

Summit Charter School K-12 Expansion: Phase II



HELP US REACH OUR SUMMIT!

Summit Fast Facts

- **Tuition-free** K-12 public charter school
- Celebrated 25th Anniversary in 2021
- 2023-24 Enrollment: 300 students
 - 57 new students currently enrolled
 - 28% growth over last 4 years
- Significant growth in middle & high school
- We are out of space and having to turn families away!

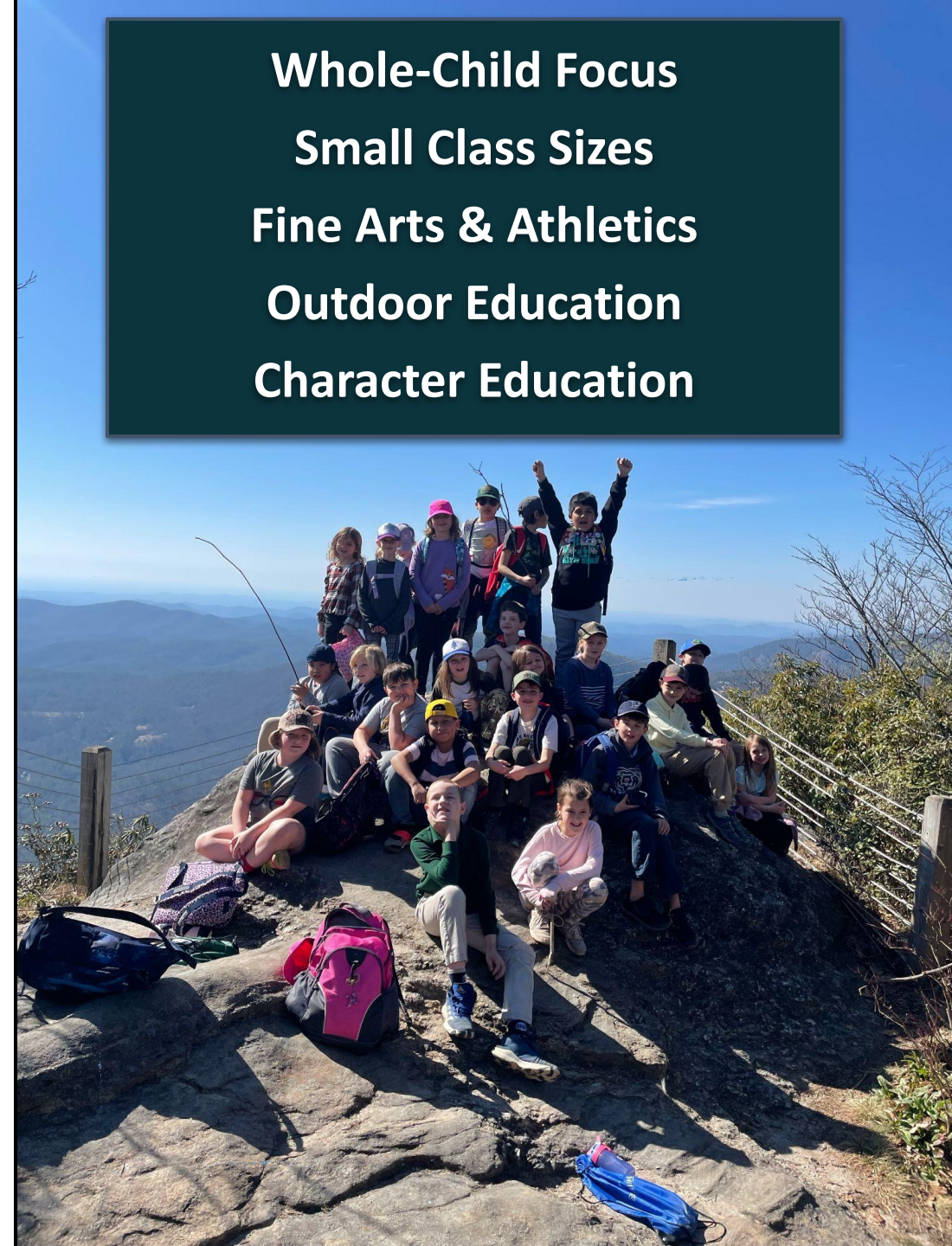
Whole-Child Focus

Small Class Sizes

Fine Arts & Athletics

Outdoor Education

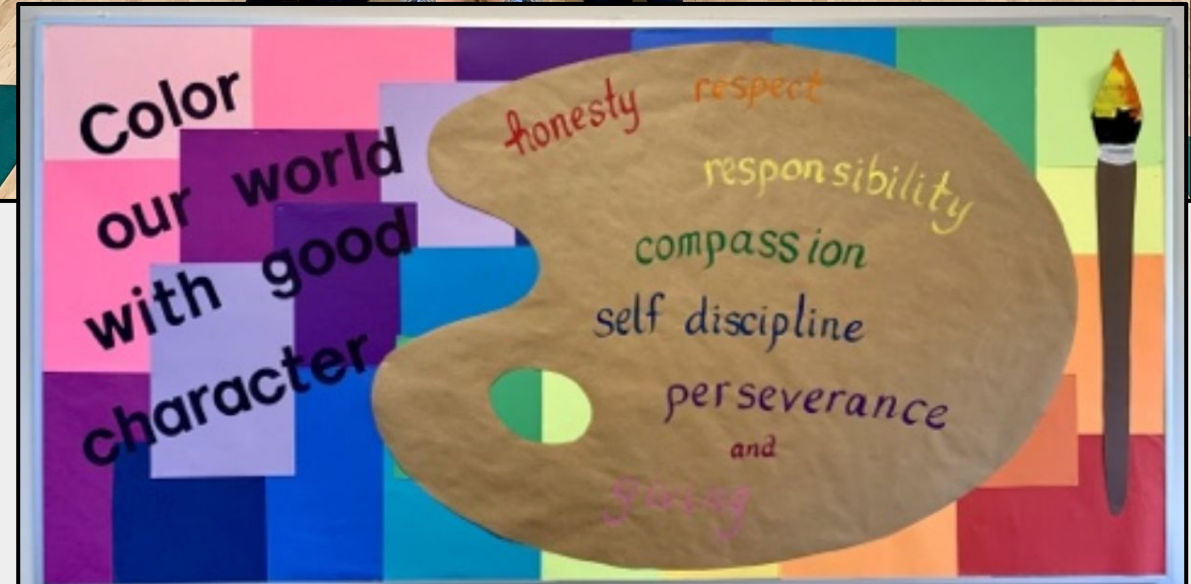
Character Education



Summit Pledge

Character education is the heart of our school. Each morning, we start our day with the Pledge of Allegiance and our Summit Pledge, a daily reminder and promise to ourselves and our community of the values we uphold at Summit:

“Each day, in my words and my deeds, I will do my best to live these Seven Virtues: ***Honesty, Respect, Responsibility, Compassion, Self-Discipline, Perseverance, and Giving.***”



Inaugural Summit Senior Classes



- **100%** of the Class of 2022 & 2023 earned admission to college, with **71** offers from **31** colleges and universities, including:

Appalachian State University	Furman University	UNC – Asheville
Belmont University	Guilford College	UNC – Charlotte
Berklee College of Music	Hawaii Pacific University	UNC – Greensboro
Brevard College	Haywood Community College	UNC – Wilmington
Carolina Coastal University	Lees-MacRae College	Pratt Institute
