



# FALL DONATION DOCUMENTS 2021-2022

The Hillsdale High School Foundation, PTSO & Boosters donations may be completed online at [www.hillsdalehsfoundation.org](http://www.hillsdalehsfoundation.org) **CLICK HERE.**

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Increase the impact of your donation – check to see if your employer offers a Corporate Matching Donation. More and more companies are participating. Please consult [Double your Donation](#) on our website to see if your company offers a match. See <https://hillsdalehsfoundation.org/be-a-donor/>



July 20, 2021

Dear Hillsdale Families,

We always get excited about the start of school, for many reasons. This year, to put it simply, we are excited to see our students and families in person. We are on track to be in person on August 12, with all appropriate safety precautions in place and we can't wait. Hillsdale High School is rooted in relationships and relationships mean students and staff together. We believe our staff is the best anywhere and, while our district is generous in supporting our staffing needs, we simply do not have enough allocated resources to meet all of our needs. And that is where the Foundation comes in to fill this funding shortfall.

This year marks our 20th anniversary since HHS redefined the comprehensive high school experience by putting the student's needs at the center of a nationally recognized Small Learning Community (SLC) model. Hillsdale became a Stanford Partnership school and in September 2016 was named a "School of Opportunity" by the National Education Policy Center at the University of Colorado, the first school in California to earn the gold level.

Hillsdale combines the best of small schools — personalized learning, extended relationships, grade-level advisory — with the best of big schools — athletics, clubs, and electives. The result is a place that is more than a school; it is a home for students and staff, a place where your student will be known. Students benefit from:

- Reduced class sizes in 9th and 10th grade
- Core teachers and an advisor assigned for two consecutive years
- Personalized instruction with teacher/advisor student mentoring
- Rigorous and integrated curriculum including comprehensive portfolio projects

The Hillsdale High School Foundation exists to fulfill a funding shortfall and we need YOUR help. By contributing to the Foundation Fund (also known as Family Partnership Program) you, as a member of the Hillsdale community, will enable us to close our funding gap.

Please review the online *Fall Donation Documents* ([www.hillsdalehsfoundation.org](http://www.hillsdalehsfoundation.org)) with information on giving to Foundation, PTSO, and the Boosters. Although there is a recommended Foundation donation amount, we ask each family to give what they can to support their student's education and, if you are able, please consider giving more to cover another family that may be facing hard times. As always, your support is essential to maintaining our SLC model.

With our deepest gratitude,

Jeff Gilbert     Ashley Milton     Sarah Prensky-Pomeranz     Brett Stevenson

HILLSDALE HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION 2021-22



## The Hillsdale Foundation and Why It Matters

The Hillsdale Foundation provides financial support for the unique and successful **Small Learning Communities (SLCs)** structure that benefits every student at Hillsdale High School.

### The Foundation Fund Supports:

- Advisory classes and their college/life prep curriculum
- Teacher development, collaboration, and training
- Technology needs for the modern classroom
- Individual department, faculty, classroom needs
- Hillsdale Booster Groups, clubs and many other enrichment programs and learning opportunities

Hillsdale families support the Foundation through direct donations to our Foundation Fund (also known as Family Partnership Program). Donations from current families are our primary source of funding. The Small Learning Communities (SLC) model with its unique advisories and learning environment on the HHS campus does not survive from year to year without your donations.

Please join Hillsdale's 'culture of giving' to ensure the continued success of this unique and coveted academic environment which provides a rich high school experience for all our students. Donations of any amount are welcome and are fully tax-deductible.

### Foundation Fund Donations 2021/22 Suggested Giving Levels

***Principal's Roundtable.....\$7,500+***

***Majesty.....\$5,000+***

***Royalty.....\$3,500+***

***Duke.....\$2,000+***

***Count.....\$1,250+***

***Knight.....\$ 600+ Recommended fair share per Student.***

***Donor .....\$ Other All donations are greatly appreciated***

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## 2021/22 Donation Form Foundation and Boosters

Visit [www.hillsdalehsfoundation.org](http://www.hillsdalehsfoundation.org) to pay by credit/debit, E-check/EFT. All donations can be made together. If paying by check, please complete this form and mail in with your check. Monthly Payment Options are available online for Foundation Fund Donations.

