

April 2, 2018

800 E. Schuster Ave.
El Paso, TX 79902

Dear "Connect Worlds, Mundos Unidos" Family,



EL PASO HIGH SCHOOL
DUAL LANGUAGE
MAGNET PROGRAM

The El Paso High School Dual Language Magnet Program was established at El Paso High School in the Fall of 2003. It was the first of its kind in the city touting a combined dual language/gifted and talented curriculum. In the spring of 2007, the program graduated its first cohort of 11 students. Since then, the program has graduated almost 300 students and have "Connecting Worlds" alumni at most major private and public universities in the nation. Among our alumni we have doctors, lawyers, Google employees, artists and film directors.

Currently the El Paso High Dual Language Magnet Program has 278 participants and offers over 20 dual language courses. Our program is recognized nationwide for its innovative curriculum that at its core emphasizes the importance of multilingualism, but also values multiculturalism as well. One such newly added course that explores an aspect of our regional culture is our world dance folklorico class. Through this academic course, we have been able to establish El Paso High School's first ever folklorico dance troupe.

In just a few short months, *Ballet Folklorico Tecuani of El Paso High School* has been invited to perform for several community events. As part of their academic study of folklorico, students learn and perform different regional dances (7-15) from all over the Americas. This entails the purchase and maintenance of several elaborate costumes. The popular "Jalisco" regional dance for example has a full multi-layered skirt and elaborate ruffled top, a headpiece a dance shawl and boots. The cost for just one complete costume is approximately \$375. *Tecuani* currently has 16 female dancers and 1 male dancer. *Tecuani* has been making due by borrowing costumes or has performed in their practice skirts.

On behalf *Ballet Folklorico Tecuani of El Paso High School* I am appealing for financial assistance so that our dancers can perform in authentic regional costuming and be true to the historical significance of the folklorico art form. Donations are accepted daily by the El Paso High School's Business Agent, Ms. Virginia Marquez. Donations can be made directly to *Tecuani's* club account #2709 with the Donation form included in this letter/email. Arrangements can also be to pick up a donation if need be. Any amount would be greatly appreciated.

I encourage you to visit the El Paso High School Dual Language Magnet website to see a video on *Tecuani*: <https://www.ephdsduallanguage.com/> Thank you for your support and please feel free to contact me should you have any questions. Checks should be made out to ***El Paso High School***.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phillips".

Cecilia Phillips, Coordinator
El Paso High School Magnet Programs
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El Paso Independent School District

Donation Approval Request

Date of request: _____

School/Department: El Paso High School

On behalf of the EPISD, I am asking that you approve the acceptance of the following items:

Item Description	Quantity	Value

Purpose of donation: *Purchase and maintainance of folklorico costuming and related accessories such as head pieces, performance boots, shoes and suit trajes*

Donor or Donor Organization: _____

Non-monetary donation

Check one: This donation will be recorded in the school's general fund

Check one: This donation is for the benefit of the following club or team and will be recorded in their account if the donation is monetary in nature

Ballet Folklorico Tecuani of El Paso High School #2709
Club Name Account Number

Sponsors Signature

Date

Donation has been received and is pending approval

If yes, list Office Receipt # _____

No

REQUESTER'S SIGNATURE:

Principal/Department Head

Date

ACCEPTANCE APPROVAL:

Level Associate Superintendent

Date

IF ADDITIONAL APPROVALS ARE REQUIRED, PLEASE FORWARD TO:

TIS Approval:

(If required - All computer related items)

TIS/TRC

Date

Operations Approval:

(If required - Building and grounds modifications/improvements)

Associate Superintendent of Operations

Date

AFTER ALL APPROVALS

Copy to Campus Accounting
Original to Campus

Property donated (and accepted) to the district becomes sole property of the district and cannot be returned to the donor. Donations made to the district or a campus general fund are tax-deductible. Donors should check with their tax-advisor for the donation's tax status when donating to a club or team.