

# Fundraising for schools

1. **Bake sale:** Parents, students and staff can contribute baked goods for a one-day sale.
2. **Raffle:** Sell tickets for the chance to win a particular prize – this could be a basket of goods, or another prize donated by the community or school.
3. **Quiz:** Ask the participants to sign up as teams. Prepare a list of questions based on a particular theme and have a “Quiz master” who can ask the questions. Sell tickets to participate and offer a prize for the winning team. Very popular to do music-quizzes.
4. **Bingo:** Organize a bingo night and participants can pay to play with an opportunity for the winners to get small prizes.
5. **Pancake breakfast:** Sell tickets for a delicious breakfast hosted in the school one morning before school starts. Offer food and refreshments for a set price.
6. **Popcorn sales:** Rent a popcorn machine and offer a special treat at the local park or at a school game or concert.
7. **Summer carnival:** Come up with fun outdoor activities and events that will draw in the community to buy tickets and participate. Consider selling entry tickets or having each activity valued at a certain number of tickets, for example: balloon toss = 1 ticket, pony riding = 3 tickets.
8. **Flower sale:** Sell flowers to the community to get ready for spring.
9. **Themed bake sale:** Host a themed bake sale. Consider focusing on healthy treats.
10. **Chocolate sales:** In preparation for Valentine’s Day, set up a themed chocolate sale that guarantees delivery by February 14th.
11. **Flea market:** Promote a school-wide flea market where families can bring in items they want to sell from home, such as old books or toys.
12. **Craft sale:** Encourage children and their parents to get creative and create crafts that the public can purchase.
13. **Fun run:** Organize a Fun Run or Fun Walk that the community can participate in. Make it a fun event with music, snacks, and high energy.
14. **Car wash:** Generate awareness around the community about a car wash hosted in the school parking lot. Offer to wash cars of parents and people driving through the neighborhood for a donation.
15. **Coupon book sale:** Working with a well-known provider, sell books of coupons for local restaurants, stores and vendors, so that part of the proceeds are donated back to the school.
16. **Dance-off:** Invite students and families to partake in a dance-off. They could collect pledges based on how long they stay on the dance floor! Ensure you have a good playlist of upbeat songs, and consider selling snacks and refreshments for additional cost.
17. **Talent show:** Showcase the talent of your students and faculty by hosting a talent show. Encourage individual or team participation, and sell tickets for family and friends to watch.
18. **Gift basket auction:** Gather donated items from local businesses and create gift baskets that students and parents can bid on. Example: a “Movie” themed basket with cinema tickets, popcorn and candy.

19. **Silent auction:** Gather donated items or create vouchers for services offered and host a silent auction in the school gym. Participants can walk around for a limited amount of time and put their name and offer price down on items they are interested in.
20. **Teacher charity game:** Generate excitement among the students about attending a special sports game that has teams made up of their teachers! Sell tickets to watch the game. It could be a serious game or something comical.
21. **Recycling round up:** Encourage students and staff to bring in their recyclable goods from home for a charity drive.
22. **Gift-wrapping station:** Around major holidays, advertise a gift-wrapping station where parents and students can bring their unwrapped gifts and have them wrapped for a low cost.
23. **Read-race:** Read as a class or encourage individual reading during a specific period of time. Ask for donations based on how much you read.
24. **Multicultural fair:** Showcase the many delicious foods and unique talents of your students by hosting an event where students are encouraged to share their cultural traditions with one another.
25. **Game day:** Plan an afternoon of board games and indoor activities that students and teachers can sign up for in advance, and participate in a number of games around the school. Offer small prizes for winners.
26. **Recipe book:** Have students contribute family recipes and create a school-wide recipe book. Sell the book to parents and community members.
27. **Online crowdfunding:** Test out an online crowdfunding platform to get donations for your cause. Think of creative gifts that you can give to people who donate, with bigger gifts for larger donations.
28. **Art exhibition:** Create an event where student artwork is showcased – set it up as a “pop up art gallery” where attendees can “bid” on the artwork.
29. **Battle of the Bands:** Audition local talent to battle it out in a fundraising concert. Many may perform for the exposure alone, and you can sell tickets to the event. Be sure to have everyone vote on their favorite and give that band a prize.
30. **Principal challenge:** See if your principal or a favorite teacher will agree to do something drastic – for example, shave his or her head – if you reach your fundraising goals.
31. **Scavenger Hunt:** Have participants sign up in twosomes for a fee to participate. The teams will compete in an around-town scavenger hunt. Give out prizes for first, second and third place teams.
32. **Parents Night Out:** Plan an evening where parents can drop off their little ones for a couple hours. Coordinate some games or a movie for the kids and charge a babysitting fee per child.
33. **Rubber Duck Race:** Number and sell rubber ducks to participate in a “race.” Drop the lovable ducks down a river or in the middle of the pool with a designated “finish line.” Hand out prizes to the winning ducks.