

BOOSTERS' GRANTS FAQs

How do grants originate?

Each team's budget. Grants start with the coaches, athletic director and team parents. Teams review and approve team budgets prior to the start of each season. If a team has a need it should be reflected in the budget. Budgets get reviewed and approved by the Athletic Director, Bradley Smet. All grants go through the AD.

How does the AD decide what the School District pays for and what becomes a Boosters grant?

Required equipment, generally, is the District's responsibility. This specifically includes safety equipment (e.g. helmets, shoulder pads). Discretionary items are properly within the grant program. These are only general guidelines and exceptions are made depending on the District's budget and team needs.

Boosters is there to fill-in the gaps in the District's budget. Booster's budget remains flexible to respond to the District's needs.

Is there anything Boosters won't cover?

Yes, personalized items (uniforms or equipment personalized to the player), or items that student are permitted to keep. Also, overnight travel. While overnight travel is a valuable experience for teams, it is the individual team and parent's financial responsibility.

Are teams limited to District funds and Boosters' grants?

No! Teams can seek individual parent donations and fundraise independently. These funds are maintained in the team's "ASB Account" under the AD's supervision. Some teams regularly volunteer as the Snack Shack to raise funds for its ASB Account.

Isn't Boosters just for football?

No. While football is one of the oldest sports at Piedmont High, it is only 1 out of many programs in the athletic department. When assessing any grant request, Boosters always considers the number of student athletes in the program, the balance between all programs, and the overall equity in funding between boys' and girls' teams.

How do I begin?

Make sure your team has a Boosters' liaison that attends the monthly meetings. Talk to your coach. Coordinate with the Athletic Director. Fill out the form properly (getting all necessary approvals). Submit your grant request prior to the regular monthly meeting. That's it. Grant requests are regularly approved but the requests need to come from the individual teams.