fundraising ideas: kids

Read-a-thon: Ask family and friends to donate for every book you read over the week or month.

Car wash: Host a car wash in the school parking lot and charge a small amount as donation.

Penny wars: Place a canister in every classroom and challenge each grade or class to collect the most change.

Art show: Ask students to create a piece of art to “sell” at an art show.

Yard sale: Ask the community to donate items for a yard sale at your school.

Lemonade stand: Tried and true! Host a stand in your neighborhood or at a school sports game.

Talent show: Show off student—and even staff and parent—talent! Charge at the door and sell tickets in advance.

Pancake breakfast: Host breakfast in the school cafeteria for a small donation. Ask the principal and teachers to serve.

Concert or school play: Is your school band, orchestra or choir putting on a performance? Charge a small admission fee or ask for donations from the audience during intermission.
fundraising ideas: high school & college students

**Student vs. faculty:** Organize a special game where the student-athletes go up against the school administration and teachers! Charge admission and donate those funds.

**Dance Marathon:** Rally classmates and an advisor/teacher to host an unforgettable, multi-hour “party with a purpose” filled with dancing, music, games, and more. For more: [bostonchildrens.org/DanceMarathon](http://bostonchildrens.org/DanceMarathon)

**Extra Life:** Unite with thousands of players around the world in a 24-hour gaming marathon. Play from your home or online—on any day you choose. Any kind of game qualifies! For more: [extra-life.org](http://extra-life.org)

**Clash for charity:** Take advantage of an important game against your rival: see which team can fundraise more in the week leading up to the big game.

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**Snack stand:** Host a snack or coffee stand during finals week.

**Win-win:** Invite a local business to be your sports teams’ official sponsor for the season. Have them pledge a set donation for every win this season.

**Free-throw contest:** Invite classmates, teachers and fans to pay an entry fee to go up against the basketball stars in a free-throw or three-pointer contest.

**Youth sports clinic:** College or high school athletes can host a youth instructional clinic for young athletes in the area. Charge a registration fee to donate.

**Benefit concert:** Know a talented band or performer? Invite them to perform and charge an entrance fee.

**Ball games:** Round up your friends and encourage them to make teams for a baseball, Wiffle ball, or kick ball tournament. Charge a registration fee for each player or for a team.

**Fitness class:** Host a spin, Zumba, yoga or boot camp class at a local studio. Charge a participant fee and ask the instructor to donate their time to teach the class.

**Party with purpose:** Already hosting a holiday, birthday, or Super Bowl party? Make it charitable! Ask guests to make a donation in lieu of gifts or favors.

**Road race or bike:** Host a 5K or bike ride in your home town. Charge a registration fee and donate the proceeds.