

GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND (or global/domestic adventures fund)
Brookline High School
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Mission:

To provide equity of access so that any student can participate in at least one global experience in the course of their high school experience, regardless of family income.

Our mission at BHS is to prepare every one of our students to participate in and "succeed in a diverse and evolving global society" (PSB Mission Statement). We do that in the classroom, by making the subjects and skills we teach real to our students. We do that in the building by fostering groups, clubs, sports, and a culture that encourages openness and curiosity about the world -- a world remarkably well represented by the students and families in our community. Nothing, however, makes participation in a global and globalizing world more real to our students than travel abroad. Students who know our 'diverse and evolving global society' first hand are simply more likely to 'succeed' in it. Our job, then, is to encourage as many students as we can to take advantage of the many and growing opportunities we provide for international travel. Commitment to global learning through systemic, ongoing and predictable financial support is essential to making this happen equitably for all students, not simply some or most of them.

Outcomes:

- More students, particularly lower income, apply for and participate in BHS global experiences and domestic travel
- Student participants grow as individuals and leaders
- Process to apply for funds is made clear and not burdensome
- Consistency across all global offerings through a shared approach to scholarship access
- Relieves teacher-chaperones from the time and responsibility associated with fund-raising large sums of money
- Creates a dependable source of money and increase it over time.
- Encourages yearly donations through an annual event where students will share highlights of their experiences