

OUR MISSION

The RISE Academy is a K- 8 institution with an emphasis on science and technology. The goal of RISE Academy is to build young scientist through a concentrated science and technology - focused curriculum. Students will begin intense science and math instruction in the primary grades, connect with science and society and become candidates for higher level courses in middle and high school.

OUR VISION

Our vision is to establish RISE Academy School of Science & Technology as a school that is the pride of the community with standards in a science enriched environment for students, staff and families. RISE Academy will build scientists for the 21st century. Our young scientists will love science and enjoy solving real world problems.

Dr. Carmella Morton – Executive Director

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I hope the necessity will, at length, be seen of establishing institutions here... where every branch of science, useful at this day, may be taught in its highest degree."

Thomas Jefferson to John Adams, 1814



From going green and keeping the air clean to modern marvels in healthcare, science and technology is the wave of the future. RISE Academy School of Science and Technology understands the importance of preparing young minds for the road ahead. However, we can not do it alone. We rely on partnerships with businesses and the community as a whole to improve education in science, mathematics, and technology. RISE – (Raising Individual Student Excellence) looks forward to the challenge of creating 21st century scientist with your help and support.

Seeking community partners is one way to create the village needed to raise a child. In addition to the various levels of support that becomes possible with partnerships, the many resources that become available to improve academic instruction for teachers and students, are invaluable. It also presents opportunities to share resources, develop joint goals and objectives, and learn from each other.

As you learn more about RISE Academy School of Science & Technology, we ask that you consider your partnership with RISE in any of the following areas:

- Equipment/Capital Needs
- Student Information System (SIS)
- Science & Computer Labs
- Science Camp Scholarships
- Science Fairs/Competitions
- After School Tutorial Programs
- Faculty/Staff Training & Development



OUR PROGRAM

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM WITH A SCIENCE FOCUS

- RISE hands-on program is a research-based program in which students learn by doing. The topics are relevant and applicable to student's daily lives and create a desire to know more about science and their world around them. RISE science program is supported by the National Science Foundation and the National Science Teacher's Association and is aligned with Sunshine
- State Standards and Benchmarks for Science. Students will participate in laboratory experiments, field research and become very familiar with the scientific process.
- A key component of the academic program is technology. Computers as well as other technology will be used at RISE Academy. Various types of equipment will be used such as
- scientific probes, interactive whiteboards, electronic thermometers, pH meters, interactive laser disks, webcams and other technology will be used daily to enhance the educational program. Computer stations will be available in each of the classrooms, along with computer labs with plans for 25 computers in each lab. Each classroom will have internet access for all of its stations and necessary security features and safeguards. A variety of educational software will be used to enhance the delivery of the curriculum and construction of knowledge.
- All curriculum areas will be taught through the use of a rigorous instructional model. Students will be assessed using diagnostic tools and an individual instructional plan is developed for each student.
- Students engage in a comprehensive reading and mathematics program that is aligned with meeting state standards and prepares students for continued studies with a global perspective.
- Teacher professional development is an integral part of RISE Academy. Teachers are provided with on-going opportunities to hone their craft and to become high performing teachers that focus on Raising Individual Student Excellence (RISE).



WHY GIVE?

RISE Academy is one of Broward County's newest Charter Elementary Schools. The unique program offers a comprehensive curriculum with emphasis on science and technology for elementary grades. RISE Academy will celebrate its grand opening in August 2008, serving grades kindergarten through third, for the first year with plan to add additional grades each school year. Elementary students will participate in science lab exercises that focus on life, chemistry and environmental sciences. Students will use advanced curriculum materials that create growth opportunities for future scientists.

In order to keep pace with the rapid advancements in science and technology, RISE is in need of sophisticated equipment, computers, reagents and chemicals. Our plan is to design a state-of-the-art science lab that includes lab stations. Equipment will be needed along with an integrated system of networks and Smart Board Technology. In order to maintain a self-sustaining fund to fulfill the ongoing needs of educational programs, public funding alone will never guarantee academic excellence or well-equipped laboratories for students. RISE Academy is a public charter school – but it is so much more.

RISE will become a community treasure; an institution that belongs to everyone. The benefits to our community, county, our state, our nation, are palpable in terms of the quality of our students RISE will produce and the impact on our nation's standing in the world. In a fiercely competitive era – we feel obligated to prepare our students early, to be competitive in all academic areas, but more importantly in the area of science & technology.



Discovery



Curiosity



Wonder



Excitement



Our Current Needs

Programs	Purpose	Cost for Program
<u>Science Laboratory</u> 1. <i>Lab Furnishings</i> (lab tables, demonstration table, storage cabinets, etc.) 2. <i>Lab Equipment</i> (microscopes, beakers, cylinders, balances, etc.) 3. <i>Lab Coats</i> for young scientists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheduled classes in lab for all grades • Purchase of equipment • Purchase lab coats 	\$48,000
<u>Computer Laboratory</u> 1. 18 Student computers 2. 1 Teacher Computer 3. Computer (Smart) Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up PC lab for students with teacher station • Interactive Whiteboard Technology 	\$45,000
<u>Science Camp/Literacy Camp Sponsorship</u> Scholarship for 20 students	Students attend 8 week summer science camp. Tuition, meals and fees.	\$27,200 (20 @ \$1,360)
1. <i>Young Scientist Program</i> – field trips, camps, seminars, Green Campaigns 2. <i>Annual Science Fair</i> – annual competition 3. <i>Community Science Fair</i> – annual competition 4. <i>Fieldtrips</i> – curriculum related	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase materials and supplies • Pay fees for fieldtrips and transportation • Purchase ribbons and trophies 	\$15,000
<u>Purchase Student Information System (SIS)</u> PowerSchool, School Master, or similar system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Track student progress • Communication tool for parents and teachers • Data collection for local, state and national reporting 	\$20, 000
<u>Weather Station</u> Installed on top of building (thermometer, vane, anemometer, hydrometer, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weather reporting from school site • Study Meteorology – use of equipment & reporting weather 	\$25,000
Music and Arts Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructors • 30 minutes – 2x week (instructor) • Materials & Supplies (recorders, drums, keyboards, art supplies etc.) 	\$65,000
After School Tutorial – Mandatory Remedial support for reading, math & science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part time teachers • Remedial Materials 	\$55,000
Building Renovation – Construction, additions,	Build-out (design classrooms, install restrooms, design computer stations, office spaces, etc.)	\$450,000
Playground	Playground equipment & installation	\$28,000



