



Kinard Annual Contribution Program

Welcome to the 2022-23 school year! We can hardly wait to see all of your children and to start another incredible school year at Kinard Middle School. Since our doors opened in 2004, our school has benefitted from a collective commitment from our staff, students, and parent community to create one of the highest achieving schools in the United States. These accomplishments have been made possible thanks to a shared dedication to continuous improvement and the investment of support from the entire school community. We look forward to continuing this great work together to meet the learning needs of all of our students and provide meaningful and authentic experiences throughout their time at Kinard.

This letter outlines a plan that has simplified our registration and fee collection process with a contribution program that, thanks to your support, allows us to continue to provide an excellent educational experience for all children at our school. Historically, we collected required fees during registration to pay for consumable items that students would use for different classes that were on their schedule. These fees usually amounted to \$75-\$135 per student, depending on the courses that were on the student's schedule. The fees paid for items such as consumable science lab equipment, PE uniforms, consumable art supplies, workbooks, tech supplies, English novels, etc. These items are necessary to support our students to learn at high levels.

In previous years, our Parent Partnership group also collected money for our school through the Kinard Pledge, which was used to fund special school projects such as music instrument refresh, Media Center furniture, and additional materials and technology to enhance experiences for our students.

Now, rather than collect fees and pledge donations in the traditional way we had in years past, the contribution program has simplified and combined this process during registration in August. We are asking that families provide an annual contribution that they are comfortable with at the beginning of the year. The collected funds will be used to cover the costs of materials that were previously provided through the collection of required student fees. Additional funds collected beyond what is needed to cover the consumable items that students need will be used to support special school projects, additional staffing, equipment purchasing and refreshing, and all other needs that will help to keep the experience for students at Kinard Middle School a great one.

The recommended contribution amount per student at Kinard is \$100, and we will gratefully accept a contribution of any amount. If you are able to contribute more than the recommended amount, your money will help to support those who are unable to contribute or are willing to contribute a lesser amount. Every dollar collected will be used to support our school's vision of ensuring high levels of learning for all of our students, impacting students directly and creating the best possible middle school experience we can for each of our Mustangs!

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Lindsey Matkin, Principal