

WHY GIVE TO THE PES FUND?



What is the PES Fund?

The PES Fund is the School's top fundraising priority. A gift to the PES Fund impacts every student, every day. Your gift ensures a PES experience full of exceptional academics, competitive athletics, unbounded experiential and service learning opportunities, awe-inspiring arts programs, and scholarship awards.



Why donate when we already pay tuition?

Like most independent schools, our financial model relies upon tuition revenues plus contributions to fund annual operating expenses. This helps moderate tuition increases and keep a PES education within reach of more families.



Who is asked for gifts?

We ask everyone in the school community - parents, alumni families, grandparents, Board of Trustee members, faculty, staff and friends. We strive for 100% participation.



Why is participation so important?

A high number of gifts is a vote of confidence in PES. Many outside organizations look at the rate of participation when making funding decisions.



How much should I give?

The amount is entirely up to you. Every gift is important and appreciated. Our hope is that PES is one of your philanthropic priorities. Please contribute at a level that is meaningful to your family.



When should I make my gift?

Solicitations are mailed in October and our hope is that you will make your gift or pledge by November 20. You have until June 30 to fulfill your pledge. Once you have made your PES fund commitment, you will not be asked again until the next academic year.



What is a matching gift?

Many companies match the charitable gifts of their employees, maximizing the amount donated to a charity. Many PES supporters work for matching gift companies. Please check with your HR Department to learn more.



Can I make my gift through Employee Giving Programs?

You may be able to designate gifts through your Employee Giving Program to PES. Please check with your company to learn how you can benefit PES in this way.



How do I make a gift to the PES Fund?

PES accepts cash, check, stock and credit card contributions. Gifts can be made easily online by visiting www.pescharlotte.org/support-pes.

Your **Extraordinary Generosity** to the PES Fund affords all our students the **Extraordinary Joy** of learning that lasts a lifetime!