

Please partner with us to strengthen our community by supporting educational choices in Idaho Falls!



Year	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6
2017	94	93	72	98	85	57
2016	92	84	84	78	69	84
2015	88	97	79	93	83	86
2014	74	82	77	94	93	62
2013	90	93	82	57	88	92
2012	96	84	71	89	98	
2011	93	83	99	83		99
2010	46	69	72	59	87	71
2009	82	72	90	98	75	99
2008	82	85	97	86	99	89

We do what Public Schools can't do.

Provide a safe and secure Christ-centered, family atmosphere for academic learning and living.

What We Offer:

- A holistic approach to education that addresses the mind, body and soul.
- Strong academics – positive learning environment, individual instruction and student ownership.
- Safe and secure environment to learn, practice and live the moral values that founded our country.
- Family atmosphere to strengthen student, teacher and parent relationships.

In recent years, the costs of benefits (medical, retirement, workers compensation) for our staff has increased dramatically and is beyond our ability to keep pace with expected future increases. Increasing tuition to cover our costs would make attendance impossible for most families in our community, even with our tuition assistance program. Historically, tuition has never covered the cost to educate a child. Hope receives about \$3,600 per student from tuition and registration fees. The balance of the annual cost (\$1,900 per student) has been and will continue to

Superior Academics

Above-average test results are not uncommon here at Hope. Students receive a well-balanced education, including computer skills, music, extended field trips, performing arts and physical education.

Multi-Age Approach

Subjects are taught at the same time so students who are ready to move forward earlier can advance to the next class. It works in reverse for kids needing extra time to master a concept.

Christian Values

Hope provides a loving, forgiving and safe setting for children to positively interact with their peers. Bible-based education allows them to build a personal relationship with God.

Small Class Sizes

Low student-to-teacher ratios allow our staff to meet the needs of each child plus build relationships with students and their families.

be supplemented by Hope Lutheran Church. The supplemental amount is even higher for those students on the tuition assistance program.

Most families must sacrifice financially to send their kids to our school. Thus, it is not surprising to experience variations in enrollment, e.g. when the economy has a downturn. During these times, it is desirable to maintain staff by having an endowment fund or emergency account to fall back on until enrollment increases. Recognizing this dilemma and the increasing cost of benefits, we have set out to form partnerships with community businesses to utilize the Idaho State Educational Tax Credit to: (a) help meet our current near-term shortfall and (b) grow our small endowment resource until it's large enough to sustain operations.

Another compiling factor is the size of our congregation has not been increasing fast enough to keep pace with the increasing costs. We have restructured classes and teachers to minimize our cost and have considered reducing teacher benefits and the size of our program. However, after witnessing the positive impacts on the students and their lives after they leave the school, we continue to feel called by God to do everything we can to keep our ministry available to the Idaho Falls community. With your help, we can do just that.

We have been doing this for over 50 years and we would like to partner with you financially to ensure we can serve the community for an additional 50 years.

You can help!

