IMAGINE POSSIBILITIES!

LWHS Annual Fund FAQs

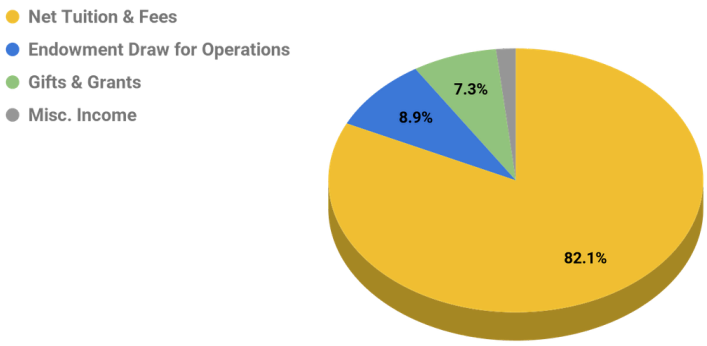
The Tiger Fund provides over **$2.4 million** in **unrestricted support** to the operating budget to ensure that **all students** have the opportunity to thrive at LWHS. **Tuition alone does not cover the full cost of an LWHS education.**

The Tiger Fund is comprised of contributions made by families of current students and alumni. These contributions support the current operating needs of LWHS, such as Flexible Tuition, faculty salaries, the arts, athletics, the Center, new tools for the shops, and so much more. Every family plays a vital part in making LWHS a spectacular school through participation in the Annual Fund.

Gifts to the LWHS Tiger Fund range from $25 to over $100,000. Each gift is incredibly meaningful in sustaining our Head, Heart, Hands education.

Why are we asked for a gift to the Tiger Fund when we already pay tuition?

While tuition establishes the foundation for excellence, it does not cover all of the school's expenses. The Tiger Fund accounts for **8% of the school's operating budget**. Without contributions to the Tiger Fund, our school would not be able to maintain small classes, our robust Flexible Tuition Program, retain our talented teachers, or provide individualized attention, academic rigor, and superb facilities.



Why is 100% participation so important?

High participation visibly demonstrates the dedication of our community to the school and is an indicator for charitable foundations when deciding on grants and other support. For that reason, we ask that every administrator, teacher, trustee, family, and alumnus support the Annual Fund in hopes of reaching 100%. Our goal is to make giving accessible, inclusive, and meaningful to each and every family.

As a community, we can collectively provide LWHS with the additional financial resources necessary to pursue the school's mission and to create opportunities for all students to benefit from a unique education through the Tiger Fund.

When should parents make a gift?

We ask that parents make their gift or pledge during the Tiger Fund drive on or before **October 21, 2026**. By making a gift now, we are able to count on your support to meet the immediate needs facing the school and provide financial stability. Giving during the Tiger Fund helps keep our community together by helping to support LWHS' robust flexible tuition program. If you would prefer to make your gift at a later date, we invite you to make a pledge now and pay by May 1, 2026.

Important dates:
September 8 - Tiger Fund Kicks off
October 21 - Tiger Giving Day
December 1 - Giving Tuesday

How much should I give?

LWHS will provide a suggested amount for your gift in the Tiger Fund letter and email. We understand that every family's personal circumstance is different, and the amount provided is a recommendation - all levels of gifts are deeply appreciated.

Leadership Giving Society
Head, Heart, Hands $100,000+
Scholar $50,000-$99,999
Visionary $25,000-$49,999
Innovator $10,000-$24,999
Leadership $5,000-$9,999
Friends of LWHS
Builder $2,500-$4,999
Black & Gold $1,000-$2,499
Tiger Pride $1-$999

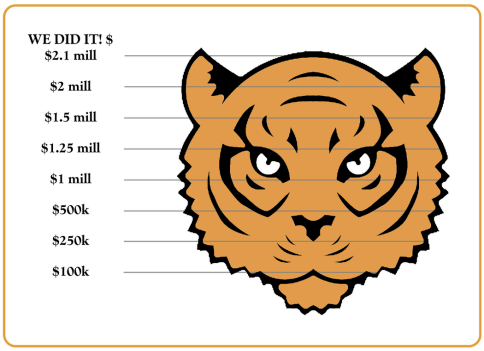
Our donors at **$5,000 and up** are invited to the **Miranda Lux Leadership Celebration** in the spring. In appreciation, **all donors** will be listed in the parent honor roll in the 2025-2026 Annual Report.

The Collective Power of Giving

We ask that every family make LWHS one of their philanthropic priorities and contribute at the level is right for them.

Gift Levels	Number of Donors Needed
$100,000 or more	4
$50,000 - $99,999	6
$25,000 - $49,999	11
$10,000 - 24,999	41
$5,000 - $9,999	44
$2,500 - $4,999	72
$500 - 2,499	243
$250 - $499	200
$1 - $249	460
Total Number of Gifts	**1081**

We are all in this together, and every gift makes a power impact. Let's aim for 100% participation!



What are other ways of giving?

Families can make a gift of stock or through a donor advised fund. Giving a gift of stock benefits donors and LWHS. In most cases, donors do not have to pay capital gains on the transfer of securities that have been held for at least a year. You may also give through a check or a donor-advised fund (DAF), a type of giving program that allows you to combine the most favorable tax benefits. You can contact Jeanna Yoo at jyoo@lwhs.org for more information.

Can employers match gifts?

Yes! Matching gifts are an incredibly important way to make the most of your charitable gift. Many employers in the Bay Area will match their employees' gifts to non-profit schools like LWHS. Please contact your HR department for eligibility requirements and a matching gift form. You can also enter your company name when making a gift online at https://www.lwhs.org/giving/annual-fund if your

employer will make a matching gift.

Employers who match

- Airbnb
- Apple
- Bank of America
- BlackRock
- Clif Bar
- Dell
- Dolby
- Dropbox
- Gap Inc.
- Genentech
- Google
- Johnson & Johnson
- Levi Strauss & Co.
- LinkedIn
- Mastercard
- Microsoft
- Netflix
- PG&E
- Salesforce.com
- Verizon
- Visa
- Wells Fargo

What other fundraising activities does the school have?

The Tiger Fund is the **most important fundraiser** for LWHS – we do not have a gala or auction. Each and every gift has an immediate impact on our students and programs.