

# FUND FOR EXCELLENCE

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**What is the FFE?** The Fund for Excellence (FFE) was established to help bridge the ongoing gap between operational costs and revenue and provide immediate, unrestricted funds for learning opportunities that are not covered by tuition fees alone.

**What does the FFE support?** Last year, our community raised over \$350,000 for transformative experiences like author visits, field trips, technology tools, teacher development and classroom resources.

**Who contributes?** ISB receives support from our entire community—parents, alumni, grandparents, faculty, staff, friends, foundations, and matching gifts from companies.

**Why does ISB need to raise funds?** Tuition alone does not cover the full cost of educating a child at ISB. About 90% of the school's revenue is generated from tuition. The remaining 10% is derived from program fees and the FFE.

**Why wouldn't raising tuition solve the problem?** ISB is fully committed to socioeconomic diversity. While increases in tuition are unavoidable, they restrict access and diminish the education experience for all students.

**Does my gift support financial aid?** No. It's important to note that while one third of ISB families receive tuition assistance, and 20% of the budget is allocated for this purpose (an increase from 19% last year), the FFE is not utilized for tuition.

**Does participation matter?** Absolutely! We strive for 100% participation, which demonstrates our shared dedication to ISB's mission. Participation levels are a key barometer for external funders when considering grants and gifts to the school. Every gift—no matter the amount—contributes to an exceptional education.

**How much should I give?** Donation amounts can vary widely depending the financial capacity of the donor. We encourage everyone to contribute a gift that is meaningful to them, whether it's \$100 to \$10,000.

**Is my gift tax-deductible?** Yes! 100% of your gift is tax deductible.



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