



AN INTERNATIONAL  
BACCALAUREATE WORLD SCHOOL



# ANNUAL REPORT

2022-2023

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Sarah Smith Community,  
A community is much more than where people reside. It is action. It is service. It is caring. Your incredible support and care continue to have a tremendous impact on the academic future of our Sarah Smith scholars. I am elated to share how your generosity benefits the students of Sarah Smith.

The Sarah Smith Elementary Foundation (SSEF) funding provides our students with opportunities that enhance the curriculum and their experience at school. Have your children come home excited about High Touch High Tech? This is just one of the learning experiences that SSEF is able to offer our students through your donations. SSEF has purchased math consumables and manipulatives and classroom libraries, amongst other curriculum resources and supplies for the school.

The Foundation also promotes and encourages innovation at Sarah Smith through teacher grants. Teachers can write a proposal to fund a project, submit it to the Foundation, and, if approved, implement their project. The possibilities are limitless!

Many of you are aware of the teacher shortage crisis across the nation. The work that the SSEF is doing to support our teachers with funds for classroom supplies, International Baccalaureate Programme, GADOE Math, and other trainings is critical to retaining and attracting highly qualified staff. By purchasing curriculum and other academic resources, SSEF provides us the opportunity to reserve more of our APS budgeted funds for things like faculty and staff. Specifically, this year, we were able to add additional teachers on several grade levels and lower class sizes.

The support that our scholars and faculty receive from the SSEF is invaluable and has assisted in making Sarah Smith the school of choice.

To donate, make a pledge, and learn about your employer's corporate matching program, please read more about the SSEF Star Fund or contact this year's Star Fund Co-Chairs Jeni Guy or Jennifer Little at [annualcampaignssef@gmail.com](mailto:annualcampaignssef@gmail.com).

I cannot thank you enough for your generous donations. It really makes a difference for our students and staff. Thanks again for helping to make Sarah Smith a great school to learn and grow!

Sincerely,  
Dwight Hutson  
Principal

Since 2006, the SSEF has invested over \$3,000,000 in our school's curriculum, including programs and technology that benefit EVERY student at Sarah Smith EVERY day.

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## ★ WHY ★

does a public school need a foundation?

The Sarah Smith school community values a first-rate education that goes beyond the ordinary. We want our students to receive an extraordinary education that public resources alone cannot support. The SSEF provides the supplemental funding to help Sarah Smith maintain its standard of educational excellence.

## ★ HOW ★

is the Sarah Smith Education Foundation funded?

The SSEF is funded through generous contributions from our parents, grandparents, staff, faculty, and community partners.

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“ Sarah Smith is incredibly fortunate to have the support of the Sarah Smith Education Foundation. Since it’s inception in 2005 the students of Sarah Smith have benefitted greatly from the generous support of the SSEF. The SSEF has enhanced the educational experience of Sarah Smith students by providing state of the art technology, curriculum, educational support programs, math manipulatives, games and classroom libraries to name a few. Teachers at Sarah Smith have also benefitted from the support and generosity of the SSEF through additional training opportunities directly enriching the quality of education provided to all our students.

Dara Campbell, Kindergarten Teacher



The Sarah Smith Education Foundation (SSEF) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that supports the quality of education at Sarah Smith Elementary through strategic investments in curriculum and instructional programs that directly enhance the school’s mission of academic excellence for all Sarah Smith students. We accomplish this by providing funding in three areas:



Academic enrichment and supplemental curriculum materials not covered through the Atlanta Public School’s budget



Faculty development opportunities that encourage teaching innovation and excellence



International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme

# Financial Overview



In the 2022 / 2023 school year, the Sarah Smith Education Foundation (SSEF) invested more than \$88,000 in curriculum related items, such as technology, classroom equipment and professional development opportunities for our teachers.

With the generous support of many parents, grandparents, faculty, staff and community partners, we raised \$179,734 in the 2022/2023 school year. The SSEF is committed to its mission – supporting the quality of education at Sarah Smith through strategic investments in curriculum and instructional programs that directly enhance the school’s mission of academic excellence for all Sarah Smith students.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

### REVENUE

Annual Campaign	\$122,563
+ Auction Event	\$44,040
+ Super Star Supporters	\$10,641
= Total Fundraising	\$177,244
Interest Income	\$2,490
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$179,734</b>

### EXPENSES

- Total Fundraising	\$12,412
- General Administration	\$4,342
= Revenue in Excess of Expenses	\$162,980
<b>SSEF Curriculum and Classroom Funding</b>	<b>\$88,059</b>

### RESERVE FUND

Balance (07.01.22)	\$541,948
Increase to Reserve	\$74,922
<b>Total Fund Balance (as of 7.01.23)</b>	<b>\$616,870</b>

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 provided just over \$200 million to APS over three years to help address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on APS students. Sarah Smith received a portion of these ARPA funds to address the following:

- Provide for a safe return to in-person instruction consistent with CDC guidance on reopening schools.
- Address learning loss through evidence-based interventions.
- Maintain continuity of services for students and staff, including social-emotional learning, mental health, student health, and food services.

Funds were utilized to address several critical areas, including intervention, social-emotional learning, and student and staff health and well-being.

The Foundation strives to maintain a healthy reserve fund, and, in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, the reserve fund remains a crucial component of our mission to support the stability of our school throughout unforeseen challenges, including unexpected expenses, economic downturns, or fluctuations in revenue.



