



# Chandler Unified School District

## Extracurricular Activity Tax Credit Contribution Response Form

Complete and return this form with your contribution to:

Chandler Unified School District  
C/O Tax Credits  
1525 W. Frye Road  
Chandler, AZ 85224



To contribute online, navigate to:

[www.cusd80.com/taxcredit](http://www.cusd80.com/taxcredit)

### Contributor Information

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

### Method of Payment

If you would like to make a tax credit contribution using a credit card, debit card or e-check, please make your contribution on our secure online system.

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☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Money Order

**Payable to:**

*Chandler Unified School District*

Total Contribution Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Contribution Designation

☐ Please direct my contribution as needed.

☐ Please direct my contribution to the one or more of following schools (Contributions should equal the total contribution noted above):

\$ _____ Andersen Elementary	\$ _____ CTA - Freedom Campus	\$ _____ Knox Gifted Academy
\$ _____ Andersen Jr. High	\$ _____ CTA - Goodman Campus	\$ _____ Navarrete Elementary
\$ _____ Arizona College Prep - Erie	\$ _____ CTA - Humphrey Campus	\$ _____ Patterson Elementary
\$ _____ Arizona College Prep - Oakland	\$ _____ CTA - Independence Campus	\$ _____ Payne Jr. High
\$ _____ Auxier Elementary	\$ _____ CTA - Liberty Campus	\$ _____ Perry High
\$ _____ Basha Elementary	\$ _____ Elite Performance Academy	\$ _____ Riggs Elementary
\$ _____ Basha High	\$ _____ Frye Elementary	\$ _____ Ryan Elementary
\$ _____ Bogle Jr. High	\$ _____ Fulton Elementary	\$ _____ Sanborn Elementary
\$ _____ Bologna Elementary	\$ _____ Galveston Elementary	\$ _____ San Marcos Elementary
\$ _____ Carlson Elementary	\$ _____ Haley Elementary	\$ _____ Santan Elementary
\$ _____ Casteel High	\$ _____ Hamilton High	\$ _____ Santan Jr. High
\$ _____ Chandler Early College	\$ _____ Hancock Elementary	\$ _____ Shumway Elementary
\$ _____ Chandler High	\$ _____ Hartford Sylvia Encinas Elementary	\$ _____ Tarwater Elementary
\$ _____ Chief Hill Learning Academy	\$ _____ Hull Elementary	\$ _____ Weinberg Elementary
\$ _____ Conley Elementary	\$ _____ Jacobson Elementary	\$ _____ Willis Jr. High

I wish to designate this money for (Optional):

- ☐ General Extracurricular Activities - direct as needed  
☐ Specific Eligible Activities

	Activity or Grade Level	Student First Name	Student Last Name
\$ _____	Cross Country		
\$ _____			
\$ _____			
\$ _____			

### For Chandler Unified School District Use Only

Received By: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This contribution is eligible for the Arizona State income tax credit as allowed by ARS § 43-1089.01. Up to \$200 for individuals and up to \$400 for married couples filing jointly can be claimed on personal income taxes. An official receipt will be mailed to the address provided by January 31 for donations made by December 31. Contributions are nonrefundable by the Chandler Unified School District. Please consult your personal tax advisor to determine the application of the credit.

CUSD will offer mobile service on Dec. 30. To have someone pick up your donation on this day please call 812-7650. On Dec. 30 Hamilton High will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Perry High will be open from 8-11 a.m. serving breakfast, and Basha High will be open from 8-11 a.m. with coffee and donuts to serve as drop-off locations for tax credit donations.

## Win-Win: Taxpayers Reduce Tax Bills, Students' Activities Benefit

Reduce the amount of money you owe or increase your refund for your Arizona State income tax by making a contribution to qualifying activities such as athletics, arts, or other after-school programs and claiming the extracurricular tax credit. Your generous contributions help students become involved in fun, meaningful and life-enhancing activities. The funds go directly to the schools and programs you designate - not to the state or school district.

### What is a tax credit?

**A:** A tax credit is a dollar-for-dollar reduction in the actual tax owed. Qualifying contributions (up to \$200 for individuals and up to \$400 for married couples filing jointly) can be claimed on personal Arizona income taxes to reduce the amount owed or increase the refund.

Joe and Mary Smith owe \$1,000 in State income tax for 2016. They donated \$400 to Hartford Sylvia Encinas Elementary to support after-school tutoring programs. The Smiths reduce the amount they owe in State tax to \$600.

Fees paid directly to a public school or school district in support of extracurricular activities or character education, qualify for the tax credit, according to Arizona tax law (ARS § 43-1089.01).

### Tax credit, tax deduction...what is the difference?

**A:** A **tax deduction** allows you to subtract the amount of a contribution from the amount of your taxable income.

If your taxable income for 2016 was \$49,000 and you have \$6,000 of tax deductions, your taxable income would be reduced to \$43,000.

Although donations to public schools have been tax deductible in previous years, a **tax credit** allows the contributor to subtract the amount of the qualifying tax credit from the money owed for state taxes.

Using the same income from the previous example, the taxable income is \$49,000. An individual happens to owe \$500 in State taxes for 2016. With a \$200 donation to a Chandler School, he can use the tax credit to reduce his State taxes to \$300.

### I don't owe the state or am entitled to a refund...will I still benefit?

**A:** Yes, an Arizona taxpayer can go from owing the State money to receiving a refund or increasing their refund through their Arizona tax return.

Mandy Johnson owes \$100 for her 2016 Arizona State taxes. She contributes \$200 to Galveston Elementary in support of their character education programs. Instead of owing the State \$100, she receives a \$100 refund through her tax return.

Mr. and Mrs. Madison live in Prescott, but wish to support their grandson's talent for the saxophone by contributing \$400 to the Willis Junior High band. The Madisons would have received a \$700 refund from the State, but their contribution increased their refund to \$1,100.

Please consult your tax advisor to determine the application of the tax credit for your particular situation.

### Who can contribute?

**A:** Any Arizona taxpayer can make a tax credit donation, regardless of whether or not they have children in school or live in the Chandler Unified School District. Contributions from businesses are welcome and are deductible, but cannot be used to claim a tax credit.

### What does my contribution pay for?

**A:** School tax credit donations help pay for qualifying extracurricular activities (as defined in ARS §15-342.24 and ARS § 15-719). Activities such as tutoring, sports, visual and performing arts, special programs, field trips, character education, clubs or outdoor education can be funded with tax credit money.

### Can I choose who or what my contribution benefits?

**A:** Yes. You can designate the allocation of your contribution, provided you do so at the same time you contribute.

### How can I contribute?

**A:** Earning the tax credit is easy...and you can do it today!

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