

# Impact Report

2022



# \$1,184,062

Invested into Programs, Scholarships, and Grants Benefiting Students

Average of **\$121.65** per GIPS student



# 9,733

students in Grand Island Public School District



# 7,032

gifts made by our generous donors



# \$108,562

given to the 2022 staff campaign

# A New Chapter

The Grand Island Public Schools Foundation has seen a change recently. But rest assured that this is just a **new chapter** within the same great story. The GIPS Foundation will continue to have the same vision and follow the same mission, just operating under new leadership. We will continue to focus on students, providing countless opportunities for them to thrive and dream big. The GIPS Foundation will continue to expand our programs and build equity within the community. Our impact is not just seen here in the 2022 Impact Report, but it is felt daily by staff and students.



## With you we are impactful.

Kari Hooker-Leep  
Executive Director  
Grand Island Public Schools Foundation



## Why I Volunteer

“The GIPS Foundation has given so much, to so many, to improve our students’ and staff’s educational experiences. It’s an honor to be a very small part of that.”

Paula Poppe, Grand Island Senior High School Teacher  
Scholarship Reviewer

Over  
**\$7 million**  
in scholarships  
awarded since  
1991



## Scholarships

**\$510,533** awarded to **88** Class of 2022 students.



## Classroom Grants

**\$13,815** awarded benefitting **3,216** students.



## Legacy Funds

**\$90,335** awarded for **80+** grants.



## Teacher of the Year

**367** teachers, staff and administrators were nominated.  
**1,155** submissions received. **6** annual awards.

**\$142,315**  
granted for  
dual-credits  
since 2013





# Fiscal Year 2022 - Audited Financials

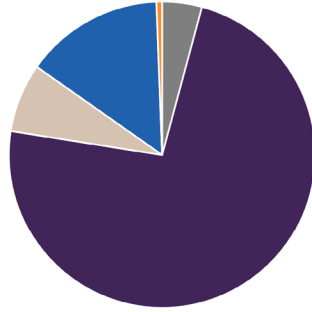
September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2022

**\$53,816**  
granted with  
compassion funds  
for students  
in need



**90%**  
of GIPS Staff  
gave to the 2022  
Staff Campaign

## Where Donations Come From

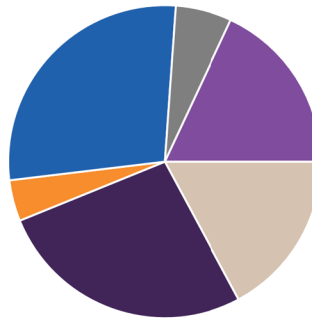


Scholarships	73%	\$2,844,132
Booster Clubs	15%	\$568,319
Funding Campaigns	7%	\$281,616
Unrestricted/Restricted	4%	\$162,458
Other*	1%	\$23,164

\*Grant/Memorial/FIT/Kindness/Admin/Investment

**Total Income: \$3,879,689**

## Where Donations Go



Booster Clubs	28%	\$535,843
Scholarships	27%	\$510,533
Administrative	18%	\$344,906
Grants	17%	\$327,814
Restricted	6%	\$111,592
Other*	4%	\$81,158

\*FIT/Kindness/COVID/Investment/Harvest

**Total Expense: \$1,911,846**

## Why I Give

“I give because the GIPS Foundation supports students throughout our district who have needs beyond the normal budget constraints.”

Sandy Meyer, Stolley Park Elementary Teacher  
2022 Staff Campaign Co-Chair



## Assets



## Expenses



# Our Mission

The GIPS Foundation builds strong partnerships with the district and community stakeholders, responsibly manages and grows charitable assets, and inspires the power of community to invest in access, equity, and opportunity for all Grand Island Public Schools students.

## Impact in the Classroom

Walnut Middle School seventh graders had a new section in their art curriculum this year. Art teacher Jacqueline Proctor was awarded a Classroom Mini-grant that provided students the opportunity to act as a landscape architect. The creative process started with idea generation then moved to design layout and finished with the execution of sculptures and garden elements. Within this project, students experienced what it takes to work as a collaborative team to accomplish a goal. Students indicated that they enjoyed the opportunity to choose which projects they worked on and who they were able to collaborate with. Walnut will be carrying the art garden project forward, which will allow more students to add to the garden and leave their own legacy.

## Make an impact for students

- Donate to the GIPS Foundation
- Set up a scholarship
- Sponsor an upcoming event
- Include the GIPS Foundation in your will
- Shop Amazon Smile to benefit the GIPS Foundation

## Your contribution could provide

- School supplies
- Basic needs for low-income students
- Classroom enrichment tools
- Additional learning opportunities
- Mental health support

## Why I'm Grateful

"I am so very thankful for the GIPS Foundation because they offer an educational and personal life saver to meet the challenging needs of our staff and students. They are the difference makers that we can count on to provide hope and a lasting impact."

Dr. Vikki Deuel, GIPS Foundation Board President

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