



Every Student. Every School. Every Day.

Pasadena Educational Foundation (PEF) helps to raise between \$12 and \$15 million dollars a year for the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD). Those funds include large government grants, foundation grants, and individual donations, which together help us support myriad essential programs from the large to the small. Some programs are run by PEF, others by PUSD, and still others represent various levels of partnership. From the smallest Friendship Bench to the largest Magnet Program, PEF works with our community partners to impact every student, every school, every day!

Here's a look at how:



Grantwriting Assistance

We help PUSD write grants for initiatives that provide parents and students with a high level of school choice and quality, such as **Magnet Programs**, **Dual Language Immersion Programs**, and **College and Career Pathways**. In this way, we are partners in growing our District's Art, STEM, and STEAM Magnet Initiatives and our Dual Language Immersion Programs in Spanish, Mandarin, and French.



Teacher and School Grant Program

We have been awarding funds through our **Teacher and School Grant Program** for over 40 years. In 2016-17 we awarded a total of 112 grants to teachers plus 11 school-wide grants totaling **\$184,000**. Our grants provide the needed funds to take creative project from idea to reality, resulting in fresh teaching strategies, new libraries, innovative soccer programs, inclusive PE equipment, challenging science projects, moving visual and performing arts projects, interdisciplinary literacy events, supportive classroom technology, and more.



Field Trip Grant Program

Every year we allocate a field trip budget to each of our schools. Our **Field Trip Grant Program** funds and provides transportation for approximately **300 field trips** a year that send thousands of students to engage with community organizations including aquariums, performing and visual arts institutions, nature centers, science centers, and others.



Summer Enrichment Program

Launched in 2003, our popular 5-week **Summer Enrichment Program** mixes academics with creative projects taught by enthusiastic teachers. Our goal is to provide students with an affordable and fun learning experience, and to prepare them for the coming academic year. Forty percent of our students receive tuition assistance. Over 130 high school students participate in our **Summer Volunteer Program** gaining pre-professional experience that exercises their scholarship and leadership skills, while fulfilling community service hours required for graduation.



Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Programs

We have a far-reaching commitment to technology and teaching innovation in PUSD schools. We operate and fund our own **Robotics Program** in every middle school and a four-year computer science program called the **App Academy** at PHS. Most recently, we incubated and launched a new progressive **Math Academy** at several middle schools that is bringing national attention to PUSD. Our **3D Printer Program** provides each school with a 3D printer, technical support, printer supplies, and access to teacher training in a growing 3D printing curriculum.



Arts Education Programs and Initiatives

Arts education is a focus of our work and we support it in a variety of ways. **My Masterpieces: Discovering Art in My Community**, our award-winning arts program partnering grade levels with community arts and culture organizations, began over a decade ago and now serves every K-6 student in the District. A similar performing arts program called **Open Stage** is piloting this year in our middle schools. Through the **Rothenberg Art Fund** and Tony Bennett's **Exploring the Arts Foundation** we are helping the district achieve goals to integrate arts education at every grade level. This includes early education in dance and theatre, an arts integrated common core curriculum through the second grade, increasing elementary instrumental education, providing more art electives and materials at the middle and high school levels, and new high school programs in orchestra at Blair, dance and studio art at Rose City, and theatre at Muir.



Physical Fitness, Health, and Well-being Initiatives

PEF is committed to supporting the health and fitness of all our PUSD students. At the elementary level, we help pay for buses to take every third grader to learn water safety and swimming skills in the **Rose Bowl Aquatic Center's** PUSD swim program. We bolster access to healthy living resources by supporting four **Healthy Start Family and Community Centers**, and we partner with **Pasadena Community Gardens Conservancy** to teach healthy living through nine edible school-community gardens, a master gardener, and farm to table programs. We help fund an asthma nurse to monitor all students with asthma, and we are invested in helping our middle and high schools build their **athletic programs and facilities**, including the recent renovation of the Muir baseball field.



College and Workplace Readiness Initiatives

We help high school **student internships** at local businesses that prepare students for college and the workforce. We also encourage parents, businesses, and community members to set up **college scholarship funds** through us. PEF has dispersed over \$50,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors on behalf of those entities.



Community Engagement Programs and Initiatives

PEF builds community connections for schools through our **Principal for a Day** program (PFAD). PFAD has seeded many partnerships and projects such as the restoration of an historic mural at McKinley, and helps increase the visibility of the myriad wonderful programs happening in our schools to the community at large. The nationally recognized **Realtor Initiative** of our **Community Engagement and Advocacy Committee** disseminates accurate information about our public schools, equating the desirability of living in Altadena, Pasadena and Sierra Madre with getting an excellent public education. We welcome other **Community Ambassadors** to help us spread the word.



PEF "Gives Back" and School Annual Fund Support

We provide fundraising and accounting support to nearly every school's **Annual Fund**, enabling schools to more efficiently raise community dollars to meet immediate needs. In the past few years a gracious donor match to our annual fundraising campaign has enabled us to give a portion of what we raise to each school's **Annual Fund**. Over the past three years we have given approximately \$150,000 to our schools in this way.

Want to know more about what we do, and our impact at *your* school?

Want to get involved?

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