

**2018-2019 SEM PTSA
Annual Check Writing Campaign
Why we need your financial support!**

Our SEM Community

Our students are attending one of the most honored and highest ranked schools in DISD and the Nation. We are a Title I school and we represent a diverse group of urban families who are committed to excellence and rigorous standards for our children. SEM is an extraordinary, innovative school that promotes the belief that STEM centered learning can transform traditional boundaries and open opportunities.

SEM PTSA Fundraising Philosophy

It is the mission of the SEM PTSA to enrich and enhance SEM resources that support our one of a kind Math and Engineering program. Our fundraising philosophy directly supports our teachers and students. We don't invest in overpriced and low margin gimmick fundraisers! Instead, we have a once a year check writing campaign.

SEM PTSA Fundraising Objectives

Each year, the PTSA board meets with faculty and staff to determine the most pressing needs which are not covered by DISD funding. Once prioritized, these are included in the fundraising goal for that year.

**2018-2019 SEM PTSA Fundraising Goal: \$15,000
(That averages to \$30 per student!)**

What does your contribution go towards this year? Student Supplies & Materials and Annual PTA Operating Budget!

PTSA Annual Operating Support

Here are just a **few** of the programs that your SEM PTSA accomplishes with your donations and volunteer time!

New Student Orientation
Back to School Teacher lunch
PTSA Morning coffees
Parent Teacher Conference – Teacher dinner
National Honor Society Reception
Teacher Appreciation week
Senior Activity Expenses

PTSA Newsletter and website
Snacks and delivery for testing
PTSA Officer Training
Awards night program expenses
President's Volunteer Service Awards
Field Day/ Signing Day expenses

Click [HERE](#) to make your donation!

When considering your annual donations, please consider all the benefits of attending SEM such as our wonderful staff and faculty, free AP tests, waivers for college testing and applications, and bragging rights of being part of the SEM family – priceless!

Support your School Through Matching Programs

Does your employer offer matching grants? You never know until you ask! Some of the larger companies in DFW also offer matching-on-matching with other company matches!

You can also help with the Gift of Your Time!

SEM is unique in that we need an army of volunteers, equally as important as monetary donations. We are an inclusive school, and volunteering is so highly valued because it is something all families can contribute.

One of our teacher's highest volunteer priority is Yearbook Help!

Ms. Tangman and Mr. Coleman: need your gift of time! As Yearbook Teacher sponsors, they are looking for a dedicated team of parents to help. Can you commit to even one or a few Monday afternoons this year after school? Graphic art or any art background? Experience with project management? Are you asking What is a Yearbook? All are qualified! Just your energy and enthusiasm is required! Click [HERE](#) to sign up!

2018-2019 Check writing campaign timeline

Our kickoff for the fundraising campaign starts now! We would like to raise \$15,000 by February 28, 2019 to fund teacher requests and your PTSA annual operating budget. You may make donations conveniently on our website [HERE](#), or place a check in the PTSA lockbox in the SEM front office.

Thank you again for your annual donation and your gift of time. Your generous support and volunteering time provide for the most pressing needs of our school and programs.

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