

## Our Mission

The mission of the Eastchester School Foundation is to enrich academics, the arts, and athletic programs for all students in the Eastchester Union Free School District.

The Foundation achieves its mission by providing financial grants to educators for creative programs that are not provided for under the school budget.

We seek to fund projects that are innovative, have a significant educational impact, and demonstrate the potential to deliver long-term benefits beyond the year of the grant. The financial support provided by the Foundation is even more critical during difficult economic times with limited school budgets.



Engraved Brick Fundraiser



Vespa Project

## Frequently Asked Questions

### How does the Eastchester School Foundation improve education within our community?

The Eastchester School Foundation is the only organization within the community dedicated solely to funding initiatives to enrich academics, the arts, and athletic programs across the entire school district. The Foundation's financial grants motivate educators to think outside the current curriculum and provide the means to incorporate new ideas and best practices in and out of the classroom. Many initiatives funded by the Foundation have become part of the regular classroom curricula.

### How does Eastchester School Foundation decide what initiatives to fund?

Each year the Eastchester School Foundation accepts grant proposals from school staff. All proposals are reviewed by the Foundation's Grant Committee to ensure that proposed initiatives are eligible for funding and meet guidelines specified by the Foundation. Grant proposals recommended for approval by the Grant Committee are approved by the full Board of Directors before being funded.

### Why should I support the Foundation if I do not have a child in an Eastchester school?

The benefits of improving the quality of education in Eastchester inure to the entire community. In addition to supporting property values and our tax base, an outstanding school system helps to ensure that the quality of life in our town remains high for future generations.

## Frequently Asked Questions (continued)

### How can I support the Eastchester School Foundation?

Did you purchase an engraved brick yet? In achieving its mission, the Eastchester School Foundation relies on the support and generosity of members across our community. You can support the Foundation in various ways, such as through monetary donations, fundraisers, and volunteer opportunities. Please visit our website for more information or to donate. Donations to the Eastchester School Foundation are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

### Is the Eastchester School Foundation part of the PTA?

While the Eastchester School Foundation works with all parties across our schools, it is an independent entity with its own mission. In fact, the Foundation is specifically structured as a separate, not-for-profit organization and is registered with the State of New York Department of Education and with the IRS as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt entity.

### How is the Eastchester School Foundation structured?

The Eastchester School Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors with members from our community who, collectively, possess a wide variety of professional experience. The Superintendent of Schools is an ex-officio member, as is a representative from the district's Board of Trustees.

## About the Eastchester School Foundation

The Eastchester School Foundation is dedicated to ensuring our children receive the best education possible in order to pursue their dreams and become future leaders. Since inception, the Foundation has funded many projects that have had a diverse and lasting positive impact on our children's education. Several recent projects include:

- *Waverly*: Kindergarten memory books and a portable stage and backdrop
- *Anne Hutchinson*: A garden and compost project and programs integrated with Japanese Culture Week
- *Greenvale*: Math and language centers used to supplement existing programs
- *EMS*: A Vespa/scooter refurbishment project and information technology initiatives to support responsible use of digital media
- *EHS*: In-class residencies with practicing artists and a Bronx River watershed study and awareness project

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