Va. Code § 52-31.1.

Upon notification by a local law-enforcement agency of a child's disappearance, the principal of the school in which the child was enrolled at the time of the disappearance shall indicate, by mark, in the child's cumulative record that the child has been reported as missing. Upon notification by law enforcement that the child is located, the principal shall remove the mark from the record.

Upon receiving a request from any school or person for copies of the cumulative records and birth certificate of any child who has been reported by a local law-enforcement agency to be missing, the school being requested to transfer the records shall immediately notify the law-enforcement agency that provided the report to the school of the child's disappearance of the location of the school or person requesting the cumulative records and birth certificate of the child, without alerting the requestor of such report.

For the purposes of this policy, a "mark" means an electronic or other indicator that (i) is readily apparent on the student's record and (ii) will immediately alert any school personnel that the record is that of a missing child.

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Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-288.1; 52-31.1.

## PARENTAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

All staff members respect the parental rights of both parents. Unless there is a law, legally binding document, or court order to the contrary, both parents have the right to

- inspect and review the child's school records, in accordance with Policy JO Student Records;
- visit the school in accordance with Policies KK School Visitors and KN Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry Information.
- receive all notifications required by law.

### Parent Responsibilities

The custodial parent has the responsibility to

- keep the school office informed of the parent's address and how the parent may be contacted at all times;
- provide the current address and phone number of the noncustodial parent at registration unless such address is unknown and the custodial parent signs a statement to that effect, or unless a court order restricts the educational or contact rights of the noncustodial parent; and
- provide a copy of any legal document which restricts the educational and/or contact rights of the noncustodial parent.

The noncustodial parent has the responsibility to keep the school office informed of changes in the parent's phone number and address. At the request of a noncustodial parent, such parent will be included as an emergency contact for the student's activities unless a court order has been issued to the contrary.

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Legal Refs: 20 U.S.C. §1232g.

34 C.F.R. § 99.4.

Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-4.3, 22.1-78, 22.1-287.

Cross Refs: JO                      Student Records  
              KK                      School Visitors  
              KN                      Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry Information

## COMMERCIAL, PROMOTIONAL AND CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS AND PARTNERSHIPS

### Generally

The MECKLENBURG COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS School Board recognizes that corporate and other private sponsorship of programs and activities related to education can provide valuable enhancement of the educational program offered by the Board. For that reason, the MECKLENBURG COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS School Board may enter into commercial, promotional and corporate sponsorship and partnership arrangements under certain conditions.

### Definitions

An “educational partnership” is a mutually beneficial, co-operative relationship in which partners share values, objectives and/or human or financial resources to enhance learning for students.

An “educational sponsorship” is an arrangement pursuant to which the sponsor provides money, price reductions, equipment, materials, services or other benefits in exchange for recognition of its products or entity for a specified period of time.

### Authority to Enter into Agreements

On behalf of the School Board, principals may enter into sponsorships and partnerships for their schools when the sponsorship or partnership does not extend beyond a single school year or exceed \$5,000 in value to the school.

On behalf of the School Board, the superintendent may enter into sponsorships and partnerships which will benefit more than one school or the division as a whole. The superintendent may also enter into sponsorships and partnerships when the sponsorship or partnership extends beyond a single school year or exceeds \$5,000 in value.

The School Board may create a Sponsorship Review Committee to approve any sponsorship or partnership which the Board determines should be considered by the Committee. The School Board shall establish criteria identifying proposed sponsorships and partnerships which must be approved by the Committee rather than by a principal or the superintendent. If the Committee’s decision regarding the proposed sponsorship or partnership is not unanimous, the decision may be appealed to the School Board by either the potential sponsor or partner or by a member of the Sponsorship Review Committee.

### Requirements

Any agreement to enter into an educational sponsorship or educational partnership will be in writing.

The written agreement shall include:

- A statement of the educational purpose for the relationship.
- A statement that the School Board has the right to terminate the agreement without penalty if it determines that the agreement is having an adverse impact on the educational experience of students.