Cape Fear Community College	Liberty University	University of Tennessee
Clemson Honors College	Meredith College	Virginia Commonwealth University
College of Charleston	Montreat College	Warren Wilson College
Eckerd College	Rochester Institute of Technology	Western Carolina University
Flagler College	Savannah College of Art & Design	Western Carolina University Honors
	Southwestern Community College	

- Students earned **\$400,000+** in scholarships, positioning each with resources necessary to bring their college, career, and life dreams within reach. **For many students, they are the first in their family to go to college.**

Student Population Demographics

- 75% Caucasian
- 21% Latino
- 3% More than one race
- 0.5% Native American
- 0.5% Asian
- 51% Low Income
- 12% of our children are enrolled in the Exceptional Children (EC) Program. EC program ensures students with unique learning needs develop intellectually, physically, emotionally, and vocationally through individualized education.
- 7% of our children are English Language Learners (ELL)



Growing Demand for a Summit Education

- **Over 90%** student retention/re-enrollment rate for the last two school years
- As a K-12 school, enrollment growth has **increased by 15% in 2022-23 and over 3% growth in 2023-24.**
- Started 2022-23 school year with a **waitlist in eight of thirteen grades, including the following middle and high grades: 7, 8, 9, 10, and 12.** To meet growing demand, Summit aims to serve two classes in every grade level K-12.



