

Fund for ISP FAQs

*Make a gift that counts for every child,
in every classroom, every day.*



Why is 100% participation important?

Giving to the Fund for ISP is a way for our parents, staff, trustees, alumni and friends to show their commitment to our school and students. Corporations and grant-making foundations often evaluate our internal support through our school's giving participation rate. ISP actively pursues grants each year and your contribution can help put these grants within reach by showing the strength of our school and our community.

I've already paid tuition. Why is it important for me to make a donation too?

Donations to ISP provide resources and opportunities above and beyond what tuition covers. Roughly 6% of our operating budget comes from philanthropic gifts. That might not seem like a large portion of the budget, but it makes so many things possible! Donations touch every one of our students and teachers by providing new educational resources, funding teacher professional development opportunities, enriching our community through tuition support, and much more.

Fundraising allows us to provide the highest quality education while also managing tuition costs and ensuring that an ISP education is accessible to more families. We encourage every family to participate at a level that is meaningful for them. Unlike tuition, your gift is tax-deductible.

How much should I contribute?

We ask every family to contribute at a level that is meaningful for them. ISP benefits from gifts of every size. Whether \$10 or \$10,000, your gift will truly make a difference to students' experiences.

Will my gift really make a difference?

Yes! While we have been around for over 30 years, we are a relatively young school with a smaller size student enrollment. This means every gift that comes to ISP makes an impact. You can see your contributions at work on the ISP campus every day.

Plus, your gift can inspire additional donations to ISP. Corporations and foundations often first look at a school's participation from within to decide their level of support for grants.

What is the difference between the Fund for ISP and ISP's other fundraising campaigns (Moving for Music & Art and the Auction Special Appeal)?

The Fund for ISP supplements the school's operating budget and allows ISP the flexibility to put gifts to work where they are needed most. Other fundraising efforts support our art and music programs (MMA) or an annual educational priority (special appeal) and cannot be reallocated to meet a new opportunity or unforeseen need.

Do other schools fundraise?

Yes, almost all independent schools seek donations to provide the best possible education while managing tuition costs. Public schools also fundraise to be able to operate at their best.

Is my gift tax-deductible?

Yes! After we receive your donation, you will receive a receipt which you can use for tax purposes. Our tax ID number is 94-3126167.

How can I donate?

There are several ways you can contribute!

Credit Card: Visit www.intlschool.org/donation-page to donate securely online. You can select to make a one time gift or give monthly as one of our Giving Circle members.

Check: Deliver to any ISP front desk or mail to: Development Department, International School of Portland, 2305 S Water Ave, Portland, OR 97201.

Looking for another way to make a gift? Contact the Development Department about employer matching gift programs, gifts of stock, in-kind donations, or legacy gifts through your estate.