



# MERCER ISLAND SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

## PRIORITY FUNDING REQUEST

For the 2024-2025 school year, the Foundation's funding initiatives are set to transform core academics and enrichment programs across the district. With state funding falling short, your support is vital in closing this gap and ensuring that every student has the tools and opportunities to excel. Your contribution will directly impact the quality of education and the future success of our students.



### 2024-25 ANNUAL GOAL: \$1.2 Million

#### Personalized Student Support & Teacher Training - \$87,000

- **Intervention Supplement(s)**  
Supports teacher learning through multi-sensory education, particularly for dyslexia, dysgraphia, and ESL students. (K-5)
- **Enrichment Supplement(s)**  
Enhances learning for students meeting grade-level standards with enriched or compacted curricula. (K-5)
- **LETRS Additional Training**  
Ensures all new staff receive training on foundational reading instruction. (K-5)
- **Executive Function Materials and Training**  
Pilot program to provide lessons on executive function skills. (K-12)

#### Enhancing Learning with Data - \$35,000

- **Assessment Implementation**  
Implements and trains K-8 staff on using a new data tool for personalized instruction.

#### Curriculum & Instructional Resources - \$175,000

- **MIHS Physics Textbooks**
- **MIHS Earth and Space Science Textbooks**
- **7th-grade Science Curriculum**
- **Handwriting Reboot**  
Implements updated handwriting curriculum for K-5 students, using brain science methods. (K-5)
- **Agile Resources**  
Covers unexpected costs for additional curricular materials due to changes such as enrollment increases.

#### School Improvement Plans - \$94,000

- **MIHS SIP**  
Professional learning to improve student outcomes and eliminate grading disparities for marginalized groups.
- **IMS SIP**  
Focuses on enhancing reading skills, inclusive education, and fostering academic behaviors. (Middle School)
- **Elementary SIPs**  
Focuses on professional learning for reading, math, and social-emotional learning. (Elementary Schools)

#### Special Support & Enrichment Programs - \$157,000

- **Superintendent's Values Vision Mission Work**
- **Teacher Grants**  
Funds creative projects enhancing student learning through hands-on experiences.
- **MIHS Islander Hour**
- **IMS Where Everybody Belongs**
- **National Board Certification Support**
- **Drama (Elementary Exploratory Drama Experience)**  
Provides drama experiences for elementary students, aligning drama programs across school levels.
- **Fine Arts**  
Provides enrichment opportunities for K-12 students in arts, including instruments, workshops, and large-scale projects.
- **Honor Choir**
- **5th Grade Camp**

#### Foundation Funding Also Supports:

- 1. Funding for 7th Period Classes at MIHS**  
Helping expand learning opportunities by maintaining financial support for additional 7th-period classes at Mercer Island High School.
- 2. Enhanced Staffing for Student Success**  
Providing crucial staffing resources to meet the diverse educational needs of every student.
- 3. Supporting Special Education Services**  
Offsetting the rising costs of Special Education to ensure every student receives the attention and resources they deserve.
- 4. Maintaining Smaller Class Sizes**  
Reducing student-to-teacher ratios to create more personalized learning environments and improve academic outcomes.
- 5. Expanding Elective Course Offerings**  
Enabling students to explore a broader range of interests and talents by offering a wider variety of elective courses.
- 6. Leveraging Foundation Support for District Goals**
- 7. Maximizing foundation contributions to advance the district's mission, vision, and core values.**

**Strong schools build strong communities—let's unite to give every student the chance to succeed and thrive!**

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