

POLICY

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Responsible Office: FINANCE OFFICE

ALTERNATIVE FINANCING AND DEBT

A. PURPOSE

To provide authority, guidance and limitations for issuing and managing alternative financing and debt instruments.

B. ISSUE

1. The Board recognizes that the Education Article provides authority for local boards of education to enter into alternative financing arrangements.
2. The Board acknowledges, however, that the Education Article provides no authority for local boards of education to issue long-term bonded debt.
3. Therefore, the scope of this policy is limited to alternative financing arrangements allowed by the State of Maryland, including lease obligations of the Board. The policy does not include or envision debt incurred on the Board's behalf by the State of Maryland or the Anne Arundel County Government to fund any planned capital improvements of the Board.

C. POSITION

1. The Board delegates authority to the Superintendent, upon approval of the Board, to enter into alternative financing arrangements on behalf of the Anne Arundel County Board of Education and to be responsible for ensuring such arrangements comply with the authority and limitations provided in State law.
2. The Superintendent may not incur bonded debt on behalf of the Anne Arundel County Board of Education.

D. IMPLEMENTATION

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

Policy history: Adopted on 03/07/12