

## What is the Rieke Foundation? How is it different from the Rieke PTA?

The Rieke Parent-Teacher Association (**PTA**) is a membership-driven organization that contributes to the success of Rieke students by funding programs, services, enrichments, and grants. The specific goals of the PTA are determined by members. Examples of PTA activities are the art fair, back to school events, community dinners, movie nights, and effort to build a new playground.

Each school in PPS has a local foundation to raise funds to hire teachers and staff, created in 1994 in response to Measure 5 budget cuts. Operating under the umbrella of **All Hands Raised**, a local nonprofit, foundations are the only way to fund teachers. Programs designated to raise funds exclusively for teachers (such as the auction) are considered Rieke Elementary School Foundation events.

- The PTA is not the Foundation, but both rely on the same pool of parent volunteers - there can be overlap in areas
- While separate, the PTA has an existing organizational structure that can be leveraged to assist the Foundation
- The PTA can decide to fund teachers (by making direct contributions to the Foundation) but has been provided guidance from the Oregon PTA to keep the amount of any contribution to less than 20% of the total PTA budget, to avoid scrutiny from the IRS



### Key differences:



Rieke PTA	Rieke Foundation
Business entity: Oregon Corporation; 501(c)(3) charitable organization	Foundation exists only as an account under All Hands Raised
Rules: Formal Oregon PTA Bylaws, local Standing Rules	Informal Handbook
Mission & activities: determined by PTA members	Limited in scope to raising funds for teacher & staffing positions
Governance: PTA members —> Executive Committee / Board	Chair and Treasurer defined (but neither is needed)
Elections: Yes, detailed in Bylaws & Standing Rules	If you want to be Chair or Treasurer, just say so (no rules)
Budget: Yes, approved by PTA	No budget. Income / expenses handled by All Hands Raised