



L A F A Y E T T E
**PARTNERS IN
EDUCATION**

from the first day to graduation day

Welcome to the
LAFAYETTE
SCHOOL DISTRICT



WELCOME TO THE LAFAYETTE SCHOOL DISTRICT

On behalf of Lafayette Partners in Education (LPIE), welcome to the town of Lafayette, where our motto is Green Hills and Great Schools. The Lafayette School District (LafSD) is comprised of five award-winning schools: Burton Valley, Happy Valley, Lafayette, and Springhill elementary schools and Stanley Middle School.

Our schools are among the best in the nation and our district is ranked in the top 1% in California.



LafSD is committed to meeting the needs of all students TK-8 by fostering continuous learning and providing a global perspective based upon respect and tolerance. With a well-rounded and comprehensive curriculum that includes social emotional learning and student wellness, our students are prepared for life after high school. Welcome!

WHAT IS LPIE?

LPIE is your local, nonprofit education foundation that supports our students every day by providing Lafayette public schools with impactful funding. In 1980, with our schools facing budget cuts due to Proposition 13, an invitation was sent to the community asking for "people who want to help." From this, our education foundation was established to ensure continued educational excellence despite an uncertain funding environment. **Today, LPIE's mission remains true: to support and enrich the education of every child in the Lafayette public schools.**



In 2020, LPIE celebrated its 40th anniversary. LPIE is a pillar in our community and a source of unwavering support for LafSD. It is because of the generosity of parents, community members, and business partners that LPIE is able to provide millions of dollars in funding each year to our schools.

WHY DO WE NEED A FOUNDATION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS?

Public funding for schools in California is not sufficient to provide the excellence in education that we seek for our children. California schools are ranked 41st in the nation in per-student spending. Furthermore, LafSD is one of the lowest funded school districts in California due to the way the state allocates funds. Government funding and local taxes cover only 94% of the amount spent per student in the LafSD. The money raised by LPIE covers that additional 6% gap. Neighboring school districts including Orinda, Moraga, Piedmont, San Ramon, and Walnut Creek also benefit from community-supported foundations.

If you are new to California, it may seem unusual to rely on parent donations to help support our public schools, but **it is necessary to ensure our children receive a robust and well-rounded education.** If you look at most high-performing communities in California, they all have an education foundation.

HOW DOES YOUR CHILD BENEFIT FROM LPIE?

LPIE dollars fund every student, every day, in every grade. Your donations are put to work within the current school year to help maintain important people, programs, and supplies that help ensure a well-rounded education.



Exceptional Teachers and Staff



Art, Science, and Music Instructors and Curriculum



Instructional Aides



Counseling Support/Psychology Interns



Tech Specialist



STEM



24 Elective Classes at Stanley



Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiatives



Language and World Culture



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WHEN TO GIVE AND WHAT IS OUR GOAL?

LPIE is a 501c3 nonprofit organization and each year we start from \$0.00. The consistent participation from parents, community, and local businesses has allowed LPIE to raise more than \$3M annually for the past several years for our students and schools.

During registration in July, you will be invited to participate in LPIE's Annual Giving Campaign. Your donation will be spent during the current school year. There are two primary levels of giving:

- **Suggested donation: \$1,500 per student**
- **Major Donor: \$5,000 or more per family**

Our goal is 100% participation by all Lafayette school district families.

Therefore, we encourage families to donate at a level that is meaningful to them. Every donation makes a difference.

IT'S YOUR COMMUNITY

We are grateful to have you as part of our community, one that values education and where supporting our schools is part of the culture. We hope you'll join us in working together to support our kids.

In addition to supporting our schools through the Annual Giving Campaign, we invite you to participate in LPIE events throughout the year, planned by our volunteer Board of Directors. They are a great way to meet new people and support your student. Dates are announced early in the school year. We hope to see you there!

Back to LPIE: Come celebrate the kick-off to the school year with this free event.
Poker Tournament: Bring your best poker face and let it ride at this winter event.
Spring Gala: An elegant evening held each spring with dinner, dancing, and a live auction.

On behalf of LPIE, we would like to extend a warm welcome to you. We look forward to getting to know you and your family!

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