



# MILTON ACADEMY

## 2020–2021 Town-Academy Report



Milton Academy and the Town of Milton have enjoyed a mutually beneficial and supportive relationship since the school's founding in 1798. Beyond welcoming neighbors and town organizations to its campus, the school annually makes substantial and voluntary cash donations to the town's general fund and to the fire and police departments, the teen center, and library. Each year, the school also makes cash and/or item donations to other organizations in the town that are aligned with the school's mission.

This report, updated every two years, provides a detailed look at the school's financial support and collaboration with the town and its residents.



## Direct Donations to the Town of Milton

In 2020–2021, Milton Academy provided a \$192,000 donation to the town, which included \$162,500 for the Town’s general fund, \$20,000 for the police and fire departments, \$7,500 for the teen center, and \$2,000 for the library.

In 2019–2020, the school donated \$165,500 to the town, which included \$140,000 for the general fund, \$20,000 for police and fire departments, \$5,000 for the teen center, and \$500 for the library.

As the school budgeted an operating deficit due to the COVID-19 pandemic during 2020–2021, Milton Academy’s fiscal year 2021 contribution represents an especially significant commitment and prioritization of resources to the town.



At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Milton Academy donated critical personal protective equipment to first responders with Milton Police and BID Milton hospital.

## Snapshot of Milton Academy 2020–2021 and 2019–2020 Direct Donations

Town Cash Donations	Fiscal 2021 (2020–21)	Fiscal 2020 (2019–20)
General Fund	\$162,500	\$140,000
Fire Department	\$10,000	\$10,000
Police Department	\$10,000	\$10,000
Teen Center	\$7,500	\$5,000
Library	\$2,000	\$500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$192,000</b>	<b>\$165,500</b>



## Sharing Our Campus

The school is proud to share its campus with town residents. The school’s campus, made up of academic, administrative, and athletic facilities, is located on Centre Street at the intersection of Randolph Avenue. The school’s facilities and grounds are made available for personal use and to organizations within and outside the town, including youth sports. In addition to meeting and event hosting, access to the school’s athletic and outdoor facilities has long been part of the school’s relationship with the town of Milton, reducing the need for the town to build or maintain additional recreation and park areas. Outdoor access to the school’s track and fields is provided for free.

Use of other facilities including the ice rink, squash courts, and outdoor pool is provided on a fee basis, typically discounted, to community organizations. Town youth sports—including lacrosse, softball, and ice hockey—have usage agreements with the school that together comprise hundreds of hours. The school also operates the Nesto Gallery, which hosts six professional art shows annually (visual arts exhibitions and events), and typically plans four main-stage productions, a dance concert, and three studio plays each year. All such events are free and open to the public.







## Educating Milton's Children

The school is pleased to educate many children who live in the town. In 2020–2021, 230 members of the school's student body hailed from the town of Milton and did not live on the school's campus. This number of students is more than six times greater than the number of children who live on the school's campus and attend Milton Public Schools (MPS) and helps reduce enrollment pressures in the town school system. At a MPS budget expenditure of \$14,500 per student, the school's education of town-resident children provides an annual value to the town of approximately \$2,800,000 after accounting for children who live on the school's campus and attend MPS.

## Local Economic Impact

Milton Academy is proud to contract with many small businesses in the town of Milton. In fiscal year 2021, the school's purchases of goods and services from these enterprises totaled approximately \$4,000,000 including landscaping, construction, photography, and catering.

The school is one of the town's largest employers, with roughly 350 full-time employees; an additional 140 employees are part-time, per-diem, or seasonal. In 2020-2021, the school paid \$16,600,000 in salaries and benefits to approximately 170 employees who live in the Town of Milton.





## Supporting Community Organizations

To ensure its community donations can be of a meaningful size and high impact, the school is focused on helping to support organizations aligned with the school's mission. In fiscal year 2021, the school was proud to donate \$26,300 to a variety of organizations in the town. This amount included \$2,000 provided to the Milton Farmers Market. As the impact of COVID-19 threatened market operations, the school's support during a critical time helped ensure that the market could stay open throughout the 2021 summer season.



The school also made cash donations of \$1,000 or more to the Milton Foundation for Education, Milton Library Foundation, We are Milton, and Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital-Milton. In addition, the school made donations to Mike's 5K to Crush Substance Abuse and the Forbes House Museum.