School Budget Overview | 2023-24

Revenues		% of Revenues
State, County, and Federal Government	\$3,152,036	76%
Community Giving & Grants	\$648,375	16%
Other Revenue	\$191,200	5%
Family Fund	\$140,000	3%
Total Revenue	\$4,131,611	

Expenses		% of Expenses
Salaries and Benefits	\$3,021,245	73%
Facilities, Technology, Transportation	\$533,755	13%
Administrative	\$162,130	4%
Field Trips & Special Events	\$157,500	4%
Educational Supplies & Equipment	\$106,250	3%
Student Services	\$88,150	2%
Other Educational Programs	\$36,500	1%
Staff Development	\$8,150	0.2%
Bus Financing (1 new mini-bus)	\$4,152	0.1%
Total Expenses	\$4,117,832	

As a public *charter* school, Summit receives only 75% of the state and county funding of a traditional public school, and **zero** funding for our facilities.

We rely **100%** on **private donations** to build and maintain our campus.

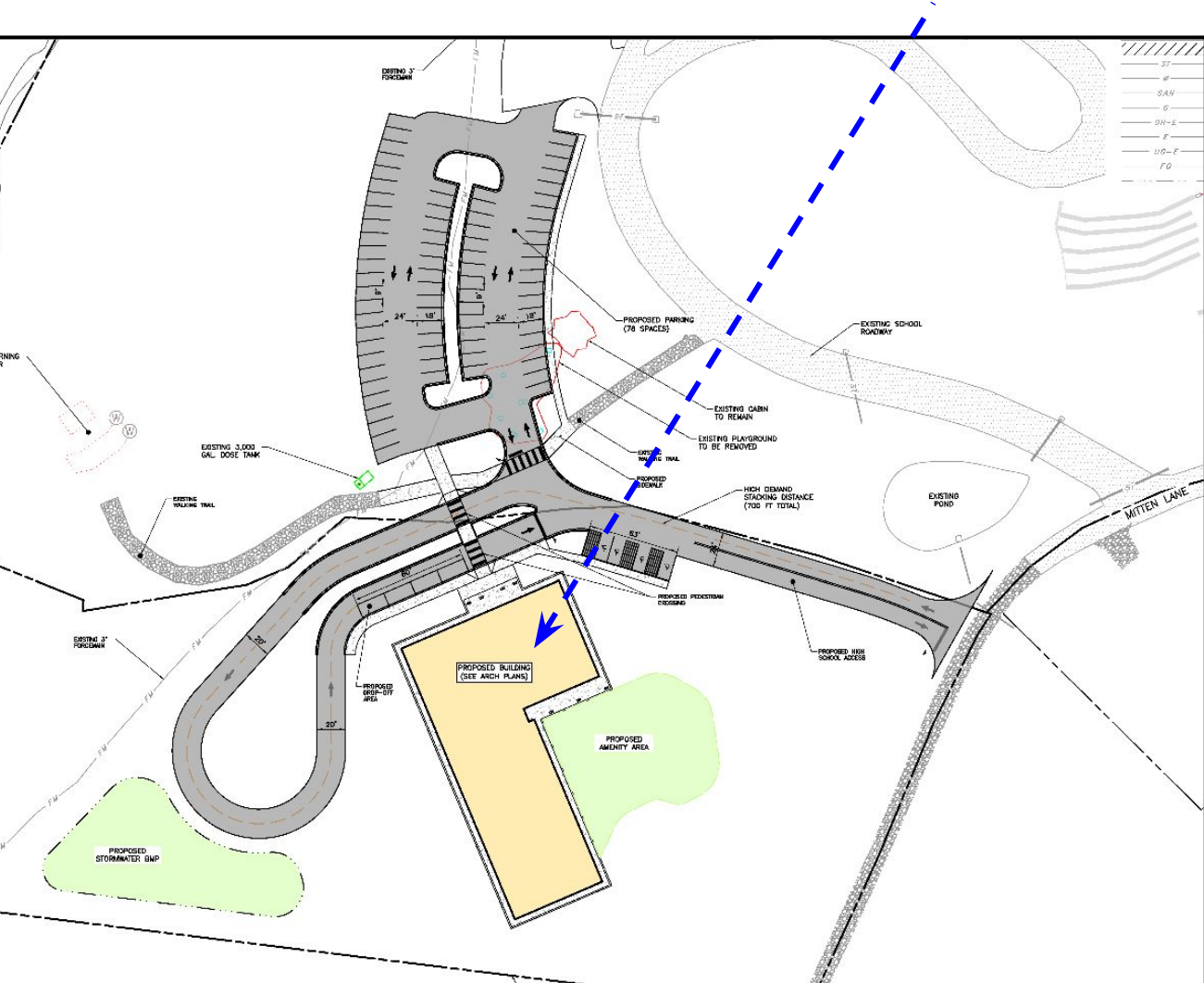
School Expansion Needs



- Current high school capacity is 19 students per grade due to classroom space constraints in Phase I of HS Building (Opened in Fall 2019)
- Enrollment in 7th and 8th grade is currently 31 and 36 students for the 2023-24 school year. Starting in one school year, these students will begin matriculating to high school. Our existing facilities do not have the space to accommodate this future growth.
- To ensure space for our current and growing enrollment, **Summit needs to add 8 classrooms and larger capacity common areas to accommodate lunch and programming for middle and high school.**

The Solution: New HS Facility on Existing Campus

This facility will accommodate Summit's growth and sustain current and future students, K-12.