Donor Recognition

Guiding Principle

Recognition of donors is essential to the success of the RISE Academy School of Science and Technology. Effective and appropriate recognition establishes the foundation for continuing a mutually satisfying relationship between the donor and RISE Academy.

Annual Fund

RISE Partnership Honors will reflect cumulative annual fund giving within the fiscal year. The list of all Annual donors will be created on parchment and mounted on the RISE Academy Partnership Wall located in the lobby of the main entrance to the school. This same list will be included in the RISE Academy Annual Report published and mailed to all donors.

The donor list development is the responsibility of the Executive Director in consultation with the officers of the board and the chairman prior to printing for additions or deletions, giving particular attention to those donors who may wish to remain anonymous. Matching gifts, gifts of securities, designated gifts, restricted gifts, memorials and gifts-in-kind will all be included in determining donor recognition levels.

RISE Academy respects the privacy of its donors. Our donor lists are never sold, rented, traded, released or published other than on this Annual Fund donor wall and in our Annual Report.

ANNUAL FUND RECOGNITION LEVELS

ASSOCIATE	\$100 - \$999	BENEFACTOR	\$20,000 - \$49,999
LEADERSHIP	\$1,000 - \$1,999	CUM LAUDE	\$50,000 - \$99,999
AFFILIATE	\$2,000 - \$9,999	MAGNA CUM LAUDE	\$100,000 +
PHILANTHROPIST	\$10,000 - \$19,999	THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!	



LIFE-LONG CUMULATIVE GIVING RECOGNITION

Leadership in Giving Wall of Honor will ensure that future generations of students, alumni, parents, and faculty, foundations, industry and government partners will recognize and appreciate the generosity of those donors who have contributed a minimum of \$10,000 to support educational excellence at RISE Academy School of Science and Technology. Placed in the lobby of the Main Entrance of the school, the RISE Academy Wall of Honor lists donors, gifts and pledges received. The name of each major donor will be engraved on an individual plate and permanently inducted onto a wall plaque during a formal donor recognition reception. Donor records will be reviewed and recognized as follows:

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| ▪ Banneker Circle | \$10,000 to \$49,999 |
| ▪ Principal's Circle | \$50,000 to \$99,999 |
| ▪ Chairman's Circle | \$100,000 to \$249,999 |
| ▪ Benefactor of Honor | \$250,000 to \$499,999 |
| ▪ Benefactor of Distinction | \$500,000 to \$999,999 |
| ▪ Visionary | More than \$1million |

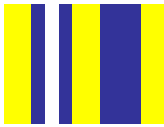
Your contribution will support educational opportunities for our students — and enable RISE Academy to model the highest national standards for primary education. Please make a contribution today... and help assure RISE's academic excellence tomorrow.

RISE Academy is a 501(C)(3) Corporation. All financial contributions to RISE Academy School of Science and Technology are tax-deductible. Tax Identification Number is 20-4731861.

Matching Gifts

Your gift could be matched dollar for dollar! Many companies offer matching gift programs that will double, even triple a donation's value. If you have questions about your company's matching gift program, please contact your personnel office. Once you have determined that your company matches donations made to RISE Academy obtain the appropriate form from your personnel/human resources office and send it to the address provided.

Please be sure to complete the entire donor portion of the form. If you would like to designate the gift to a specific/purpose or fund, please indicate on the form. If you have questions about your company's matching gift program, please contact personnel/human resources office at your workplace.



Ways to Donate

▪ **Donate By Mail**

A gift contribution pledge form has been designed to offer you options for supporting academic excellence—and ways to make your contribution (See enclosed form). Complete the pledge form and mail it to the address provided. If there are questions about the pledge form, or giving options, please contact: Dr. Carmella Morton or Dorothea Jackson at 561-337-4120 or email at cmorton@riseacademyschools.com.

▪ **Donate using Pay Pal at our website: visit www.riseacademyschools.com**

▪ **Donate In-kind Equipment/Products – see below**

Procedure

- Please send a letter from the DONOR stating a desire to donate the property to RISE Academy, and that they are not expecting anything in return. In the letter, the DONOR describes/inventories the property being offered for donation and any recipient designation they require. The DONOR may list a dollar value if they choose to do so.
- RISE Academy will issue a statement in writing to:
 - Recommendation to accept or decline the gift,
 - Explain how the gift will be used and its benefit to RISE Academy, and
 - Confirm that the gift will be maintained and inventoried by the department in accordance with Broward County Public Schools system policy.
- RISE Academy will issue a donor acknowledgement and receipt. RISE Academy will only issue a receipt of a dollar amount if the gift is accompanied by an appraisal or sales invoice (on smaller items). If these documents are not available, the receipt will state that RISE Academy will send an IRS Non-Cash Charitable Contributions Form 8283 for the donor to complete and have signed. Once completed, please return to RISE Academy 3698 NW 15th Street, Lauderhill, Florida 33311.