

FAQs ABOUT IPSF

How Does IPSF Use My Donation?

IPSF works with IUSD in a collaborative relationship to determine funding priorities. Since 1996, our efforts have provided funding for district- wide programs such as:

- Art, Music, Science and Math
- Class Size Support
- Afterschool Classroom Enrichment courses
- Middle and High School College Prep Seminars
- Summer Enrichment Classes
- High School Writing Project
- Parent Portal
- Classroom grants for teachers
- Nurses, health clerks and health curriculum
- Instrument Rental program-100% of proceeds go back to music programs
- Instructional and Counseling Support in grades 4-12
- Class size reduction in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 9th grades

If IPSF Raises Funds For Class Size Support, How Will That Impact MY Child?

Every dollar will help with larger class sizes. Your principal uses the funds for teaching support in your child's classroom.

What Is The Impact Of My Support?

- By supporting IPSF, your child will have more opportunities-better programs, a better education, and a greater opportunity to excel in life.
- Your child will benefit through every school they attend in Irvine: Elementary, Middle and High School. Our funds are distributed equitably among all schools.

How Does IPSF Raise Money?

- Annual Direct Mail Campaign
- 365 Campaign (\$1 per day)
- Businesses, corporations and foundations
- Legacy Partners (Major gifts)
- Innovative Campaigns like the Annual IPSF Raffle
- Grants
- Social Enterprise Programs (Instrument Rental, Summer Enrichment Academy)

The cuts the district faces will affect every child at every grade level in every school. The more donors who participate – at whatever level – the more we help lessen the effects of the cuts.

What Donation Amount Does IPSF Need?

ANY donation amount would be greatly appreciated.

However, if every IUSD family gave just \$1.00 per day per child, \$365.00 per year, we could raise \$9.8 Million.

Why Are Your Programs So Important To IUSD?

IPSF is unique among other foundations because we directly provide programs for students. If it were not for IPSF, these programs would not be available to your child. Examples include:

- Afterschool Classroom Enrichment (ACE)
- Summer Enrichment
- Instrument Rental
- Zero Period PE
- Science Little League
- Honors Concert

What Is The Difference Between IPSF And PTA?

- We work collaboratively with local site based PTAs. PTAs support individual schools and IPSF supports all 27,000 students in all 35 schools. PTAs primarily focus on funding equipment and materials. IPSF has the ability to also fund people in addition to equipment and supplies.
- By supporting IPSF, your donation helps all of the schools in the district- not just one.
- IPSF employs professional staff.

PTA & IPSF Pay for Different Things	
PTA = Great Stuff for Your School	IPSF= Great Staff for Every School
PTA funds site-specific needs, such as equipment and supplies. For example, classroom and art materials, library books, computers and technology purchases, school equipment, enrichment programs and limited staff support.	IPSF's annual grant to IUSD pays for staff expenses such as teacher salaries. For example, teachers, aides and specialists who conduct music, art, science, and PE, and health clerks and nurses, have all been funded at times through IPSF funding
PTA Programs = School Site Specific	IPSF Programs = District Wide
Most PTA programs are focused at the school site. Examples include assemblies, playground activities, parent education, family nights, jog-a-thons, and book fairs.	IPSF programs take place at schools throughout the district, insuring equal access for all students. Examples include Afterschool Classroom Enrichment Program, Middle School Zero Period PE, Counseling Support, and Great Body Shop Health Curriculum (K-6).