



Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

Q. Why are donations needed? Aren't tax dollars supposed to pay for public education?

A. The fact is that the funds our district receives from the State are insufficient. San Dieguito Union High School District is **LAST** in funding per student among the Union High School Districts in San Diego County and 89th of 93 districts in the state. Sadly, California ranks 29th in the nation in spending per pupil. The Trustees in our district have wisely focused their funds on classroom instruction. Therefore, to continue to provide a well-rounded environment, the funds to support TPHS extra curricular activities and programs as well as capital equipment and improvements must be raised privately through donations.

Q. My child doesn't participate in clubs or sports. Why should I contribute?

A. Even though your child may not participate directly, TPHS would be a completely different setting without clubs – without sports – without student support services – without a state-of-the-art media center – without a monthly newsletter to parents – or, without cutting edge technology and communication tools from which we all benefit. Your contributions help maintain the existence of a high-quality educational, cultural and athletic environment, the availability of choices, and the safety net for *all* of our students.

Q. Is a parent required to contribute?

A. Required? No. Encouraged? Yes. Parents will want to support their own child's efforts whenever possible. The programs at Torrey Pines are outstanding. We want to uphold and improve those standards. However, no student is ever turned away because of money. Scholarships are available for sports and other activities.

Q. How much am I expected to contribute?

A. Every *single* dollar helps underwrite the programs at TPHS, so every donation is significant. Parents who consider their child's educational environment to be a priority will do their best to make a donation to underwrite their student's participation and help underwrite the programs which benefit *every* student. We strive to have 100% parent participation.

Q. Will I be asked to contribute again?

A. Yes, throughout the year you will have opportunities to give. The Foundation sponsors special events – Sammy's Nite, the Annual Auction Event, and the Annual Rummage Sale bring families together socially as well as raise money to benefit our students. The Foundation offers other fundraising programs – Falcon Card sales, Buick Invitational golf ticket sales – and Camps, Clinics and Tournaments. These all help to raise additional funds in support of your student's interests and activities.

Q. What programs and equipment are provided through the Shared Vision for Excellence?

A. Celebrate our list of accomplishments funded by our generous donors on the reverse side of this page. →

Torrey Pines has over 2,700 students to prepare for tomorrow's challenges and opportunities. Your involvement and support will help to ensure the excellent education provided to our children is not threatened by the State budget gaps facing education. The donations made today to provide a top quality education for our students will be rewarded many times over.



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