



The Connection School Annual Fund

Growing Together to Love God and Others

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Annual Fund and why is it important? Like many private schools, The Connection School has a gap between operating expenses and tuition income. Fundraising helps bridge the gap between tuition income and the actual cost of providing a quality education for both the current school year and also future school years. The Annual Fund is the school's single most important fundraiser of the year. Unlike an event or material-oriented fundraising program, the Annual Fund is a multi-week period where we simply invite all of our families to reflect on the value and impact of The Connection School's mission and consider making a financial commitment to helping TCS fulfill that mission.

What is the fundraising goal? While The Connection School has a specific dollar amount we are praying for God to provide for though all our fundraising efforts, the primary goal of the Annual Fund is 100% Participation in giving above and beyond tuition and fees by every family, faculty member, and member of leadership. Total participation in the Annual Fund demonstrates our unified commitment to our school's vision. The 100% participation benchmark also a that appeals to larger contributors such as foundations and corporations when considering their gifts.

How much should I give? We ask that each family prayerfully consider their gift to the Annual Fund and respond in faith and obedience. You may choose to set up monthly recurring donations or make a one-time donation in any amount. Every contribution makes a difference and every contribution counts toward our 100% giving goal.

What if I have already pledged a multi-year gift or am a member of the Giving Society? Thank you for your ongoing support! If you have an active pledge for this school year, then it is already counted towards our participation goal for this Annual Fund. If you're unsure whether your multi-year commitment needs to be renewed this year, please contact us for more information.

Are donations tax-deductible? The Connection School of Houston is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and all or part of your gift may be tax-deductible as a charitable contribution. Please check with your tax advisor. Our Federal Employee Identification Number (EIN) EIN: 46-1642721. The Connection School provides annual contribution statements in January of each year and can also provide individual cash and non-cash receipts upon request.

Do you accept employer matching gifts? Yes! Please check with your employer to see if it matches charitable donations. If so, this is an easy way to double your contribution! Your employer will give you instructions on how to take advantage of this benefit.