

Question & Answers about the Pierce PTO Annual Appeal

Why do I have to give to the Pierce PTO, I already pay taxes in Brookline?

Yes, your taxes do go to support the Brookline schools, including Pierce. However, the student population has grown tremendously over the past several years and now most of the funds from taxes go to support teachers and staff and there is a growing gap in what taxes pay for and what the School wants to provide students. The PTO supports many programs that help extend learning and build community.

What does the PTO spend money on?

The PTO pays for:

- Reimbursements to teachers
- Technology for teachers including computers, cameras and more
- In-school cultural assemblies
- A portion of field trips
- Outreach activities – Kindergarten Registration, First Day of School, Kindergarten Picnic
- Skate Night
- Before School Math and Reading Programs
- Bingo for Books
- Math League and Family Math Games Night
- End of Year Picnic
- Mass Book Awards
- Pierce Reads (Grade 4-8) and more!

How much should my family donate to the PTO?

The Pierce PTO spends approximately \$100 per student. You should donate what your family is able to donate.

What if we cannot donate that much?

Please donate whatever you can. A donation of \$5 or any amount is much appreciated and will be pooled together with donations from other families to support our school and build our community. We hope to have a very high rate of participation from families.

Are small donations worthwhile?

Yes! Any donation is much appreciated. The PTO pays for things that we as individuals cannot. There are few families who could afford to pay \$1,400 for the "Techsploration" assembly in December for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades, but if 56 families give \$25 each – the assemblies can be paid for!

Is my contribution tax deductible?

Yes, your contribution to the Pierce PTO is tax deductible. The PTO's tax id number is 35-2197562. You will receive an acknowledgement letter after your contribution.

Will my employer match my contribution?

If your employer has a program for matching charitable gifts, please file for that grant.

What if I have more questions?

If you have any questions please email us at pierce.pto@gmail.com or talk to a member of the Leadership Team or your class Room Parent.