



**Be A Part of  
Something Special  
at  
West High School!**

WHS Foundation was established in 1996 to promote academic excellence at West High School by raising funds that provide opportunities for the students and faculty that would not be available.

The primary WHSF focus areas are to:

- Encourage staff development and retention
- Support academic excellence
- Expand technology resources
- Improve West High facilities

The West High School Foundation has raised more than \$900,000 since its inception for West High School!

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# West High School Foundation

Providing Opportunities

## **WHO WE ARE**

The West High School Foundation is a group of volunteers, alumni, parents, business people, and staff who work together to help raise funds so that WHS can maintain and enhance the standards of excellence that we expect from our school.

We are proud to be the only school in Knox County to make the U.S. News and World Report list of excellent high schools!

## **WHAT THE FOUNDATION DOES**

The simple answer is: raise money.

Every month we review financial requests from teachers and staff for continuing professional education, equipment and travel. These opportunities make our teachers better in the classroom--whether it's learning how to better help students increase math and reading skills, or how best to teach an advanced class. All our students benefit from having an energized, supported teaching staff who have the chance to grow. The Foundation's goal is to be able to fill as many teachers and staff requests as we can.

WHS Foundation coordinates an annual Phone-A-Thon in the fall. During the two-days of calling, Foundation volunteers call every parent and/or guardian. This is our major effort to raise \$60,000+ to support our school! We complement our efforts with periodic direct mailings to communicate with parents.

This year we have launched an effort to reconnect with the WHS Alumni. Working with Harris Connect, a new Alumni Directory is being created.

We haven't had one updated since 2001! We hope that this will keep our alumni connected to the school.

## **THIS YEAR'S GIVING FOCUS**

- **Retaining, and rewarding our great teachers.** The Foundation gives grants for equipment in the classrooms - from Smart Boards and computers to calculators and books. We help fund teachers to attend conferences and continuing education classes. These opportunities make our teachers better educators - and we appreciate what they bring back to share with their colleagues and all our students. The Foundation also funds Above and Beyond, a small token of thanks to teachers who give so many hours of their own time for student-related extra curricular activities, and Summer Grants that are given to teachers for meaningful summer experiences.
- **Replacing our library computers.** This year, we are working with the PTSO to replace the computers in the library that we bought used and are now topping six years old. They are slow and out of date. Our students deserve state-of-the-art computers. The current library computers will then go to classrooms with really ancient computers! Our goal is \$75,000.

## **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

The Foundation has done incredible things in the past (just ask a teacher, visit a classroom or see the fence!) The West High School Foundation is excited about this year's effort to raise funds to benefit

WHS - our teachers, our school and our students.

What we have raised over the years:

\$90,000 for a new fence!

\$283,000 for teacher support!

\$578,000 for equipment! Including Smart Boards!

## **GETTING YOU INVOLVED**

We depend on EVERYONE in the West High School community to participate in the Foundation. **We hope we can count on you.** No gift is too small or too large! The Foundation needs your financial support to meet the needs of the school to make West the best.

Visit our website at [westhighfoundation.org](http://westhighfoundation.org). You can even make a gift online!

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