



PHS Athletics - Coaches Stipend Fund FAQs

What is the Coaches Stipend Fund and donation amount?

The fund is used to pay coaching stipends at Piedmont High School. The CSF Donation amount is set annually and is currently \$365 per athlete per sport played. All students participating in PHS athletics are asked to make the donation, however a donation is not required to participate and is purely voluntary. Families may donate more or less than the suggested amount. Donations are held in a designated account at PHS and are only used to pay coaching stipends. Donations are pooled and used to pay coaches for all sports and are not accepted for specific teams or sports.

How do I pay the CSF Donation?

The CSF Donation can be paid through the Piedmont Store website (www.piedmontstore.com). The athletic department will also accept checks made out to PHS. A donation is requested for each sport an athlete plays in.

How does the CSF Donation work?

The athletic department budgets \$250,000 per year for coach stipends and needs 85% of PHS athletes to contribute to the stipend fund to break even. If donations are not sufficient to fully fund the program and the athletic department is unable to make up the shortfall (budgets vary year by year), there is less money available to pay coaches the following year, and some teams or programs may need to be cut, or stipend levels reduced.

Do coaches get paid separately from their stipend?

No. Coaches are only paid through the stipend program. Teams and parents are not allowed to pay coaches separately and the district does not provide any other financial assistance or benefits to coaches (no healthcare, no retirement, and no vacation). Stipends range from \$1,500 to \$5,000 per coach, per season, depending on the sport and number of coaches required.

Is the CSF Donation in addition to team expenses?

Yes. Each team has its own budget and expenses. This is separate from and in addition to the CSF Donation. Parents should inquire about costs of the sport their student is playing. Sports vary greatly in equipment, travel and other expenses.

Is the CSF Donation per sport?

Yes, per sport. For example, if your student plays two sports (a fall sport and a spring sport), you are asked to make two donations; if your student plays three sports - three donations.

Is the CSF Donation mandatory?

No. It is purely a voluntary donation and is not required to participate. However, the Coaches Stipend Fund program helps attract quality coaches and allows the district to focus this money directly on the coaching staff. The ability to have both head and assistant coaches is important to the success of the athletics program and the safety of the athletes.

Does the CSF Donation pay for team equipment or player jerseys?

No. The money goes directly to the stipend fund and is only used to pay coach stipends.

Does any portion of the CSF Donation go to PHS Boosters, the athletic department or team accounts?

No. The money goes directly to PUSD and is only used to pay coach stipends.