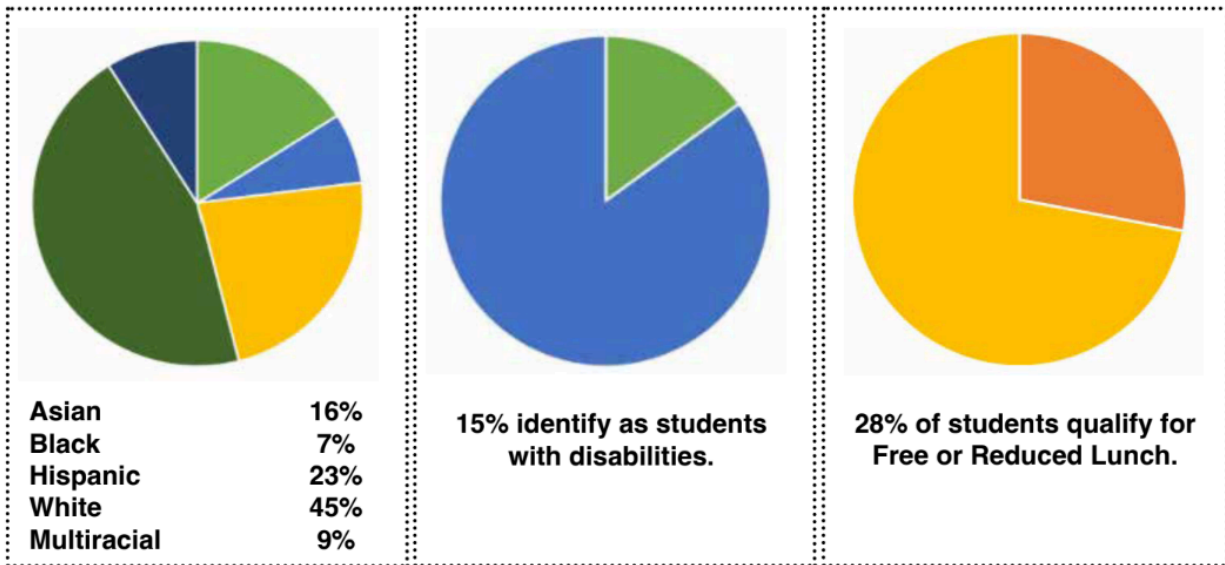


About The School: P.S. 11 is your local public school in Chelsea, home to a diverse group of between 600 - 700+ kids per year in Pre-K through Fifth Grade. We are a second home for kids from all sections of Chelsea’s diverse community and children attend our school from all over District 2 as part of the Gifted and Talented Program. You made the first step to becoming an important member of the P.S. 11 community when you made the decision to enroll a child at the Sarah J. Garnet School. Our community support includes supplying school supplies for every student, funding a field trip to Washington D.C. for 5th graders, and overnight camping trips for 4th graders. Our educational support includes funding of the STEM curriculum, theater, and dance programs. We also supply the funds for our teachers to receive additional training through Columbia Teachers College. We fund scholarships to attend the after-school program so that every student at P.S. 11 has a safe place to spend their afternoons and engage in the robust roster of after-school offerings. **The students at P.S. 11 are creative, dynamic, and smart; our goal is ensure that each one feels engaged and supported!**



What is the PTA?

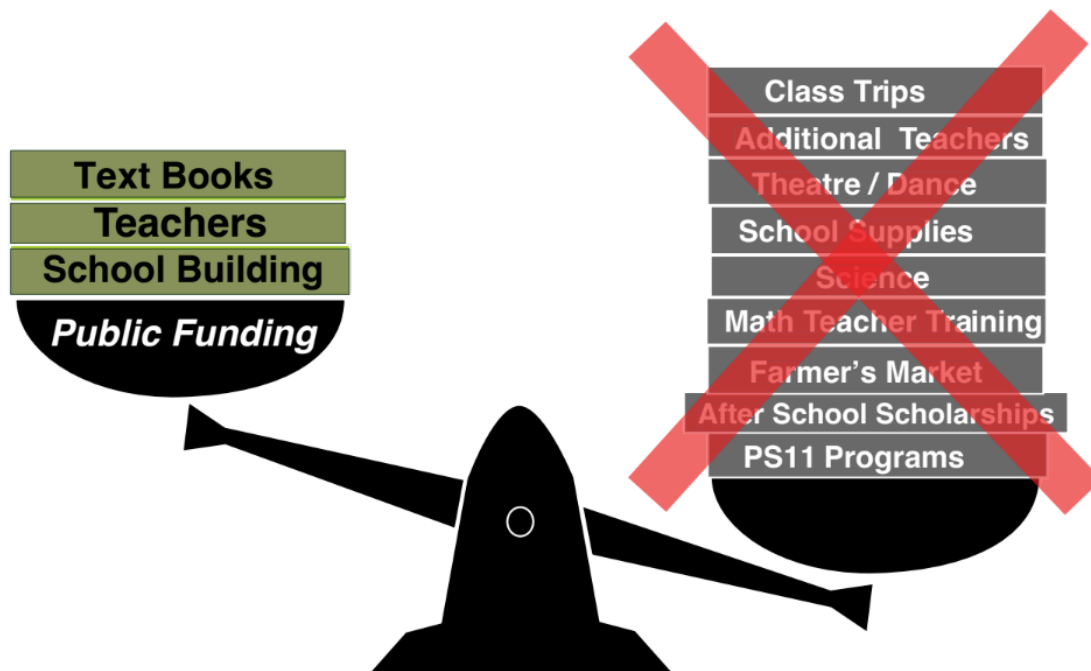
Parent Teacher Association. The PTA functions to support the administration in funding the programming that makes P.S. 11 so special. Every single student at P.S. 11 is supported by the PTA—that’s all of you!

