

TMS Help Q&A

What is TMS Help? TMS Help is a program where the TMS families and community can donate funds to provide immediate financial assistance to Timberline students to improve their attendance, engagement and graduation rates. The help is immediate, discrete and individualized. The program is partnered with a local organization called InvestEd and you can find more information on InvestEd at www.Invested.org. In the 2017/2018 school year, InvestEd helped 24,275 students in the state of WA.

At the beginning of the school year, InvestEd will provide funding to TMS based on our student population and the percentage of students qualifying for free and reduced lunch but, for us to help as many students as we can, we need to raise additional funds.

What can my donation be used for? Items include, but are not limited to, PE uniforms, spirit wear, class fees, field trips, ASB membership, athletic fees, backpacks, and various personal and health needs.

Is there anything that the money cannot be used for? Yes, the money cannot pay for fines such as lost or damaged items textbooks or laptops.

How do I request financial assistance? Please complete a TMS Help Request sheet (see overleaf) and forward it to your student's Counselor. Forms will be available in the front office, the Counseling office and on our website.

How can I donate?

- 1) By cash or check at Timberline Middle School.
- 2) Online at www.InvestEd.org. Click on 'Donate Now'. Enter the donation amount and click 'Next'. This will take you to the payment screen. At the bottom of the payment screen please remember to designate Timberline Middle School.

Can my donations be matched? Yes, if your employer matches donations, please remember to get them matched. To do this you would need to select 'Lake Washington School District' as the recipient in your matching system and you must reference 'Timberline Middle School'. If Timberline is not specified, the money will go to the District offices and will not benefit Timberline students directly.

Please help us make our students a success by making this program a success.

Thank you