Parent /Donor First + Last Name:	Address, City, Zip:	Phone #	Email address:
STUDENT #1 First + Last Name	GRADE	SLC HOUSE (if known)	
STUDENT #2 First + Last Name	GRADE	SLC HOUSE (if known)	

Specify name preferred for DONOR ROLL or Anonymous **DONOR NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

CORPORATE MATCH opportunity! See [Double your Donation](#). **EMPLOYER NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>My 2021-22 Foundation Fund DONATION:</b>			<b>\$</b>
<small>(also known as Family Partnership Program)</small>			
<i>Requested fair share per student is <b>\$600 KNIGHT</b>. Please give what you can to support our SLCs, technology, teacher development, and other school programs benefiting all students.</i>			
<b>I also want to support the following PTSO &amp; Boosters:</b>			
<b>Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO):</b> \$50 per Household			<b>\$</b>
<b>Music Membership Donation:</b> \$75 - Supporting membership, \$125 - Patron membership			<b>\$</b>
<b>Dance Ensemble Association Membership Donation:</b> \$100 per family			<b>\$</b>
<b>Drama Boosters Membership Donation:</b> Any amount. \$50 includes presale access to tickets			<b>\$</b>
<b>Athletic Boosters Participation Donation:</b> \$80 per student, per sport			<b>\$</b>
<small>Please complete athlete information below</small>			
<b>Athlete Name</b>	<b>Fall Sport</b>	<b>Winter Sport</b>	<b>Spring Sport</b>
<b>Athletic Boosters Additional Donation:</b> in support of Hillsdale Athletics			<b>\$</b>
<b>TOTAL Amount for Foundation Fund and Booster/PTSO Donations</b>			<b>\$</b>

**Please donate online or mail check payable to Hillsdale High School Foundation to:  
Hillsdale High School Foundation, 63 Bovet Rd. #218, San Mateo CA 94402**

## Hillsdale High School Athletic Boosters



Hillsdale High School provides students with a wide variety of athletic opportunities, and we invite you to join the Boosters in support of these programs. Our mission is to enable students to enhance their academic experience by participating in a variety of sports, enriching their time in high school, and teaching them life lessons through athletics. Through participation donations and other fundraising, we raise and spend more than \$120,000 annually to supplement the athletic department budget and provide uniforms, equipment, Freshman sports, assistant coaching stipends and other critical program needs that are not covered by district funding.

Although the suggested participation donation has remained at \$75 per athlete per sport for several years, even while expenses have increased – particularly the costs of maintaining and building a top-notch coaching staff. We look forward to a “normal” year in 2021-2022, but we have some ground to make up as last year saw a dip in revenues, while expenses remained flat from the prior year. Beginning this school year, **the suggested participation fee increases to \$80 per athlete per sport**. If you can contribute more than \$80 per athlete per sport, we greatly appreciate it, as doing so will help us meet the needs of our thriving athletic program.

As a parent of a Hillsdale Athlete, you are automatically a member of the Boosters. **Please make a \$80 participation donation for each sport your student plays. The participation donation is per athlete, per sport.**

To donate/join go online at [hillsdalehsfoundation.org](https://hillsdalehsfoundation.org) **CLICK HERE** or complete the 2021-2022 Donation Form

The Athletic Boosters also provide Family Entrance Passes, admitting 2 adults and 2 non high school children into all regular season football and basketball games within the District. Information on purchasing Family Entrance Passes will be circulated when the sports year calendar is finalized.

Additionally, the boosters plan to offer discounted annual subscription packages to the NFHS Network, our new system that broadcasts all games / events at the football field and main gym. Details to follow.

