

Washington Union Educational Foundation

*Created to fully fund the art & music programs of the
Washington Union School District.*



Frequently Asked Questions

What is WUEF?

Washington Union Educational Foundation (WUEF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose purpose is to raise the necessary funds to maintain the art and music programs at all three schools within the Washington Union School District. According to WUEF's charter and bylaws, any money raised above what is needed to fully fund art and music will serve to meet technology requests from the three schools.

What does WUEF funding pay for?

The funds raised pay for the art and music teachers' gross salaries, raises, benefits, taxes and insurance. This keeps the teachers on-staff working with your child, supporting curriculum such as:

- The Art Docent Program which includes monthly hands-on projects and Picture of the Month in all grades,
- Music/Singing in TK – 3rd grades, recorder instruction in 3rd and 4th grade, and instrument and choir instruction in 4th – 8th grades.
- These teachers also support events such as: the annual Art Show, concerts and/or recitals in all grades, Band & Jazz Band Performances and so much more. Art and Music education enrich nearly every facet of your child's academic experience through these programs.

Where does the money come from?

Most funding comes directly from parents and guardians of the students who benefit from the program via contributions, fundraising, and business sponsorships. A small percentage comes from giving partnership programs like Nob Hill ExtraCredit and AmazonSmile.

Who decides where the money goes and how it's used?

The Washington Union School District determines how the money is used. WUEF's bylaws specify that the funds granted to the district are strictly used for the art and music programs, with any remaining funds applied to district-provided technology requests.

How much money is needed?

Each year the total amount WUEF must raise changes, generally increasing, based on the salaries negotiated by the district. The per student cost to fund these programs is determined by the district-estimated annual student enrollment. **For this year, if \$211 was contributed on behalf of each student in the district, the art and music programs would be fully funded.** Any additional fundraising would strictly support technology.

Example: \$181,000 (for art & music) ÷ 860 (estimated student enrollment) = \$211 per student

How can I volunteer?

WUEF NEEDS YOU! Volunteering starts with signing-up at a "Back to School" or "Orientation" event with any WUEF member OR by dropping-in at any upcoming WUEF Board Meeting (3rd Tuesday of the month at Toro MPR at 6pm). If you are unable to make it to a meeting and still want to participate please contact: wuef@washingtonusd.org

What is a "Friend of WUEF"?

There are many families in the Washington Union School District that own (or are part of) a local small business. By becoming a "Friend of WUEF," your donation will:

- Advertise your business to the entire Washington Union School District. That's nearly 600 families who love supporting local businesses!!! Your business name and logo will be displayed at all three school sites and during all WUEF sponsored events.
- Support the art and music programs with a tax-deductible donation for your business.