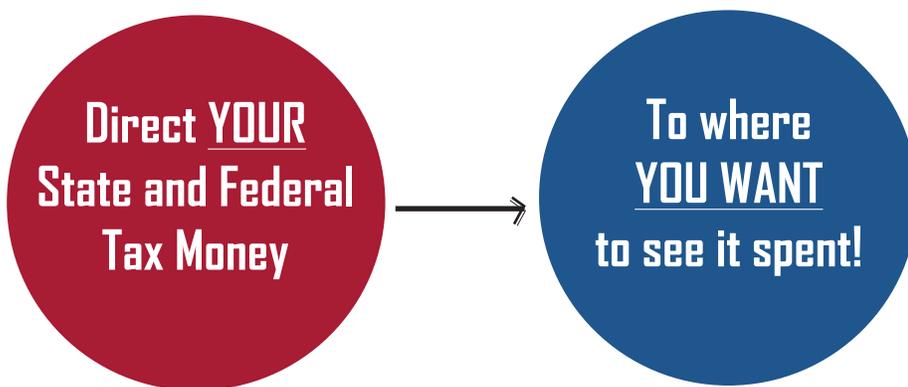


1. By taking advantage of the Idaho Education Tax Credit Program as shown below.

Idaho State Educational Tax Credit Sample Contributions

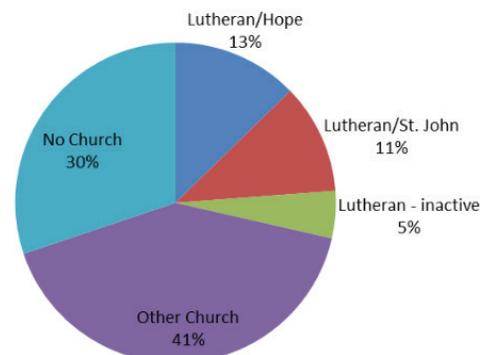
Case A Filing Status*	Single	Joint Return	Corporation	Corporation
Your initial contribution	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
Idaho's State TAX CREDIT	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,500	\$5,000
Itemized Deduction CREDIT	\$224	\$448	\$1,120	\$2,240
Your Out-of-Pocket Cost	\$276	\$552	\$1,380	\$2,760
YOUR RETURN ON INVESTMENT	362%	362%	362%	362%

Case B Filing Status*	Single	Joint Return	Corporation	Corporation
Your initial contribution	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
Idaho's State TAX CREDIT	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,500	\$5,000
Itemized Deduction CREDIT	\$424	\$848	\$2,120	\$4,240
Your Out-of-Pocket Cost	\$76	\$132	\$380	\$760
YOUR RETURN ON INVESTMENT	1,316%	1,316%	1,316%	1,316%



Who we serve:

Church Affiliation

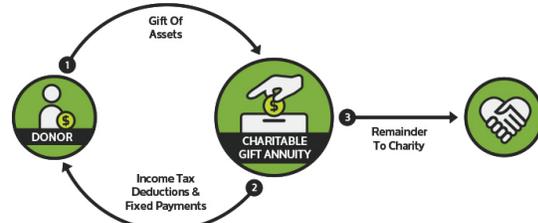


*Based on federal income tax of 15% (Case A) and 35% (Case B) and an Idaho State Tax of 7.4%. The Idaho Tax Credit program allows a credit not to exceed \$5,000 or 10% of a corporations income tax liability. Please consult your tax advisor to learn what **your specific benefits** from this tax credit would be.

2. By taking advantage of Charitable Gift Annuities

Charitable Annuity

If you are 80 and have a \$5,000 CD earning 1%. When the CD matures you can fund a gift annuity with the foundation of your choice and name Hope Lutheran School as the beneficiary.



Here is what your gift annuity will do:

- You will receive a significantly higher rate of interest on your principal i.e., for age 80 6 to 7% versus the current rate of only 1 or 2% for another CD.
- You will receive \$340 a year for the rest of your life.
- Most importantly, \$268 of the \$340 will not be subject to federal taxes - you enjoy the benefit of charitable deductions while you are living.
- When you die, the remaining balance of the annuity will be given to the beneficiary you have chosen.

Charitable Gift Annuity Example- Based on \$25,000 Gift

Age	Rate	Charitable Income Tax Deduction	Annual Payments	Tax Free Payout
75	5.80%	\$10,465	\$1,450	\$1,172
80	6.80%	\$11,828	\$1,700	\$1,401
85	7.80%	\$13,653	\$1,950	\$1,669
90+	9.00%	\$15,408	\$2,250	\$1,958

3. IRA Rollovers

If you are 70½ or older and own an IRA, you must make required minimal distributions (RMD) from your IRA account and here is something you should know. Congress passed a law that lets you do something special with your IRA RMD's to reduce taxes, but you must act before the year ends to take advantage of it.

It's called the IRA rollover and it allows you to **avoid taxes** on the amount being withdrawn when you transfer funds from IRA directly to a charity. You can transfer up to \$100,000 this year to a qualified nonprofit and your **gift will count against your required distribution**, reducing your income and taxes. An IRA rollover gift is an easy way to reduce your taxes.



Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, until I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come.

Psalm 71:18

If you need additional information or have any questions about the school and our education program, please contact the church/school office at 208-529-8080 and we will be happy to assist you in any way we can. Thanks for your interest and time!