What is the Friends and Family of P.S. 11?

Friends and Family of PS11 is a fully certified non-profit organization run by volunteers of the dedicated families at P.S. 11, like yours! All donations are tax deductible because Friends and Family of PS11 is a certified 501(c)3.

Why did the PTA create the **P.S. 11 Annual Fund**?

Our school's programming relies on families– THE PTA– to supplement the school budget from shortfalls in city funding. *EVERY. SINGLE. STUDENT. IS SUPPORTED BY THE ANNUAL FUND BECAUSE PUBLIC FUNDING IS NOT ENOUGH.* **We need YOUR HELP to maintain critical programming & resources made possible only through private funding (AKA PTA SUPPORT). Every meaningful donation counts!**



What does the Annual Fund pay for?

Theatre Department, Technology Department, Art Department, Music Department, Gym Teacher, Dance Department, Air Purifiers, Air Conditioning, Pool, Rosie's Theatre, FallFest, Theatre Supplies, Annual Musical, Bender Bars School Supplies, After School Scholarships, Moving On Ceremony, Circle in the Square, Young Artists Program...AND SO MUCH MORE (all listed on our [Annual Fund donation site](#))!

Wait, the Annual Fund pays for some of the Enrichment Teaching Staff??

YES! The Annual Fund **directly pays for teachers in Technology, Dance, Theatre, Music, and an additional Gym Teacher.** It can also pay for maternity leave coverage and substitute teachers.

How does the administration at P.S. 11 keep class sizes small?

With your support and the P.S. 11 Annual Fund! Even as one of the largest elementary schools in District 2, the P.S. 11 administration can hire additional teachers and keep class sizes as small as possible. Each year, **a large portion of our Annual Fund is allocated to the P.S. 11 administration.** The school uses those discretionary dollars for many things, among them to pay for the special programming we all love. **Our Annual Fund allows the administration to direct their use of Public Funding to**

PS11 teachers, adding classrooms each year as needed. For the last few years, the administration made the choice to keep all classrooms open despite lower than normal enrollment. Thus, P.S. 11 students - from the youngest & most impressionable to those preparing for their years beyond 11 - are studying and growing in the most intimate classroom environments possible. **All because of your continued support of the Annual Fund.**

I just bought event tickets or something in an Auction or on CharityBuzz, should I also give to the Annual Fund?

YES! Contributions, or gifts, to the Annual Fund are so important because **they are direct donations to the school with no reward for the donor.**

Doesn't the money end up in the same place?

Auction and CharityBuzz purchases are extremely important and support our total *Fundraising* goal for the year. The money goes to the same bank account as the Annual Fund (Friends and Family of PS11), but it does not support our Annual Fund goal.

I understand that we have a \$600,000 Fundraising goal for the year, but how much money are we trying to raise this year, specific to the Annual Fund?

\$400K, which is based on what is needed to support our slate of programs, resources, supplies, and enrichment offerings for the 2024 - 2025 school year.

How can I support the Annual Fund in a way that works for my family?

- *Consider a once-a-year or recurring monthly donation to the P.S. 11 Annual Fund for your child (or think about sponsoring a student)*
- *Inquire about Corporate Matching with your employer*
- *Designate the Friends & Family of P.S. 11 as your charity on Amazon Smile & the ShopRaise app*
- *Participate in the Read-a-Thon with your P.S. 11 student to fundraise through your social network*
- *Take advantage of Giving Tuesday promotions to benefit the Annual Fund*
- *Donate your time! The Fundraising team needs your support and ideas- so feel free to e-mail us: ps11annualfund@gmail.com*


So, what should I give?

Some families can give a lot, and others can not, so please give in a way that is meaningful for your family! Suggested donations (per student) are listed on [GivingFuel](#) or feel free to drop in any custom amount!

How do I participate in Corporate Match?

Corporate Match for this tax-year ended in December 2023, but 2024 is open! If you aren't sure if your company participates in Corporate Match, please reach out to your HR representative and ask about company matching to "Friends and Family of PS11". All you need are just a few details!

Where can I donate?



HERE: <https://ps11pta.givingfuel.com/annual-fund>
OR E-MAIL ps11treasurerchelsea@gmail.com to coordinate check collection– **please make sure you label your check with your child’s name and class number!**

Thanks so much for your continued support!!

With Warmest Regards From Your Fundraising Co-VPs