

SONOMA CHARTER SCHOOL

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

SCHOOL YEAR 2024/2025

Give a Gift - Help support a school as unique as your child.

The Annual Giving Campaign is the heart of our largest fundraiser and a crucial portion of our operating budget. Every year we rely on voluntary support from our community to help sustain the quality and depth of the whole-child education provided at Sonoma Charter School.

As a public charter school, only a portion of our financial obligations are fulfilled by state funds, and our school funding is much less than other schools in Sonoma Valley. We depend on donations from parents and the community to fill budget gaps that our state funding does not cover.

Your gift to the **SCS Annual Giving Campaign** directly supports our ability to offer a robust educational and arts experience for our students.

THE ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN: THE ENRICHMENT FUND & THE CLASS FUND

The Enrichment Fund Supporting Arts & Enrichment Programs

Our Enrichment Fund is our broadest category; it helps maintain our Arts and other enrichment programs (Ecology Center, classroom aides, wildlife center speakers, sports, etc) at scs.

Our arts programs require good-quality art materials, high-caliber arts teachers, stage productions, ukuleles and so much more! Unfortunately, state funding doesn't cover these expenses. Infusing art and enrichment throughout our curriculum is a foundational piece of engaging the whole child: head, heart and hands.

The Class Fund Supporting Field Trips & Experiential Education

The Class Fund can be designated to any classroom of your choosing. The funds given to each classroom remain in that class' funds until the classroom teacher decides when and how to use them. The funds follow the class until they graduate.

The most common use of classroom funds is for field trips. See an estimate of the costs associated with our traditional grade-level field trips throughout the years on the next page.

Estimated Field Trip Costs

Costs associated with our traditional grade-level field trips can help guide you in your decision-making when choosing to support the many hands-on, experiential learning opportunities Sonoma Charter provides for your student(s).

Places such as Petaluma Nature Museum, Safari West, the fire station, Sonoma Community Garden, Sugarloaf State Park, Bouverie Preserve, theaters for plays or performances, Oak Hill Farm, and The Academy of Sciences in SF, and the 8th Grade trip to Oregon are all places students will experience while at SCS.

Estimated Field Trip(s) Cost per Student

TK/K - 2nd Grades: Assorted Day Trips average \$25-50 per trip.

3rd & 4th Grades: Assorted Day Trips average \$80-150 per trip.

5th Grade: Experiential education averages \$80-150 per trip.

6th & 7th Grades: Overnight Science Camp \$250-400 per child & chaperone.

8th Grade: Ashland Oregon \$350-450 per child & chaperone.

Charter Community Connections (CCC): Sonoma Charter School's Parent-Teacher Organization.

The CCC pursues all-school fundraising events that contribute to an engaged and healthy SCS community.

Donations to the CCC are accessed and distributed by vote of the parents who serve on the CCC board. These funds are used to help support SCS and to host additional fundraising activities.

Together we can achieve amazing outcomes for our children.

Fundraising activities are defined as any activity which involves collecting funds to benefit SCS such as Jog-a-Thon, Ice Cream Social, Harvest Carnival, family nights and dine and donate, to name a few. The CCC funds teacher grants, AV equipment, school improvements, classroom materials, and other needs identified by the school.

How Can Our Family Give a Gift?

You can help support our unique TK-8 school by filling out the attached form and sending it in with your donation (cash, check, or credit card) to the SCS office.

Your donation will go to either the Enrichment Fund, the Class Fund, or both, depending on what you designate on the form.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support of SCS!

For questions about the Annual Giving Campaign, please contact SCS Director, Mary Reynolds by emailing mreynolds@SCS.12.ca.us or by calling (707) 935-4232.