



**elevate** ▲LILA

*elevate embodies our quest to continually improve what we offer as a school, the experience we provide our students, the opportunities that we help them uncover...*

*In everything that we do, we strive to advance our mission.*

## TOP FIVE REASONS TO GIVE TO THE ANNUAL FUND

### 1. *It's for Our Students!*

Any donation received as part of the Annual Fund is an investment supporting the best educational program for our students and providing resources to the School it would not otherwise have. The Annual Fund enables the School to not compromise due to a lack of resources and gives our students the ability to learn and grow in an optimal, intimate and nurturing environment.

### 2. *International Schools Have Higher Operating Costs*

We are a private international school, which employs faculty from around the world. Recruiting and bringing top-notch teachers from France and other countries is costly. Factor in the expense of getting and maintaining visas for the teachers and the School spends more money on its teachers than most American private schools. This year alone, visa costs are budgeted to be \$135,000.

### 3. *We Receive NO Outside Assistance from Government Sources*

One of the biggest misunderstandings is that we are subsidized by the French government but, in fact, the School receives no funds towards its operating budget. Rather, the French government only provides very limited financial aid (bourse) to applicants who are French citizens. Just like any other American private school, fundraising is an integral part of our operating budget.

### 4. *All Other Private Schools Fundraise*

The International School of Los Angeles continues to create a culture of giving amongst all our families. Private school fundraising is a normal practice in the United States. Because the government (state or federal) does not contribute to private school education, fundraising is a necessary means to support continuing improvements for all private schools. In fact, giving above and beyond the amount of tuition and registration fees is an accepted and necessary practice in most private schools.



## 5. *100% Participation Is Very Important*

100% participation ensures the School's solid financial future and inspires outside financial institutions with the confidence to invest in the School. As we continue to develop our efforts outside the School, it is important that 100% of our parent population support the School.

Fun fact: our faculty and administration believe in the School's mission enough to participate at close to 100%.

## How to Make Your Donation

You can make a pledge or gift to the campaign. **All pledge payments and donations are due by June 30, 2018.** If you choose to make your tax-deductible gift now, you can pay by several methods:

**Check:** Please send a check payable to "International School of Los Angeles" or "LILA."

**Credit card:** Please visit [www.internationalschool.la/give](http://www.internationalschool.la/give) to make your contribution online.

**Recurring Gifts:** Are you interested in making a significant contribution but can't commit to a large sum? With a recurring donation, even a smaller gift can make a great impact. You can schedule recurring gifts online to make monthly, quarterly or even annual contributions. Please visit [www.internationalschool.la/give](http://www.internationalschool.la/give) and check yes next to the statement "I would like my donation to recur." You can then choose the frequency and end date of your recurring gift.

**Matching Gifts:** Does your company provide an opportunity to match your gift? Check with your human resources department and maximize your contribution to the School. Please use the corporate address in Burbank to nominate LILA, rather than a specific campus.

**Wire or Stock transfer:** Please contact Michele Wray Khateri, Director of Advancement, at [michele.khateri@lilaschool.com](mailto:michele.khateri@lilaschool.com) or 818-994-2961.

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