



WEST SYLVAN FOUNDATION UPDATE

Every year, district and state budget shortfalls affect old programs and class offerings for West Sylvan students. Our Foundation is a *parent-run non-profit* founded in 1994 to provide funds to help reduce class size and provide for a wider range of electives.

*“We count on your donated funds to keep West Sylvan Middle School
a top-rated school with right sized classes”*

One of the Foundation’s recent goals was to add the **International Baccalaureate** Middle Years program (IB). We are thrilled WSMS was recently approved to begin the IB process; a learning approach that will enhance every single student’s curriculum. Our administration carefully uses our Foundation funds to their fullest; your donations are helping support:

- A half time Middle Years Program (MYP) Coordinator. The MYP Coordinator works with the Principal and maintains the school’s link to the International Baccalaureate Organization. The Coordinator will collaborate with the IB specialist assigned to the school and the West Sylvan administration to build the structures and the professional development needed to move our school forward in this work. The MYP Coordinator will be the instructional specialist that support teachers and staff through the changes ahead.
- Funding for IB trainings. Our teachers are fast-tracking the IB program so all students, school wide, will benefit from IB implementation in the 2019-2020 school year (and possibly a full IB curriculum starting 2020-2021).
- Bringing a much-needed Media Specialist to full-time status to infuse research literacy into core classes and, ultimately, IB Community Projects for all students.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? There are so many ways your family can help:

- 1 **Make a donation today!** West Sylvan Foundation DOES NOT HAVE A BIG AUCTION. Instead, put that money to work right away: [paypal.me/westsylvan](https://www.paypal.com/merchstore/details?me=westsylvan) - OR - include a Foundation donation with the check you write for registration. Make checks out to West Sylvan Foundation - OR - on [School Pay](#), donate to “West Sylvan Foundation” under “Non Profit Groups” tab on left side of home page.
- 2 **Employer Matching:** Your employer may match all or part of your donations. Please, please, please check with your HR dept.
- 3 **NEW Social Media!** Follow-Us on Instagram @west.sylvan.foundation & Facebook @WestSylvanFoundation for updates on Foundation events and news.
- 4 **Give Without Effort:** Sign-Up for Fred Meyer Rewards, Amazon Smile and eScrip. Designate WS Foundation as your community beneficiary.
- 5 **Parties & Donate-A-Thon:** Fundraising parties are a huge source of funds and a great way to connect outside of school. Sign-ups here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4da5a829a31-west2>. Also, contact chelsearheiser@gmail.com if you could to host or organize a party. Donate-A-Thon is our annual, online, fundraising campaign, similar to a pledge drive. Stay tuned!

PARTICIPATE! All Parents are welcome to drop-in to monthly WSMS Foundation evening meetings or volunteer with us. It’s the best way to meet parents and be in-the-know about what’s going on at our middle school. Our website is www.pps.net/Page/7128