- A statement that if an agreement is terminated because of an adverse impact on the educational experience of students, no other agreement for an educational partnership or sponsorship will be entered into between the School Board and the partner or sponsor whose agreement has been terminated for a specified period of time.
- A statement detailing the specific benefits to the school or school division from the agreement.
- A statement clearly defining the roles, expectations, rights, and responsibilities of all parties to the agreement. This statement shall include a statement of whether the agreement permits the sponsor or partner to advertise in connection with the agreement and, if so, the extent of such advertising.
- A statement clearly defining whether the agreement creates any exclusive rights for the sponsor or partner and, if such rights are created, clearly defining those rights. If no exclusive rights are created, the agreement shall include a statement that the existence of the sponsorship or partnership will not limit the discretion of the School Board or its personnel in the use of sponsored or nonsponsored materials.
- The duration of the agreement.
- A statement that the school or School Board retains the exclusive right to authorize the use of its name, logo, or other similar information.
- A statement that the school or School Board must approve its identification as a partner or co-sponsor in all publicity materials.
- A statement of the monetary value to be received by the school or school division pursuant to the agreement.
- A statement defining how the benefits arising from agreement will be distributed.
- A statement of the basis on which students will be permitted to participate in the program or otherwise benefit from the agreement.
- A statement that the sponsor or partner assumes the responsibility for obtaining the consent of any student or School Board employee whose likeness may appear in any materials disseminated by the partner or sponsor.
- A statement disclosing any relationship between the sponsor or partner, or any of its employees or major stockholders, and any student, School Board employee, School Board member, or the superintendent.
- A statement that all partnerships and sponsorships will be consistent with all federal and state laws, local ordinances, school division policies and regulations, and all preexisting School Board contracts. If the terms of the partnership or sponsorship agreement establish that the employees, contractors or others acting on behalf of the partner or sponsor will have direct contact with students on school property during regular school hours or during school-sponsored activities, the sponsor or partner must certify that all such persons have not been convicted of any violent felony set forth in the definition of barrier crime in subsection A of Va. Code § 19.2-392.01; any offense involving the sexual molestation or physical or sexual abuse or rape of a child, or any crime of moral turpitude.
- A statement that if the terms of the partnership or sponsorship agreement establish that the employees, contractors, or others acting on behalf of the

partner or sponsor will have direct contact with students on school property during regular school hours or during school-sponsored activities, the individuals acting on behalf of the partner or sponsor may have been convicted of any felony or crime of moral turpitude that is not set forth in the definition of barrier crime in subsection A of Va. Code § 19.2-392.02 and does not involve the sexual molestation, physical or sexual abuse, or rape of a child, provided that in the case of a felony conviction, the individual's civil rights have been restored by the Governor.

- A statement that no partnership or sponsorship shall exploit any student or School Board employee.
- A statement that no sponsor or partner shall be permitted to collect personal information, including names, addresses or telephone numbers of students or School Board employees because of the partnership or sponsorship.
- A statement that any curriculum materials provided pursuant to the agreement will be held to the same standards as other curriculum materials.
- A statement that any participation by any student or School Board employee in any activity established pursuant to the agreement will be purely voluntary. If a student or School Board employee wants to participate in any sponsored or partnered activity but objects to using the materials provided by the sponsor or partner, the sponsor or partner must supply substantially similar materials to which the student does not object for that student to use in the activity. If a student objects to using materials provided by the sponsor or partner, the School Board employee in charge of the activity shall provide for a means by which the student's objections are made known to other students involved in the activity and by which those objections are discussed in an educational manner.

## Prohibitions

No agreement shall be entered into if the sponsorship or partnership involves or gives the appearance of involving any activity which could result in the following:

- promotion of hostility or violence;
- an attack on ethnic, racial, or religious groups;
- discrimination prohibited by any law or School Board policy;
- promotion of the use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, nicotine vapor products, or firearms;
- promotion of sexual, obscene or pornographic activities; or
- promotion of any image that is not in keeping with the established goals and purposes of the School Board.

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| Cross Refs.: | DJF       | Purchasing Procedures                          |
|              | DJG       | Vendor Relations                               |
|              | DO        | Non-Locally Funded Programs                    |
|              | IIAA      | Textbook Selection, Adoption, and Purchase     |
|              | IAB       | Supplementary Materials Selection and Adoption |
|              | IICB/IICC | Community Resource Persons/School Volunteers   |
|              | JFCB      | Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity            |
|              | JHCF      | Student Wellness                               |
|              | JL        | Fund Raising and Solicitation                  |
|              | KA        | Goals for School-Community Relations           |
|              | KH        | Public Gifts to the School                     |
|              | KLB       | Public Complaints about Learning Resources     |