



# Fundraising Ideas

*Don't let finances deter your students from immersing themselves in a Forum Language Experience! Try out the fundraising suggestions below to help your group travel abroad!*

## **1. Talent Show**

Charge money to see a fun show!

## **2. Teacher in Jail**

Basically, kids collect a certain amount of money to throw their teacher in "jail" for a class period. They then take the money to the faculty or staff member in charge of the fundraiser and get the rest of the class period to themselves. In reality, the teachers just stay in the classroom and grade papers while the students get a free class period to hang out in the gym!

## **3. Student Serve-a-thon**

A serve-a-thon mobilizes students to raise money for your school. Each classroom or grade chooses an activity to help the community such as: Raking leaves for the elderly, cleaning up a local park, Or painting a mural. Supporters pledge money to students in support of this work. This fundraising method is effective in a couple of different ways: All the money raised goes towards your goal.

It helps students get involved in the community, while simultaneously helping their school's cause.

## **4. Beauty Pageant**

Especially fun if you have reversed roles! Boys compete and showcase their talents, along with dance routines plus funny competitions!

## **5. Dance-a-thon!**

Hold a themed dance-a-thon, contestants pay a fee and the winner receives a gift card or a ticket to prom.

## **6. Hike Day**

Charge students a few dollars to have a hike somewhere near campus. If you live in a mountain-less environment, use the resources you have. You could host a park day, lake day, or just a go-outside day.

Not only will students get some fresh air and exercise, but your school will raise quite a bit of money. Nearly every high schooler would rather be anywhere other than a classroom at 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

## **7. Jeopardy Night/ Trivia**

Groups sign up on trivia for their favorite shows or movies! Pick the most popular one at the time. EX: Harry Potter.

## **8. Karaoke Night**

Charge an entrance fee for karaoke and light snacks (provided by students.)



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### 9. Car Wash

Go to your local auto shop and ask about hosting a car wash! It's a great way to get potential customers to their business.

### 10. Spelling Bee

### 11. Bake Sale

Have parents bake and sell their goods after school for hungry students!

### 12. Raffle

You can raffle off gift cards or have local companies donate services (such as a free pedicure).

### 13. Pancake Breakfast

Host a pancake breakfast where parents volunteer as "cooks."

### 14. Flower Sale

Mother's Day or Valentine's day!

### 15. Chocolate Sale

Valentine's sweets or every day! Chocolate is good any time of the year.

### 16. Popcorn Sale

During lunch you can set up popcorn sale and have students take shifts mandating it.

### 17. Special Lunch Day

Classrooms bring different foods and sell them at lunch.

### 18. Crowdfunding

GoFundMe.com

DonorsChoose.org

Indiegogo.com

Fundly.com

fundmytravel.com

fundraising.com

### 19. Grants

<https://www.nationsclassroomtours.com/blog/2018-scholarships-and-grants-available-to-help-pay-for-student-travel>

### 20. Night in \*Paris (or other travel destination)

Basically, a fun night with food/dances/ cultural activities pertaining to the destination.

### 21. Sponsorship

Reach out to corporate/family organizations and ask if they can sponsor a scholarship or more.



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### **22. Flea Market/ Garage Sale**

Sell unwanted items with other students!

### **23. Fun Run**

Organize a Fun Run or Fun Walk that the students can participate in. Encourage them to raise pledges from their families or ask for a specific donation amount (i.e. \$1). Make it a fun event with music, snacks, and high energy.

### **24. 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.

### **25. Booster Card**

Card with local discounts to local stores. [www.boosterclubcard.com](http://www.boosterclubcard.com)

### **26. Gift basket bidding/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, specialty popcorn and candy.

### **27. Haunted House**

Host a Halloween-themed event. Sell tickets for students and parents to walk through the haunted house. Gather volunteers to play spooky characters!

### **28. School Recycle Round up**

Sell recycled items to local recycle organization.

### **29. 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 and consider having a concession stand. It could be a serious game or something comical.

### **30. Teacher Charity Concert/Talent show**

Round up your teachers for a musical concert for the students! Sell tickets to watch the teachers perform songs – either as a big group or in small groups. Teachers could get creative and invite well-known performers to join them or have community sponsors.

### **31. 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.

### **32. Fashion Show**

Encourage local retailers to provide clothing items that can be worn by students for a well-organized fashion show. Sell tickets ahead of time or at the door.

### **33. 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.



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## **34. Game Day**

Organize a tournament: 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.

## **35. Art Exhibition**

Create an event where student artwork is showcased – set it up as a “pop up art gallery”. Attendees can “bid” on the artwork, and the school can give part of the proceeds to a local charity or community group.

## **36. School Sleepover**

Working with a team of volunteers, host a school sleepover in the gym. Create a detailed list of what each student needs to bring, and plan fun activities, games or a movie for the kids to enjoy. Provide snacks and breakfast in the morning. Charge a specific amount, and anything above the costs can go towards the school’s fundraising needs.

## **37. 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.

## **38. Spa Night**

Organize for various spa professionals to give a day or evening of pampering! Seek nail technicians, makeup artists, and hair stylists to donate or discount their services to benefit your school.

## **39. Corporation Sponsorship**

Many corporations love to donate to help students. Here are some examples,

<https://www.krispykreme.com/fundraising/tell-me-more>

<http://www.gotjack.com/donation-request>

<https://www.chipotle.com/fundraisers>

## **40. Movie Night**

Partner with a movie theater that will offer discounted tickets or donate a portion of each ticket sale. Sell tickets to watch a movie in the pool...maybe Jaws?

## **41. 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.

## **42. Laser Tag**

Rent out equipment and host a school wide laser tag night ON CAMPUS. Have teachers volunteer as “security”

## **43. Paint and Light Appetizer Night**

Art, belly dancing, mechanic night, Teachers hosts workshops for adults in town.



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### 44. Mow Lawn

Offer to mow your neighbors lawns!

### 45. Cook-Off

Think of a theme (e.g. muffins, chili, pancakes) and have participants pay a fee to enter their best dishes.

### 46. Principal Challenge

Get your principal on board to complete a challenge (e.g. dye their hair a fun color) if a fundraising goal is met. Students can either vote for their favorite idea by donating or simply donate to reach the fundraising goal as soon as possible.

### 47. Book Sale

Ask students and staff to bring gently used, no longer wanted books to school. Organize a big book sale day, promoting it a couple of weeks in advance.

### 48. Pie to the Face

With the support of a staff or multiple members, students can pay to throw pie on their faces.

### 49. Selfie-Themed 5K Run

Students and selfies – the perfect match! Student runners take selfies at specific checkpoints (to be posted on social media later). Register participants and have them pay an entry fee.

### 50. Scratch and Help Fundraiser

This fundraiser gives coupons to your favorite restaurants and stores. For more information visit: <https://www.abcfundraising.com/scratch-card-fundraiser>