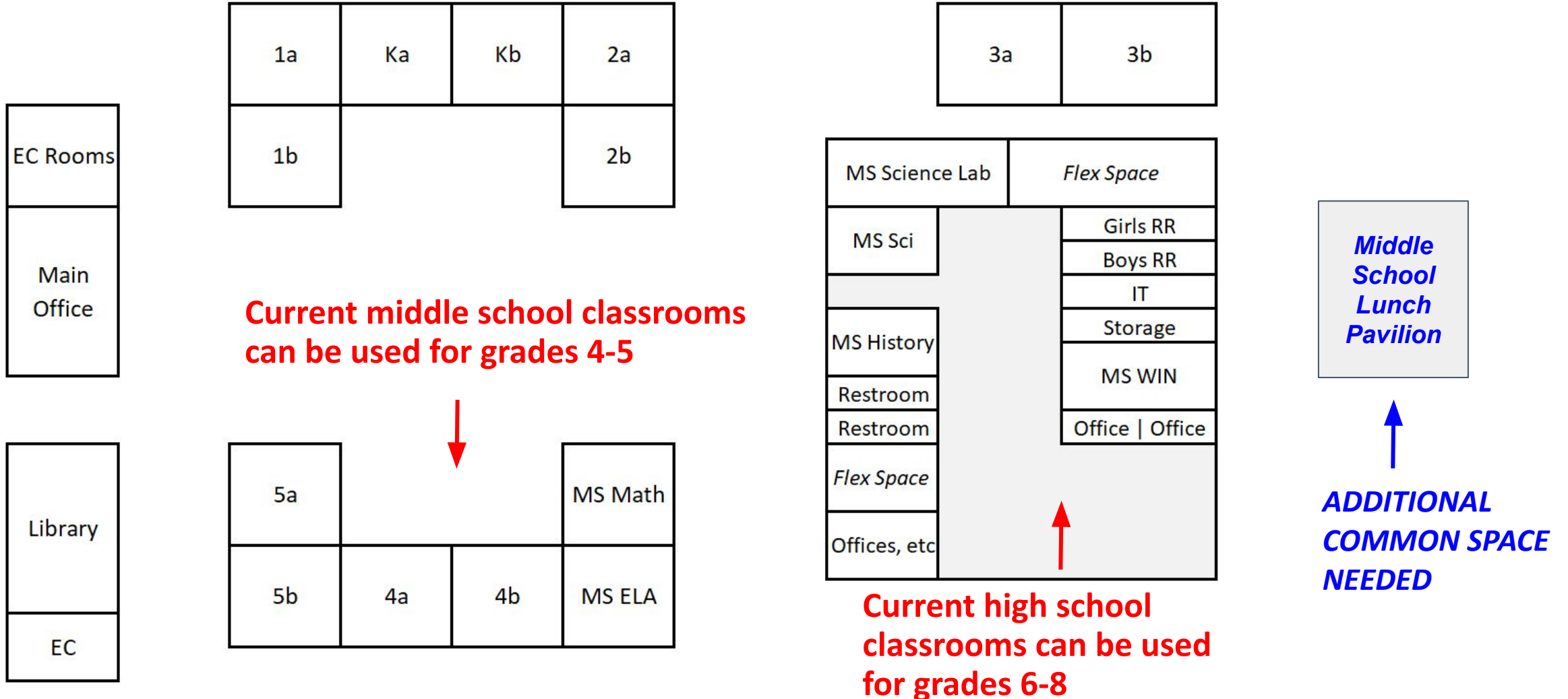
New Facility: The Positives

- Located on Summit's existing land, this location for a new learning facility has proper acreage for 8+ classrooms, indoor/outdoor commons areas, and ample parking
- This facility puts us on a path to success in achieving enrollment and financial sustainability goals – the key to Summit's future
- We avoid donor fatigue by creating space for both current and future growth
- This results in a separate high school campus, which is positive based on teacher, student, and leadership feedback
- The growing middle school can transition to the existing Phase I HS Building for an improved learning environment for K-8 *(See next slide for further explanation)*



Future K-8 Layout

Summit's financial sustainability relies on 36 students per grade (two sections of 18 to honor our commitment to small class sizes). With the new proposed HS facility and the below transition of classrooms within our existing campus layout, the Summit community is poised for true success.



Preliminary Floor Plan for New HS Facility



8 classrooms on one level (25 student capacity)

Science Lab

Indoor and outdoor common spaces for lunch and assemblies

Space opportunity for a learning kitchen and multi-purpose lecture hall

Fundraising Goal: \$6.5 Million

Project Fundraising Goal	
Item	Project Cost
Phase II of School Expansion	\$6,500,000



Fundraising Status

Fundraising Status (as of Sept. 2023)	Donations
