

A History of Excellence, A Tradition of Giving

As an independent school (and a non-profit organization), MICDS relies on tuition, endowment income, and annual charitable contributions. Our greatest strength is our generous community.

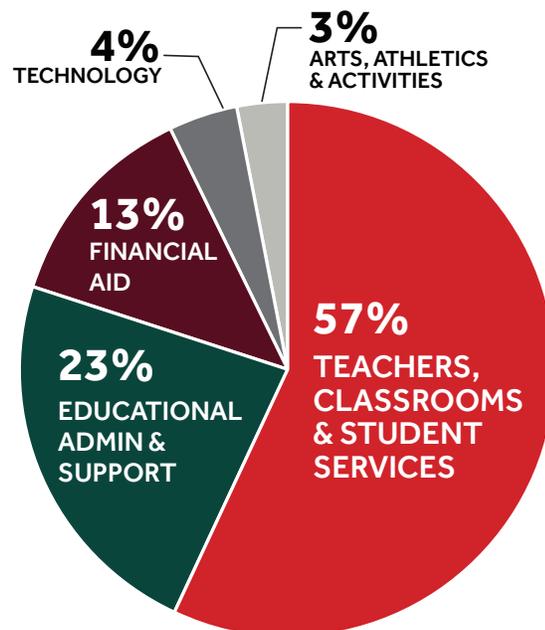
WHAT IS THE MICDS FUND?

It's a small but mighty part of the School's operating income. Tuition covers the basics, but the MICDS Fund allows MICDS to be exceptional, giving us the ability to say "yes!" to many student opportunities and experiences that deepen and extend learning and engagement. All MICDS Fund gifts are charitable deductions and fully tax-deductible.

WHERE DOES MY MICDS FUND GIFT GO?

Much of the School's operating expenses support salaries and benefits for the people who make MICDS so special: our faculty and staff. The MICDS Fund also supports classroom budgets, financial aid, technology equipment, athletics, activities and more.

You even have the opportunity to designate gifts to the area most meaningful to you: Academic Engagement, Faculty Excellence, Student Access, Athletics, Fine & Performing Arts, and Area of Greatest Need.



HOW IS ANNUAL GIVING DIFFERENT FROM A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN?

The MICDS Fund is like a "checking account," paying for day-to-day necessities and extras (materials for 6th Grade Passion Projects, a field trip to the Butterfly House for Beasley students). Capital campaigns are like "savings accounts" to fund building and endowment projects similar to putting an addition on your house or investing funds for college tuition.

MICDS FUND	CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS
	
Day-to-day necessities & extras ("checking account")	Building funds & endowment ("savings account")

DOES MY GIFT REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

YES! Our community has fewer supporters than a large university or national charity, and a large portion of our endowment income is restricted for specific use. We rely on support from our Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, alumni, grandparents, parents of alumni, and current parents who are our #1 source of support and provide over half of our annual giving dollars each year.

HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE?

We strive to have 100% parent participation from each class and urge all parents, while their children are benefiting from all that MICDS offers, to make the School their top philanthropic priority. Gifts range in size from \$5 to over \$25,000. Every single gift matters.

WHEN DO I GIVE AND HOW?

You can give any time, but our parent campaign kicks off after Labor Day with a goal to reach 100% participation by Thanksgiving through outright gifts OR pledges to be paid by June 30, 2021. For more information, visit www.micds.org or contact **Allison Light, Director of Annual Giving**, at alight@micds.org or 314-995-7381.

