

# The Parker Fund 2022-2023 - Frequently Asked Questions

## 1. What is The Parker Fund?

The Fund supports the operating budget of the Francis W. Parker Charter Essential School and its mission with a goal of \$250,000. The Fund helps to close a significant compensation gap for our teachers. Parker teachers are unlike any other - creative, collaborative and passionate in their support of Parker students. While many schools would say the same, our unique model, team approach and reliance on teacher leadership makes our staff truly invaluable. Parker teachers are more talented, more central to our success and harder to replace than teachers at a traditional school. We need to increase salaries to attract and retain the very best teachers for our students.



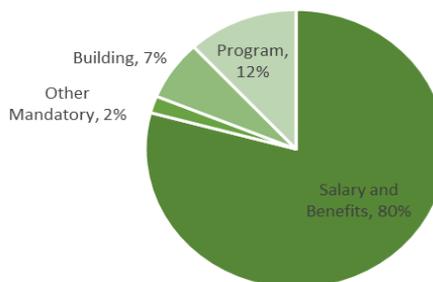
## 2. When does the Fund start and end?

Parker's fiscal year runs from July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023. Gifts received prior to June 30, 2023 will count towards the 2022-2023 Fund.

## 3. How is the Fund spent?

Every dollar given to the Fund supports the teaching and learning that occurs at Parker. The Fund supports the operating budget of the school and due to Parker's focused budget management, approximately 80% of that budget goes toward compensation for Parker's teachers and staff.

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## 4. Do other charter public schools solicit donations?

Yes. While Parker is unique in many ways, we are not unique in our need to raise funds to support operating costs. Increased need for private fundraising is common for district public schools as well



**Traditional Public Schools**  
access to significant subsidies for facilities and capital projects



**Charter Public Schools**  
rely on fundraising in place of state subsidies for facilities.

## 5. To whom do I make out my check?

The check should be made out to: The Sizer Foundation, Inc. and mailed to The Parker Fund, 49 Antietam Street, Devens, MA 01434, attn: Development Office. The Sizer Foundation is a 501(c)3 public charity whose sole purpose is to support Parker. All contributions to the Sizer Foundation are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

## 6. If I give a small gift, will it really matter?

Absolutely! Your gift combined with the gifts made by other parents, trustee members, alumni, and community members makes a big impact on Parker. All gifts are greatly appreciated.

*If you have any additional questions about The Parker Fund, please email Katrina Tedstone, Parker's Development Director, at [ktedstone@theparkerschool.org](mailto:ktedstone@theparkerschool.org).*

**Thank you for your support of Parker!**

