MERCER ISLAND SCHOOLS FOUNDATION



The Mercer Island Schools Foundation was started in 1985 by community members and has since raised over $27 million to provide our schools with programs that inspire learning, enrich teaching, and promote innovation and academic excellence in the Mercer Island public schools.

The Foundation has provided a means for parents and community partners to invest in an exceptional public education for our island students. The need in the first few years for some textbooks and a few computers has grown into more than a $1 million commitment to the District each year that maintains class sizes, rigorous academics, and a breadth of educational experiences from kindergarten through high school.

State and public funds alone cannot adequately support the rigorous, challenging, and inclusive education our students deserve. Foundation funds are not solely for enrichment in our schools. Community funds help to bridge the gap between what the state provides and what Is needed to ensure every student in every school has the tools and resources to reach their highest potential.

Our vision is to enhance student learning and arm students with the tools and self-confidence to achieve their dreams.

The tremendous success of the organization lies in the simple fact that the Mercer Island Schools Foundation was born in a community that places value on quality education.

The Mercer Island Schools Foundation provides direct support to students and teachers and enhances educational opportunity through individual and corporate support. The Foundation fills educational funding and opportunity gaps. Funds come from private contributions, corporate support, public matching funds and fundraising.



There are two fundraising campaigns each school year –

Fall All in for Kids

Each fall, your investment in the All in for Kids campaign supports strategic programs in core academics, enrichment programs, teacher innovation grants, professional development, social/emotional programs, academic support, fine arts and much more.

SPRING for Schools

Your investment during the annual Spring for Schools campaign ensures the District has the financial leverage it needs to maintain class size, and ensure exceptional education experiences for every student. During the spring your gift supports many of the same items and the fall in addition to special needs such as support for courses that would not happen without Foundation dollars.