The Athletic Boosters meet on the first Monday of every month (except school holidays) at 7:00 pm in Room 210 at HHS as well as via a Zoom video conference. You are invited to attend our meetings, show your support, meet other parents and the coaches, and provide input on where to spend our funds.

For questions, please contact Doug Leighton at [doug.c.leighton@gmail.com](mailto:doug.c.leighton@gmail.com) or visit our [website](#).

## **HHS PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ORGANIZATION (PTSO)**

Have Fun, Meet Other Parents and Get Involved!



The Hillsdale High School PTSO brings parents, teachers, and students together to build a fun and supportive community at our school. The PTSO focuses on keeping parents informed about all things Hillsdale and is the place to get involved.

**All parents and guardians are automatically members of the PTSO!**

### **Community Building Opportunities Supported by the PTSO**

- Weekly email bulletin to all HHS parents
- Parent education series and speakers (coffee chats, community meetings)
- School events (orientation, back-to-school night, etc.)
- Educational programs (career day, junior interviews, etc.)
- Programs for the HHS community
- Teacher and staff appreciation activities

### **Getting Involved**

Your participation is what makes our community vibrant! The PTSO provides you the opportunity to be connected, aware and involved in your student's experience at Hillsdale. **Please click on the following link to volunteer opportunities throughout the year:** [HHS PTSO Volunteer Form](#)

### **Make a Donation**

We ask that families make a **\$50 donation** to help the PTSO support the community-building events and activities for students and parents that enrich our Hillsdale community. [Donate Here.](#)

We look forward to seeing you at Hillsdale's PTSO meetings - Look for information in the weekly bulletin. We hope to see you there!

**Please contact Presidents: Andrea Ballard and Andrea Fuji at [hsknightsptsopresident@gmail.com](mailto:hsknightsptsopresident@gmail.com) if you have any questions!**

## HILLSDALE HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC BOOSTERS

Throughout the pandemic, music was a gift that helped to buoy our spirits. We experienced its power and magic firsthand as our amazing staff and wonderful students were able to practice, play, and even produce four amazing virtual concerts. Much of *how* these things were accomplished were the result of the incredible investment into the program by you, our Music Booster members. For that, we are forever grateful. Thank you!

Heading into this new school year and the unknowns that it may bring; we are counting on your support again. Through your generous financial donations and volunteer commitments, some of the ways we are able to augment the music program at Hillsdale is by providing:

- Funding for expert musical clinicians who share new insights, inspire curiosity and growth, and model how music can be part of everyday life.
- Entry fees for competitions and festivals so our students can test their skills against their peers.
- Musical instruments for approximately 50% of students in our entry level ensembles who wouldn't otherwise be able to participate in the program and the subsequent maintenance of these instruments.
- Financial support for the purchase of additional sheet music so students can play fresh and appropriately challenging pieces.

Our goal is to keep students engaged, enjoying music, and ready to perform. Any donation to the program is greatly appreciated, however we do have two suggested levels:

\$75 - Supporting membership

\$125 - Patron membership\*

*\*Patron membership includes 4 free concert tickets. These tickets will be mailed to you for use at any upcoming in-person concert.*

All music families are welcome to join our Music Boosters meetings. These meetings are typically held on the third Wednesday of each month from 7:00pm - 8:00pm, either online or in the choir room. More information about the boosters, meetings, and how you can get involved can be found on our [webpage](#).

Thank you for helping us keep music an exceptional part of HHS education.

Lisa Kemp  
Music Boosters President

To donate/join go to 2021-22 Donation Form or online at [hillsdalehsfoundation.org](https://hillsdalehsfoundation.org) [CLICK HERE](#)

## **Hillsdale High School Dance Ensemble Association**



### **\$100 Dance Ensemble Family Annual Membership Donation**

We are excited to extend an invitation to become a member of The Hillsdale High School Dance Ensemble Association. Memberships provide needed support to continue the high level of dance education offered at Hillsdale. Donations and membership to Dance Ensemble Association supports the entire dance program and all dance education classes offered at HHS. The Association helps fund enrichment opportunities for our students, such as community outreach performances and master classes by professional dancers.

