



INVEST IN EXCELLENCE!

What is LAEF?

The Los Altos Educational Foundation (LAEF) was formed in 1982 in response to the drastic cutbacks in state funding. Comprised of parent volunteers, the LAEF board has 3 voting members from each school in the Los Altos School District:

Almond, Blach, Covington, Gardner Bullis, Egan, Loyola, Oak, Santa Rita, and Springer.

WHAT PROGRAMS DO YOU FUND?

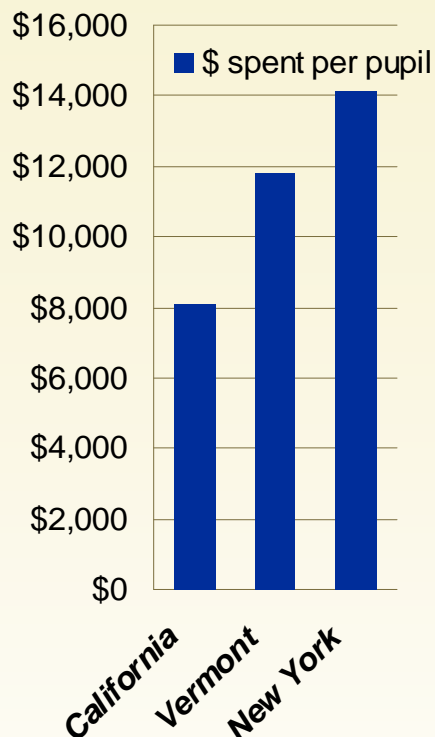
The following programs will be funded in 2009-10:

ELEMENTARY

- Physical Education
- Grades 4-6 Fine Arts
- K-3 Class Size Reduction
- Technology Specialists
- Hands-on Science Staff
- Art Docent Program

JUNIOR HIGH

- Class Size Reduction (Science, English, Social Studies)
- Technology Specialists



Public school is supposed to be free. Why do I have to pay?

State funding barely covers rising expenses and mandated programs. Without any LAEF funding, programs in music, science, PE & art would not be possible and class sizes would be larger.

Each year we evaluate how much we need to bridge the gap between state funding and maintaining the programs that the children need to succeed.

How much are you asking for?

LAEF has committed 1.81 million dollars for the 2009-10 school year. In order to achieve this goal we are asking for a donation of \$800 per student.

I can not afford the suggested donation per student. What should I do?

We would like for you to contribute what is comfortable for you. **Every** donation, however small, makes a difference. LAEF is not endowed by a few wealthy donors, it is the thousands of individual donations that collectively add up to the grand total raised each year. We strive for **100% participation**. Please give generously!

Your donation is tax-deductible.

How do I make a donation?

- Pick up a donation envelope in your school office
- Cash donations can be dropped off a school office
- Pay by check
- Pay by credit card
- Pay in monthly installments online or with donation envelopes
- Donate online www.laefonline.org
- Call the LAEF office (650)-559-0445



How is the money spent?

Your tax-deductible donation benefits **every child in every school** during the **current school year!**

The needs of each school are taken into account along with feed back from the principals, the LAEF parent survey and program costs.

The volunteer parent representatives from each school work with the school district to determine how the funds are allocated each year.

Why are both the PTAs and LAEF raising money for the schools?

The PTAs raise money for school-specific expenses such as buying teaching supplies, playground equipment, computers, etc.

LAEF raises money to fund **staff for district-wide programs** like art, music, P.E., science, technology, and class size reduction.

LAEF FAST FACTS

- **\$16.8 million raised since 1982**
- **Over 100,000 students have benefited from LAEF since 1982**
- **4% of the Los Altos School District budget is funded by LAEF**

Other Questions?

There is a wealth of information on our website:

<http://www.laefonline.org>

Contact one of your school LAEF representatives or email

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Frequently asked questions