

TRINITY SCHOOLS, INC. GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE

FAQ

What is the relationship between the three Trinity Schools?

The three Trinity Schools (Trinity School at Greenlawn in South Bend, IN; Trinity School at River Ridge in Eagan, MN; and Trinity School at Meadow View in Falls Church, VA) have one mission, one curriculum, and one pedagogy. Considered together, these three *are* Trinity Schools. We consider ourselves one school at three campuses. Legally, the schools are incorporated as Trinity Schools, Inc. Trinity Schools has a single budget for the corporation that is approved annually by the board of trustees. Each campus is responsible to contribute a modest amount to the operations of the central office (roughly 6% of the entire operating expenses).

What is the role of the president of Trinity Schools?

The president of Trinity Schools is the chief administrative officer of Trinity Schools and is charged with the faithful implementation of the Mission Statement, educational philosophy and pedagogy of Trinity Schools as approved by the Trustees of Trinity Schools. The president of Trinity Schools directs the work of the heads of schools and executive directors to guarantee the faithful operation of each Trinity School in keeping with this design. He or she reports directly to the Trustees of Trinity Schools.

Why does Trinity Schools have a central office?

Some operations of the campuses can be better or more efficiently handled centrally than locally. A wide variety of practical financial matters such as payroll, insurance negotiations, and reimbursements are handled centrally to support the three campuses. Curriculum development, teacher training, branding and messaging and other similar functions we hold in common are also handled centrally. Otherwise, many of these efforts would have to be duplicated at each campus with a considerable loss of efficiency.

How are campus-specific funds related to the overall budget?

Trinity Schools, Inc. has one budget held in common by the three campuses for the common good of the schools and the overall health of our educational mission. Each of the three campuses has had years of abundance and years of scarcity as well. Scarcity may be related to short-term downturns in tuition, unexpected expenses, rising inflation, etc. Having three campuses with one budget has allowed us to buffer these effects over time and support each other in the national work of Trinity Schools.

What if I would like to donate, but want those funds to remain at my local campus?

Trinity Schools offer a wide range of ways in which you can partner with us financially, including restricted donations. All scholarship donations are distributed locally, and we have a wide variety of capital expenses and other needs at each campus, many of which are intrinsically local. The director of development at your local campus can work with you to find a method of giving to a local campus that will fit your intentions as a donor.