**Curriculum and Classroom Funding Expenses**  
The SSEF funded more than \$88,000 in educational enrichment programs, materials and training. The following is a comprehensive list of investment areas funded to support our standard of excellence and benefit every student at Sarah Smith.

## ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The largest percentage of SSEF funding was Academic Programming. These dollars supported curriculum initiatives that further all Sarah Smith Elementary student's mastery of Math, Science, English and the Arts.



### Classroom Libraries.....\$424

In addition to the school's media center, classroom libraries and the bookroom provide close proximity to literary resources. In-class libraries help enhance literacy, increase time spent reading and help improve fluency, phonics, phonemic awareness, and reading comprehension. Funds pay for books for each class, leveled readers, and novels to support both the Georgia Standards of Excellence and the IB Inquiry-based Units. **Grades: All**

### Specialist Programs - Art, Language, Music & PE.....\$5,769

Provides funds for program-enhancing materials and equipment to supplement what APS provides. **Grades: All**

## READING AND ENGLISH & LANGUAGE ARTS:

### Learning-to-Read Resources.....\$526

Lexia Core 5 is a comprehensive technology-based literacy program that aims to build foundational reading skills for students of all abilities through personalized learning. The program focuses on six aspects of reading instruction: phonological awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, comprehension and structural analysis. **Grade: All**

## SCIENCE & SOCIAL STUDIES:

### High Touch High Tech.....\$13,263

Local scientists set up and oversee 'in-house' field trips in order to provide students with hands-on learning directly tied to each grade level's Science curriculum and the Georgia Standards of Excellence

## MATH:

### Eureka Workbooks.....\$2,779

Math manipulatives, consumables, workbooks and "hands-on" tools to support the Common Core Curriculum, Math Exemplars, the APS math program.

**Grades: All**

**TOTAL ACADEMIC PROGRAMS:**  
**\$24,201**



## TALENT AND MANAGEMENT



The SSEF is committed to supporting faculty development opportunities that encourage teaching innovation and excellence. Investments in this area include a focus on improving teacher efficacy in International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program.

### Classroom Investment Funds.....\$22,614

With the goal of enhancing the teaching environment at SRS, the SSEF provides a \$300 check to every full-time teacher to purchase individualized classroom supplies in support of the curriculum.

**Grades: All**

### International Baccalaureate Training.....\$21,982

SSEF provides funds for teachers to attend IB training and development opportunities.

**Grades: All**

### Teacher Training, Enrichment & Grants.....\$9,559

SSEF funds are available for teachers to attend training in the following areas: Foundations, Fountas and Pinnell reading and writing, leadership. **Grades: All**

**TOTAL TALENT & MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS:**  
**\$54,155**



The Sarah Smith Education Foundation has played a pivotal role in shaping my classroom over the years. I have had the opportunity to attend various training sessions such as IB and Fountas and Pinnell. Along with that, instructional support tools such as leveled libraries have helped to tailor our lessons to individual students' needs. Lastly, the foundation has been there for the changing landscape of education, helping us make sure students have the technology, resources and supplies to help them all continue to reach their full potential.

- Chaundra Yarbrough, 3rd grade teacher & SRS Parent



## CULTURE



The SSEF strives to foster and support a positive, informed and engaged school culture and community.

IT Week: The International Travelers Program is a week-long classroom immersion in the culture, history, and language of a foreign country. The program, which is unique to Sarah Smith, is a collaboration among dedicated parent volunteers, teachers and administrators and "transports" the school to a new country every year. **Grades: All**

**TOTAL CULTURE: \$1,440**

SYSTEMS  
AND  
RESOURCES

The SSEF invests to build systems and resources to support IB, Language implementation and ESOL community support.



**Dual Immersion .....\$385**  
Funds provide classroom materials and supplies in English and Spanish to support the fidelity of program implementation for the dual immersion Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. Additionally, funds support professional learning for the teachers. **Grades: All**

**International Baccalaureate Inquiry Materials, Resources, Dues & Programming Fees.....\$9,318**

SRS was first awarded IB status in 2006. The IB program encourages students to be active learners, well-rounded individuals, and engaged world citizens. This program impacts the whole curriculum at SRS as this instructional philosophy permeates all facets of our instructional programming. IB teaches each student essential skills for learning and becoming a productive global citizen. SSEF funds pay for inquiry materials for each grade, and for required development and training of teachers and for programming fees and dues.

**Grades: All**

**TOTAL SYSTEMS  
AND RESOURCES:  
\$9,703**

Total SSEF 2022-2023 Investment ★\$88,059★



“ My wife, Rachel, and I are grateful our daughters’ school has the Sarah Smith Education Foundation. We donate to SSEF because the money raised is used to enhance the educational experiences and outcomes for our girls and their classmates. Through SSEF funding, Sarah Smith students have the benefit of learning from teachers who have received top notch training, of participating in science and technology in-house field trips, of receiving extra math manipulatives, and so much more. We are thankful for the wonderful education our children receive at Sarah Smith, and we feel so lucky that our school has the SSEF to support and enrich their experience.

- Ben Miller, SRS Parent



## DONORS

Thank you for supporting the quality of education at Sarah Smith. Your contributions help to maintain the high level of educational excellence that we have all come to expect at Sarah Smith.

Parent, Faculty and Community Donors contributed \$177,244 to our fundraising in 2022-2023.



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