



Welcome to the **HILLSBOROUGH** SCHOOL DISTRICT



WELCOME TO THE HILLSBOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

On behalf of the *Hillsborough Schools Foundation (HSF)*, welcome to our community and exceptional schools. The Hillsborough City School District (HCSD) is comprised of four award-winning schools: North, South and West elementary schools and Crocker Middle School. Our schools are among the best in the nation and our district is ranked in the top 1% in California. Each of our schools are recognized for academic excellence and innovative programming with more than 112 awards and honors.

HCSD continually strives to raise the bar with increased educational opportunities to provide our children with an excellent academic experience.



WHAT IS HSF?

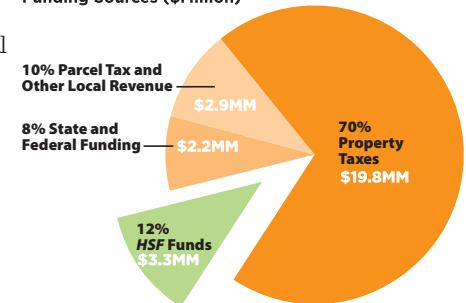
HSF is a non-profit foundation founded in 1980 by parents to bridge the gap between public funding and what HCSD spends to provide a rich education for our children. Led by a parent board, more than 200 parent volunteers work collectively each year to raise the funds needed to sustain Hillsborough's tradition of excellence in education and build community.



WHY DO WE NEED A FOUNDATION AT A PUBLIC SCHOOL?

Public funding for schools in California is not sufficient to provide the excellence in education that we seek for our children. California schools are ranked 41st in the nation in per-student spending. Local taxes and government funding only cover 88% of the amount spent per student each year in the HCSD. The money raised by *HSF* covers that additional 12% gap. Neighboring school districts including Burlingame, Los Altos, Menlo Park, Palo Alto and Portola Valley also benefit from community supported foundations.

Hillsborough City School District 2017-18
Funding Sources (\$Million)



District Budget = \$28.2 million



HOW DOES YOUR CHILD BENEFIT FROM HSF?

Your child, and all of our children, have benefited from our legacy of generous and consistent giving from district families and the community for nearly 40 years. Annual Giving dollars raised by *HSF* are used exclusively for the HCSD annual operating budget. The HCSD Board of Trustees determines how to allocate the funds to support the *Hallmarks of a Hillsborough Education*:



Exceptional Teachers and Staff

- Education specialists, counselors, and staff professional development



Excellence in Math and Reading

- Best-in-class curriculum for English/Language Arts and Math



Smaller Class Sizes

- Average class = 22 students
- Without *HSF*, average class could be 28 students (28% larger!)



STEM

- Innovation Labs (iLabs) to discover and refine understanding of science concepts



Media

- Hillsborough Educational Television (HTV) allows students to produce and present, building key communications skills



Technology

- Computers and laptops in every classroom K – 8
- 1:1 Chromebooks for every student, grades 4 - 8



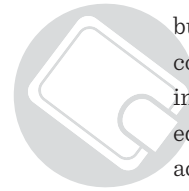
Music

- Rich music curriculum K – 8, including general music, choral and instrumental programs



Language and World Culture

- Spanish language and world cultures introduced in elementary school
- Spanish and Mandarin taught at Crocker



WHEN TO GIVE AND WHAT IS OUR GOAL?

Each year we start from \$0.00 We ask for your help to build upon last year's successes. The generosity of our parents and community has allowed *HSF* to donate approximately \$3.5 million in annual support to HCSD over the past several years. Invest in the education of our children during this academic year to maintain our academic excellence. Your donation will be spent during the current school year. There are two primary ways to give this year:

- ACE – Additional Cost to Educate – \$2,500 per student
- Scholars' Circle – \$10,000 per family

Our goal is 100% participation by all Hillsborough school district families. Please watch for more information about *HSF* Giving Day this fall.

Ready to donate now? Please visit www.hsf.org to make your contribution to an excellent education today.



IT'S YOUR COMMUNITY

In addition to supporting our schools through the Annual Giving Campaign, our community also participates in *HSF* sponsored events. *HSF* volunteers lead three signature events each year. Dates are announced early in the school year. We hope you will join the fun!

Hillsborough Classic A daytime event held each fall with tennis, shopping, and a fashion show brunch.

Dinner Dance and Live Auction An elegant evening event held each spring with dinner, dancing, and live auction.

Hillsborough Fun Run A fun family event held each May that includes a non-competitive run/walk followed by breakfast and field activities.

On behalf of *HSF*, we would like to extend a warm welcome to you. We look forward to getting to know you and your family!

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