

We Need Your Support

The Spring Branch Education Foundation is committed to helping Spring Branch Independent School District realize its mission: to provide every student the highest quality education in a safe environment. Foundation funding supports educational programs and extra-curricular activities that are essential to the development of the whole child. Funds raised through the Foundation allow SBISD to continue or expand value-added programs in reading, science, technology, languages, and the arts.

Programs for Your School and Your Child

The Spring Branch Education Foundation is asking for your help in raising \$200,000 this year to support the following SBISD programs:

- **Spanish Is Elementary** - an innovative Spanish program that we hope to make available to all elementary students. Provides students with a solid foundation beginning in elementary and continuing throughout their academic career in SBISD. The Spanish Is Elementary program will create multi-lingual or bilingual students and produce high proficiency in both oral and written Spanish language skills.
- **Community Network** - this very successful program encourages and reinforces healthy choices, good citizenship and intelligent decision-making by students. This program is supported by the volunteer efforts of parents, community leaders, students, and SBISD staff. Our goal is to deliver this program to all secondary schools.
- **Spring Board Mentoring Program** - This national award- winning program builds support for students by bringing wide-ranging groups of community members and new corporate partners into the schools. With the advocacy and care of an adult mentor, a student's chances for success increase, and avoidance of risky behaviors including gangs, drugs and alcohol are reinforced. SBISD Mentoring programs have the capacity to be "tipping points" for an entire student body.
- **J. Landon Short Teacher Mini Grants Program** - This program is designed to enhance student learning by stimulating teacher creativity and innovation. Educators submit proposals for individual or team teaching projects each year.
- **Scholarships** - for graduating seniors at each SBISD high school.

"The Spring Branch Education Foundation is an integral part of the Spring Branch Education Foundation supporting our various programs from quality staff development to

**Support Today's
Students...**

**Build Tomorrow's
Leaders**



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Investing In Our Future ...TODAY

Spring Branch Education Foundation was established in 1993 with a mission to provide the financial resources necessary to enhance the quality of education for all students in SBISD. By supporting the students directly, the Foundation has helped SBISD maintain its reputation as one of the leading school districts in the country despite legislative challenges and demographic, social, and financial changes.

Doesn't the state already provide adequate funding for schools?

No. Existing state funding formulas under the "Robin Hood" law are intended to equalize school funding among school districts across the State, but do not adequately account for the varying needs and costs of educating students within each district. Even with the changes in House Bill 1, the percentage of state revenue for SBISD is only 14%.

How does the Foundation raise money?

The Foundation collaborates with area businesses and volunteers to sponsor three annual fundraising events: SBEF Fall Golf Classic, Crystal Awards for Outstanding Teachers with the Houston Chronicle, and Running for the Arts 5K Run. The Foundation seeks funding through corporate and private foundations and grants as well as through generous contributions from the Spring Branch community.



Why a Foundation?

The majority of SBISD's financial resources are used to meet state-mandated requirements. Join us in building a future generation of stable, well-educated adults who are prepared to serve as tomorrow's leaders.



Is my donation tax deductible?

Yes, the SBEF is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. All donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. Donations come from businesses, private grants, and individuals.

Please send your tax-deductible donation

Branch Independent School District and community. Through the efforts of the to the Arts Partner Program, the district continues to reach its ambitious goals.”

Duncan F. Klussmann, Ed.D. SBISD Superintendent of Schools

