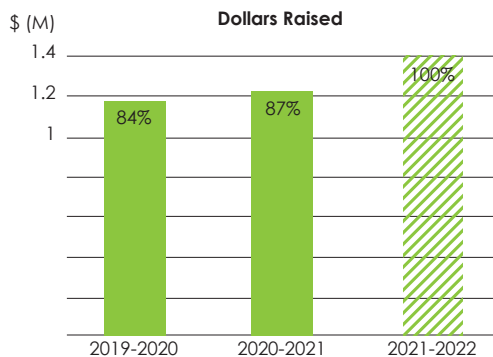


### WHO WE ARE

The Del Mar Schools Education Foundation (DMSEF) is a non-profit organization that raises money to help fund the STEAM+ teachers in our school district.

Our mission is important to every student in the district. Since the State of California does not provide funding for STEAM+ teachers in elementary school, DMSEF works in partnership with our district to fund STEAM+ teachers at all eight schools.

### FUNDRAISING UPDATE



Last year, DMSEF raised **\$1.22 million** from families, friends, employers and community partners! This year, you can help us reach **\$1.4 million** for **100%** funding for STEAM+!

### STEAM+ PROGRAM

The DMUSD (Del Mar Union School District) STEAM+ program provides robust and engaging instruction for students in the arts, science, physical education, and interdisciplinary learning. STEAM+ credentialed specialists facilitate rich, authentic learning experiences that prepare students for a future where they will think, innovate, and create.



An extraordinary STEAM+ program is a key component in consistently placing our district in the top 1% of school districts in California.

### MAKE AN IMPACT

Please join us in helping to fund our STEAM+ teachers. Contributing the recommended amount of \$800 per student per year, or an amount that is meaningful to your family, ensures our exceptional STEAM+ program can continue in the next school year.

### DMSEF EVENTS

Fall Giving Campaign  
Spring Jogathon Fundraiser



### WAYS TO GIVE

 Make a tax deductible contribution online at DMSEF.org.

 Use the DMSEF envelope to submit a tax deductible contribution.

Increase your giving power by taking advantage of employer matching programs. Check online at DMSEF.org to see if your company matches.



# Frequently Asked Questions



## What is our district goal and how is it determined?

Our goal is to raise \$1.4 million to help fund the STEAM+ teachers in the Del Mar Union School District (DMUSD). Last year, due to our community's incredible support and generosity, we were able to raise \$1.22 million, or 87% of our annual goal! With your help this year, we can reach our goal and help cover the 40% shortfall from state and local funding to fund the salaries for credentialed STEAM+ teachers at all of our schools.



## How do school goals work?

Each school's goal is based on their school's enrollment as of 9/1/21. Visit [dmsef.org](http://dmsef.org) to see your school's goal for this year.



## I contributed! How else can I help?

The DMSEF Board is made up of parents from every school in the district who volunteer their time to ensure the highest quality education for our children. The DMSEF Board generally has two representatives from each school in the district. We have openings at some schools to become DMSEF Directors and we welcome new board members and volunteers. We encourage parents to reach out to learn more at [dmsef.org](http://dmsef.org) or contact us at [office@dmsef.org](mailto:office@dmsef.org).



## What is a credentialed STEAM+ specialist and why is it important?

DMUSD hires only STEAM+ credentialed specialists for instruction in our schools. This means that your student will have all STEAM+ instruction from trained and state certified educators in their area of expertise. These teachers are both subject matter experts and experienced educators who bring their passion for their discipline to their classrooms. Following state-mandated standards for their subjects, these specialists tailor their classes to each grade and collaborate with classroom teachers to enhance the core curriculum. They support our district's mission to educate the "whole" child by providing students with opportunities for hands-on activities, problem-solving, teamwork, and exposure to the arts and sciences beyond what is possible in the general education classroom.



## How can I find out what my child does in STEAM+?

STEAM+ instruction at each school varies by grade and is tied to state and grade-based curriculum standards for each subject. Each school has their own process for sharing what your child learns in STEAM+, including teacher emails, art displays, performances, school websites, etc. We encourage you to talk to your principal, STEAM+ specialists or DMSEF Directors at your school to learn more about your child's STEAM+ program.



## I already give to the PTA Do I need to give to DMSEF too?

Yes, parent support (through contributions and volunteering) is critical to both organizations. DMSEF contributions given to our school district are restricted monies and can only be used to fund STEAM+ specialists' compensation packages. Donations to the PTA support projects, programs, events, and grants specific to each school.