As a member, you are invited to join the dance department in a hands-on experience with the production of our annual performance, "Knight Moves", undoubtedly, one of the best dance concerts in our district!

**The Hillsdale's Dance Ensemble Association meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Green Room adjacent to the Small Theatre and Dance Studio.**

If you would like to learn more or become involved with the Dance Department, please come to our Ensemble Association meetings or contact: Debbie Conliffe ([debbie.therapist@gmail.com](mailto:debbie.therapist@gmail.com)). Support for Dance Ensemble helps to sustain a vibrant Visual Performing Arts curriculum at HHS.

## **Hillsdale High School Drama Boosters**

**Membership is included with a donation of any amount. Donation of \$50 or more will include presale access if a live performance is scheduled.**

The Drama Boosters are a group of parents who support the director and students' efforts in all theatre productions at Hillsdale High. We have a lot of fun helping with costumes, sets, publicizing the show, creating programs, assisting in the lobby for each performance, and so much more. Meet new friends as we join in helping to make each show a rewarding experience for all involved. Booster funds are used for the following:

- Theater workshops
- Hillsdale Theater Productions
- Special projects and improvements for our theaters
- Hillsdale Improvisation Theater (H.I.T.) Squad coach and shows
- Merit Scholarships to Seniors

Follow @hillsdalehighschool drama on Facebook and @hillsdalehsdrama on Instagram for news & ticket information!

**The Drama Boosters generally meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7pm in the Green Room next to the Little Theatre.** Please check the Hillsdale Bulletin or visit <http://hillsdaledrama.weebly.com/drama-boosters.html> for updates to this schedule. If you own a business and would like to sponsor or advertise in our programs, or if you have any questions, please contact the Hillsdale Drama Boosters Board at [hillsdale.drama@gmail.com](mailto:hillsdale.drama@gmail.com). \*Note: There is also a requested participation donation per student cast/crew member in major productions.

To donate/join go to 2021-22 Donation Form or online at [hillsdalehsfoundation.org](http://hillsdalehsfoundation.org) **CLICK HERE**



## Other ways to support the Hillsdale High School Foundation

Donations of Stock, Automobiles/Boats or other in-kind donations are gladly accepted. More information at our website: [hillsdalehsfoundation.org](http://hillsdalehsfoundation.org) or contact Jennifer Russell at [execdirector@hillsdalehsfoundation.org](mailto:execdirector@hillsdalehsfoundation.org).



### Join AmazonSmile:

If you are not already an AmazonSmile member, [sign up](#) on your **web browser**. Simply select **Hillsdale High School Foundation Inc** as your charity to start generating donations, at no cost to you.

### Mobile setup:

1. Download the AmazonSmile app on your mobile device ([App Store](#) for iOS or [Google Play](#) for Android)
2. Open the app and find 'Settings' in the main menu (☰)
3. Tap on 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile on your phone.

Check your AmazonSmile impact or update your chosen charity: <https://smile.amazon.com/>



**Tell friends and family members. It is a no cost way to support Hillsdale all year long.**

Sign up at **eScrip** and proceeds benefit the Hillsdale High School Foundation. Register your debit or credit card and businesses will give back to Hillsdale as you shop. Visit [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) and sign up with **"Hillsdale High School Foundation" Group # 500024524**. If you have previously registered, please visit your account and update your cards and expiration dates. Purchases online at the Escrip online shopping mall earn Hillsdale dollars all year long.



Pick up a Community Card at any Mollie Stone's store and register your card at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) and choose Hillsdale High School Foundation. Show your card at the store when you check out. Up to 5% of your purchase will go back to Hillsdale High School Foundation.



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