

# ADOPT-A-CLASSROOM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## What is Adopt-a-Classroom?

The Adopt-a-Classroom program allows generous partners the opportunity to sponsor an elementary classroom in the Metropolitan School District of Washington Township (MSDWT) for the entire 2021-2022 school year. This opportunity contributes financial resources to a classroom teacher to help them support their students' needs, as well as a grade level appropriate book for each student in the classroom at the holidays to take home and keep.

## What support does a teacher receive when I adopt their classroom?

The classroom teacher will receive three (3) different disbursements of \$260 over the course of the year to purchase additional supplies, support educational expenses, class parties, or any other resource that they need to further student learning. Additionally, prior to break for the winter holidays, every student in the class will receive a level appropriate book to take home and keep.

## What does it cost to Adopt-a-Classroom?

The cost to Adopt-a-Classroom is \$1,000. Funds are collected in the fall and distributed to teachers over the course of the entire school year.

## How do I stay connected to the classroom I adopt?

Once teachers and sponsors are matched, an introduction will be made to learn a little more about the class being supported. Sponsors can expect to receive reports over the year with updates on how the funding has impacted the classroom experience for students. Additionally, prior to the winter break, the classroom sponsors will have the opportunity to come into the adopted classroom to read and distribute the books if their schedule allows.

## How are classrooms selected for adoption?

Elementary Teachers in MSDWT who wish to have their classrooms adopted will fill out an application in August 2021. Classrooms will be matched with Sponsors by the end of August 2021. It is our hope that the number of teachers wishing to have their classrooms adopted and those wishing to adopt classrooms align, but if not, priority will be given to classrooms that have higher numbers of students navigating vulnerable situations.

## Who is facilitating distribution of resources to the classrooms?

The Advancement Center is the not for profit Education Foundation serving Washington Township Schools. Sponsor organizations have partnered with The Advancement Center to oversee distribution of funds, purchasing of books and coordination of classroom reports.

## If I have a question about Adopt-A-Classroom, who do I contact?

There are several community partners within Washington Township working with their constituents to adopt classrooms. Questions should be directed to each individual overseeing the process for that individual organization:

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If you do not see your organization listed above and would like more information about Adopting a Classroom, you can reach out to Emily Kaiser with The Advancement Center at [Ekaiser@msdwt.k12.in.us](mailto:Ekaiser@msdwt.k12.in.us)