

POLICY

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Related Entries: BAF, DE, DE-RA, DEA, DEB, DEB-RA, DEC-RA

Responsible Office: OFFICE OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS, PURCHASING DIVISION

VENDOR RELATIONS

A. PURPOSE

To ensure appropriate relations between vendor representatives and Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) employees and Board of Education of Anne Arundel County (Board) members.

B. ISSUE

The Board understands the need to conduct educational and business activities with the business community on a variety of levels. In accordance with Policy BAF – Ethics and Conflicts of Interest, the Board intends to ensure that the integrity of the purchasing policies and business partnerships are maintained for the benefit of the business community as well as AACPS and at the highest ethical level possible. Additionally, the Board recognizes that “time-on-task” for the learning process is one of the most important components for successful student performance and that sales activity can be disruptive to this process. Therefore, the need for clear vendor representative and AACPS employee and Board member guidelines is imperative to protect the integrity of the procurement procedures, to foster good business partnerships, and to limit disruption to the learning process.

C. POSITION

The Board requires that the relationships developed between vendor representatives and AACPS employees and Board members be supportive and fair to any and all qualified participants. To this end, the Board directs the Superintendent to develop regulations to ensure appropriate relations between vendor representatives and AACPS employees and Board members.

D. IMPLEMENTATION

The Superintendent is authorized to develop regulations to implement this policy.

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