

Memo to: Arlington School Board
 From: Advisory Council on School Facilities and Capital Programs (FAC)
 Re: **Revisions to Policy D-15, External Funding and Resources**
 Date: March 25, 2025

The FAC assists the School Board in the continuous, systematic review of school facilities and the Capital Improvement Program, including related funding, by advising on matters regarding the capital program and facility maintenance. The School Board has invited the FAC to review and comment on Board policies and implementation procedures that are scheduled for revision as they relate to our advisory role. The FAC’s SY 24-25 work plan specifically includes this charge as a priority task. Moreover, the potential for external funding and resources to support facility maintenance and capital projects is of direct interest to the Committee.

With this perspective, the FAC has reviewed Policy D-15, External Funding and Resources, and offers the following recommendations and comments:

Suggested Edits to redline text distributed 24 FEB 2025

Cite	Text/Edit Recommendation	Comment
Title	External Funding, Gifts, and Resources, <u>and Commercial Activities</u>	The policy covers donations, activities and more. The title should reflect it.
6	... Programs <u>Fund</u>	This paragraph is about the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund; the title should be complete.
6	... align with Arlington Public Schools’ strategic priorities.	Aligning with APS priorities is one of three stated criteria for accepting outside resources. The statement here is incomplete and duplicative of lines 29-33.
41	... not in conflict with Arlington Public Schools goals <u>the criteria listed above</u> and or Arlington Public Schools curriculum	“Goals” is too broad. Alternative is consistent with line 66.
44	<i>Missing</i>	The policy does not say what happens to gifts \$1K or less.
66	... according to the criteria stated <u>listed above</u> and or Arlington Public Schools curriculum	Consistency with line 41.
73	... greater than or equal to \$100,001 <u>\$100,000</u> ...	Edit necessary otherwise funds between \$100K and \$100,001 are not covered.

89	“PTAs, PTSAs,”	Spell out acronyms.
96	<i>Missing</i>	The policy does not say what happens to private funding \$1K or less.
89-93	Each listed item 1 through 3 should end with a “;” not a “,”; “and” should be added after the “;” at the end of “3.” And item 4 should end with a “.” not a “,”.	Punctuation.
120	Paid advertising in the event program for an extra-curricular activity, <u>including at athletic venues and in programs</u>	For clarity.
128	<i>Strike</i>	Unnecessary. See line 120 above.
134	<i>Define “the appropriate school leaders”</i>	Unclear.
162	... it’s <u>it is</u> ...	Formality.
164-165	... where incidental to <u>such</u> use of a product <u>is</u> purchased in conformance with the purchasing procedures ... Policy; and where <u>when</u> necessary to the economical use of the good ...	Edits for clarity.
180-182	... manner, and ... or educational interest <u>is</u> in prohibited.	Grammar/typo
206-208	... provided, except in cases where market forces dictate otherwise, <u>(1) fees for Arlington residents may be reduced; and (2) fees for non-residents may be increased.</u>	To clarify that in no case should Arlington residents have to pay more than the cost of service provided.
210	... <u>and</u> use of facilities charges, and fees.	Something is missing from “and fees” and the “and fees” is unnecessary because the list is not a closed set.
218	... event admission fees-, (<u>Gate Receipts</u>).	For clarity.
221	... its gate receipts <u>Gate Receipts</u> .	Punctuation consistency.
246	<i>Restore deleted “5.”</i>	Edit.
248	<i>Delete “5.”</i>	Edit.
262-264	... employees are prohibited from ... receiving any kind of <u>non-de minimis</u> personal benefit, financial or otherwise.	This is too draconian as written. Teachers get boxes of tissues, pencils, soap, small gifts, etc. This should not be prohibited.

266	Add a definition of “de minimis.”	For clarity.
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Thank you for your consideration of our comments. Please contact Cynthia Hilton, Chair, FAC, if you have any questions.