



SANDHILLS SCHOOL
ANNUAL FUND



BRIGHT MINDS REALIZED

The Sandhills Annual Fund invests in our bright students, exceptional faculty & staff, life-changing programming, and beautiful spaces that supports every Sandhills Buck.

For nearly 50 years, supporters like you have helped Sandhills transform frustrated students who learn differently into confident, successful self-advocates and leaders. As the student stories in these pages reflect, your investment reaps unimaginable benefits to realize the bright minds of all of our students.

Erika Senneseth, M.Ed. | Head of School



Sandhills School is a 1st-12th grade college preparatory school for bright students with dyslexia and related learning differences. Through individualized Orton-Gillingham instruction, our students gain the confidence, master the tools, and participate in the opportunities they need to realize their potential in academics and life.

BRIGHT MINDS GAINING CONFIDENCE

From reading aloud to peers to applying for their dream college, Sandhills students gain confidence in and out of the classroom

"From the first day the boys visited Sandhills, we knew it was the right place for them. As Sandhills students we have seen our children grow to the students we knew they could be. They possess more self-confidence, higher-level social and organizational skills, and improved techniques that allow them to cope with their educational challenges."

-Bizzy, Sandhills Parent



THE ANNUAL FUND SUPPORTS

Small class sizes with individualized instruction

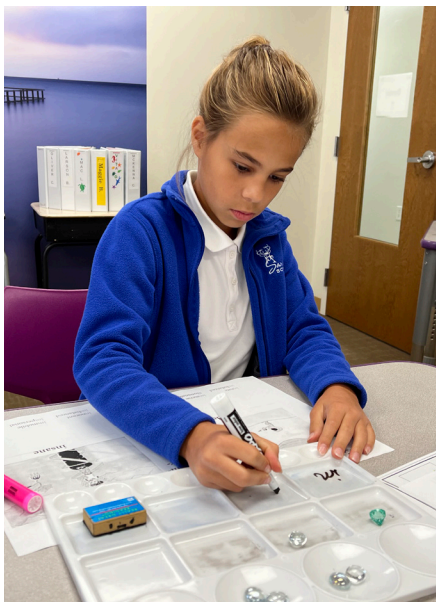
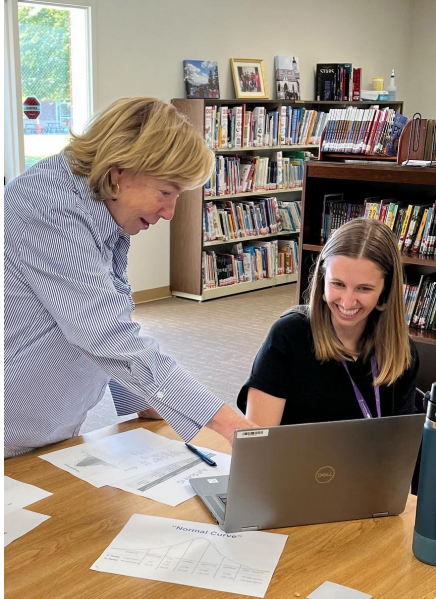
3:1 Student Faculty Ratio

Beautiful campus spaces that support learning

BRIGHT MINDS MASTERING THE TOOLS

Sandhills students develop the tools and strategies they need to unlock their potential in the classroom. Through Orton-Gillingham instruction, classroom accommodations, and assistive technology our students overcome their learning differences and rediscover their joy of learning.

Sandhills School is one of just a handful of schools in the world that is dually accredited by the Orton-Gillingham Academy as a School Instructional Program and a Teacher Training Program. The Orton-Gillingham approach is the gold standard for educating students with dyslexia. Each one of our exceptional teachers has extensive Orton-Gillingham training. Sandhills is the only school in the Midlands that has a Fellow in Residence. Our Fellow, Anne Vickers, provides yearly teacher training, weekly workshops, valuable classroom observations, and mentorship to our teachers.



THE ANNUAL FUND SUPPORTS

Promethean boards in every classroom and a chromebook in every bookbag

Competitive benefits and salary to attract & retain exceptional faculty

High quality professional development for all faculty & staff

BRIGHT MINDS PARTICIPATING IN THE OPPORTUNITIES

Every Sandhills Buck has the opportunity to participate in a wide array of activities ranging from Basketball to Theater. Extracurricular activities round out our college preparatory curriculum and give our students amazing opportunities to find success on the stage or an athletic field.

“The support from Sandhills teachers helps me to succeed and feel confident enough to participate and join in many different activities.” -Leah, ‘24

Leah is a member of the Cross Country team and has competed in the SCISA Music Fest and Quiz Bowl. In her Junior year Leah was elected as President of the National Honor Society and serves as a member of the Student Council.



THE ANNUAL FUND SUPPORTS

Interscholastic and intramural opportunities ranging from fine arts to athletics

School events including Fiesta Friday grill outs, Founders Day, Multiple Intelligence Clubs, and Field Day



BRIGHT MINDS REALIZING THEIR POTENTIAL IN ACADEMICS & LIFE

"Colleges and universities are looking for candidates with high academic achievements and a full exploration of their interests and strengths. The annual fund supports our students' classwork and extracurricular activities and gives them the best chance to fulfill their dreams and realize their potential in college and beyond."

-Britni Hartis, College Counselor



THE ANNUAL FUND SUPPORTS

Qualified staff to assist in the college admissions journey

BRIGHT MINDS REALIZED. BECAUSE OF YOU.

Annual giving, especially unrestricted support, is the cornerstone of any school's operating budget- supplementing tuition income to provide for academic programs, extracurricular activities, and financial aid. In short, annual giving ensures continued excellence at Sandhills School.

YOUR SUPPORT WILL ENHANCE THE SANDHILLS EXPERIENCE FOR ALL STUDENTS THROUGH:

- Financial Aid
- Faculty Development
- Visual & Performing Arts
- Technology in the Classroom
- Athletics & Activities
- Student Events

DONOR RECOGNITION LEVELS

- Sandhills Fellow: \$10,000 +
- Sandhills Pacesetter: \$5,000- \$9,999
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- Sandhills Buck: \$500- \$999
- Purple & White Club: \$100- \$499

JOIN THE 1970 SOCIETY

The 1970 Society celebrates Sandhills School's grassroots founding. In 1970 a group of concerned parents gathered their resources and formed the Columbia Reading Foundation to help tutor their children who were very bright, but struggling to learn to read in traditional classrooms.

Become part of the legacy of generosity and support initiated by Sandhills School's original Founders. Donors that contribute \$1,970 or more each fiscal year to the Sandhills School Annual Fund will be recognized as members of the 1970 Society. We look forward to thanking our 1970 Society donors at the annual 1970 Society Social.



HOW TO GIVE

Return your gift in the envelope provided, give online at sandhillsschool.org/giving or scan the QR code.



For more information on making a planned gift to Sandhills School, please contact Erika Senneseth at erika.senneseth@sandhillsschool.org or 803-695-1400.

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2022 Sandhills School Annual Fund

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