

## 2025-26 MISF Funding Priorities

### Community Investment in Our Schools

The Mercer Island Schools Foundation invests in the people and programs that keep our schools strong — from core academics and classroom enrichment to professional development for teachers. Community support bridges the gap left by state funding, ensuring every student has the tools to learn, grow, and thrive.

## 2025-26 ANNUAL GOAL: \$1.2 Million

### Curriculum & Instructional Resources - \$420,300

- **Handwriting (K-5)**  
Supports reading instruction to build early literacy growth.
- **Science (K-5)**  
Strengthens instruction with hands-on, inquiry-based materials.
- **Reading Enrichment**
- **Math Enrichment**
- **Science Materials (K-9)**  
Expands opportunities for hands-on engineering exploration.
- **Science Curriculum (6-8)**  
Adoption of new curriculum and materials.
- **Reading Pilot (6-8)**  
Provides materials and staff training on brain-based reading instruction.
- **HMH English 3000 (6-12)**  
Learning tools for English learner support.
- **MIHS Physics Textbooks (9-12)**
- **MIHS Earth & Space Science Textbooks (9-12)**
- **English 3000 (9-12)**
- **Comparative Government Review & Adoption**
- **Curriculum Alignment Tools (9-12)**  
Expands novel sets to align English classes with the shared curriculum.

### School Improvement Plans - \$91,400

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

### Personalized Student Support/Teacher Training - \$125,000

- **Dyslexia Specialist Training (K-8)**
- **Support for Personalized Instruction (K-5)**  
Enhances learning for students meeting grade-level standards with enriched or compacted curricula. (K-5)
- **LETRS Training**  
Ensures all new staff receive training on foundational reading instruction. (K-5)
- **iReady Data for Instruction Training (6-8)**  
Teacher training on using iReady data to strengthen instruction.
- **SEL Training**  
Staff training on SEL and mental health awareness.
- **Inclusionary Practice Work (9-12)**  
Funds UW Haring Center training to expand inclusive math instruction and reduce disparities.

### Staffing - \$248,000

- **Funding for 4 Paraprofessionals for Classroom Support**

### Special Support & Enrichment Programs - \$187,000

- **Superintendent's Values, Vision & Mission Work**
- **5th Grade Experiential Learning**
- **IMS Where Everybody Belongs (WEB)**
- **MIHS Islander Hour**
- **Teacher Enrichment Grants**  
Funds creative projects enhancing student learning through hands-on experiences.
- **National Board Certification Support**
- **Fine Arts (K-12)**  
Provides enrichment opportunities for K-12 students in arts, including instruments, workshops, and large-scale projects.

### 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. Supporting Special Education Services**  
Offsetting the rising costs of Special Education to ensure every student receives the attention and resources they deserve.
- 5. Expanding Elective Course Offerings**  
Enabling students to explore a broader range of interests and talents by offering a wider variety of elective courses.

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

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