

# Policy Section 2

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## **Section 2.1: Community Relations**

The Director shall maintain open lines of communication with the public and school divisions served by the XLR8 Stem Academy. The XLR8 STEM Academy Director will be responsible for submitting press releases to the media relating to the event they are coordinating.

## **2.2: Public Records**

Public records are kept in the XLR8 Stem Academy main office and are open to public inspection by contacting the XLR8 Stem Academy Director.

## **2.3: Public Complaints**

All public complaints will be addressed by the XLR8 Stem Academy Director and/or the Superintendent-in-Charge.

## **2.4: STEM Academy Partnership Team**

The STEM Academy Partnership team of the XLR8 STEM Academy consists of a chairperson, school liaison members (a division advocate from each participating division and/or a school advocate from each home high school), and general members from business, government, higher education and health care professionals representing the organizations within Virginia's Region 2000. The Partnership team meets at least twice a year. The XLR8 STEM Academy Director coordinates and chairs the STEM Academy Partnership Team.

## **2.5 Non- Profit Foundation**

The XLR8 STEM Academy will receive support and partner with non-profit entities such as the Future Focus Foundation, a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation formed to sustain and expand STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) educational opportunities for youth in grades K-12, both through the public education system and community involvement. Support from and partnerships with entities such as the Future Focus Foundation will

garner contributions from individuals, organizations, businesses and institutions for the purpose of providing XLR8 STEM Academy students with state of the art technology, in-depth research and internship opportunities and sophisticated laboratory experiences. A non-profit foundation may be established by the XLR8 STEM Academy Board solely for the purpose of supporting the academy's goals and objectives at any time.

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