Cash Raised to Date	\$4,840,787
Need to Raise	\$1,669,076



Family and Community In-Kind Support

~1,000,000 Already Raised Through In-Kind Donations!



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Summit Families and the Community at Large Believes in Our School

Will You Help Us?



We Happily Accept a Variety of Gifts

Multi-Year Pledges Accepted Over 1-5 Years

- Gifts of Cash
- Gifts of Securities (appreciated stocks, bonds, or mutual funds)
- Gifts In-Kind to Support Construction and FF&E (Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment)
 - Donated labor, materials, services, furniture, fixtures, and equipment
- Gifts of Real Estate
- Matching Gifts – many companies match donations to nonprofits and schools made by their employees and retirees
- Each gift option has tax benefits to the donor as Summit Charter School Foundation is a 501(c)3 under Federal Tax ID 56-2039872

Naming Rights Opportunities	Total	Donation
Gratitude Hall (Common Area)	1	\$1,000,000.00
Student-designed Fitness Facility	1	Fulfilled
Science Lab	1	Fulfilled
Learning Kitchen	1	Fulfilled
Traditional Classroom	8	\$250,000.00
Main Lobby	1	\$250,000.00
Outdoor Courtyard	1	\$250,000.00
MS Lunch & Assembly Pavilion	1	\$250,000.00
Teacher Workroom	1	\$100,000.00
Soccer Field Regulation Expansion	1	\$100,000.00
Conference Room	1	\$50,000.00
Outdoor Courtyard Benches	9	\$20,000.00
Gratitude Hall Tables	6	\$10,000.00

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