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# ANNUAL FUND

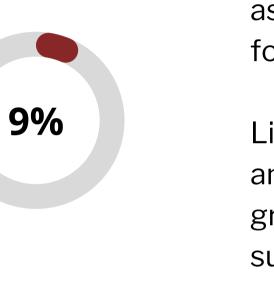


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# INDEPENDENT SCHOOL FUNDING





Running an independent school generates expenses that range from operating costs and athletics to teacher salaries and benefits. Almost all independent schools rely on annual fund drives as a way to help cover the costs of an education for your child.

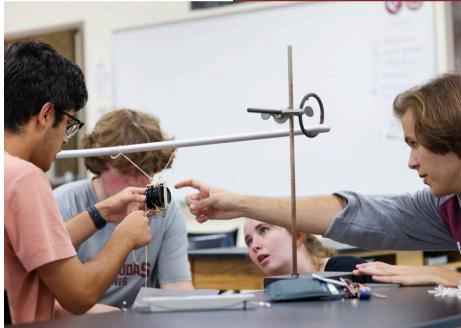
Like most independent schools, UCHS relies on annual donations from parents, alumni, grandparents, business and community supporters to fund approximately 9% of our operating budget.



# THE VALUE OF EDUCATION

Each gift to the UCHS Annual Fund makes a difference. Donations are tax deductible and eligible for company matches. Each dollar goes towards providing an environment in which each student can receive a transformative education while helping keep tuition affordable.





## Working "to prepare a child for the path ahead; but, not to prepare their path for them."



Evans & Thompson

## YOUR SUPPORT



**Technology Upgrades & Security Enhancements** 

**Professional Development for** Teachers





**Expansion of Classroom Resources for an Engaging** Learning Environment

### Aside from 9% of the operating budget, your Annual Fund donations help support ancillary expenses such as:



### **Transportation Costs** & Upkeep





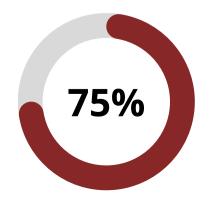




# THE BACKBONE OF OUR SCHOOL

### **Our budget reflects what we value; our teachers.**

We invest 75% of our revenue to compensate our faculty. At a time where teacher turnover is high, UCHS boasts a continuity of faculty. This is unfortunately a rarity in education. Ensuring our teachers are fairly compensated through both pay and benefits translates into a top tier educational experience for our students.





# THE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE

Another aspect that makes UCHS unique is our student's ability to take college courses through Lenoir-Rhyne University and Appalachian State University. UCHS works in agreement with these schools to provide college courses at a rate lower than if they were enrolled as a part-time student. Additionally, those costs are built into our tuition.

As of last year, 13% of our budget was used towards those classes. This is a major incentive for students and families to attend UCHS and saves thousands of dollars down the road while giving our students an advantage when they attend college full time.

### "Learning to go to college, before going to college."



# THANKYOU FOR INVESTING IN WHAT MATTERS MOST

Your philanthropic support helps us to cover the \$1,090 per student difference between the actual cost of a UCHS education and what is covered by tuition.

Every dollar and every donor makes a difference.

Regardless of the amount, your support shows your belief in the mission, vision, and leadership of UCHS. We are grateful for your support!