## Making a Difference in Milton's Community

The onset of COVID-19 in the spring of 2020 caused the school to reimagine how to deliver its community engagement program. Although in-person service activities were not available for much of 2020–2021, school community engagement organizers found a variety of ways to provide volunteer opportunities to give back to the town community. These included holiday gift and food drives in support of needy area families; making hundreds of Valentine and holiday cards to send to seniors in the Milton Residences for the Elderly; and participating in the 2021 Green Up Milton project by cleaning up trash and winter debris in nearby neighborhoods. Student volunteers also helped staff a June 2021 Special Olympics Massachusetts event held on campus.

In non-pandemic years, more than 200 Milton Academy students have held regular weekly volunteer commitments to partner organizations in the town of Milton, including the Milton Residences for the Elderly (Winter Valley and Unquity House), MPS elementary schools, Milton's food pantry, and the Milton-Quincy Mustangs Special Olympics team practices.

## Maintaining and Improving Milton's Infrastructure

Over the past 25 years, the school has funded a wide variety of infrastructure projects adjacent to or near its Centre Street campus, including roadway, sidewalk, and water main upgrades. A planned pedestrian and roadway improvement project at the intersection of Voses Lane and Centre Street—originally slated to occur in the summer of 2020, but delayed due to COVID-19 pandemic conditions—was completed in the summer of 2021. The project, advocated by area residents



and designed in consultation with the Town's Engineering Department, was fully funded by the school—at a cost of approximately \$185,000—and has improved pedestrian connectivity and safety in the area.

For 20 years, the school has underwritten the energy costs of the town's street lights and crosswalk flood lights that run along Centre Street from main campus to east campus. In 2020–2021, the school paid \$8,880 directly to Eversource to support the operation of Centre Street's lights.

## Services Received from the Town of Milton

Milton Academy benefits from services provided by the Town—such as road maintenance and plowing, traffic lights, police, fire, and access to ambulance services—and is committed to supporting the town, including in the ways described in this report. As noted above, the school has financially contributed, upon request by the town, to major infrastructure projects that are adjacent to or otherwise align with the school's mission and operations (see appendix for a list of previous projects).

The Glover School parking lot and Mary C. Lane Playground lot are used for overflow parking during large school events, and the Academy's Middle School typically uses the field for a few baseball games each year, by advance arrangement.

Milton Academy directly pays for certain services received from the Town of Milton; these include water/sewer fees, storm water fees, building department and permit fees, and service fees to the police and fire departments (e.g., in support of special events). To avoid impacting town resources, the Academy uses well water for cooling towers and irrigation and contracts privately for trash, recycling, and composting.

## About Milton Academy

Milton Academy was chartered in 1798 by the Massachusetts legislature and is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit educational institution. Focused on academic excellence and a commitment to developing strong, independent thinkers, the school strives to create an experientially and economically diverse student body. In 2020–2021, more than 1,000 students were enrolled from 29 states and 30 countries. Students range in age from Kindergarten through Grade 12, with boarding also offered for students in grades 9–12.



During the summer, the school serves as the home to the Steppingstone Foundation, a program that prepares motivated Boston Public School students for education opportunities that lead to college. In addition, the school provides a base of operations for independently run sports camps and clinics; in non-pandemic years, these have included lacrosse, basketball, and athletic conditioning programs.

The school sits on approximately 130 acres. Most of this property originated as farmland; as such, Town records indicate that the campus has remained essentially the same size for many years.



## Questions

Any inquiries related to this report should be directed to the Milton Academy Communication Office at 617-898-2395.

Please note that the majority of data in this report is based on the 2021 fiscal year.

## Appendix

### Milton Academy Financial Contributions to Recent Town Infrastructure Projects

When the town has requested it, the school has financially contributed to major infrastructure projects that are adjacent to its campus.

Year	Description	Amount
1997	Paving and Curbing on Centre Street	\$ 47,500
1998	MWRA Infiltration / Inflow Project	\$ 41,000
1999	Town Conference Room	\$ 10,000
2001	Computers for Milton High School	\$ 22,150
2004	Engineering & Design for Water Main Replacement Project (Centre St)	\$ 87,260
2004	Water Main Replacement Project	\$308,753
2005	Water Main Replacement Project	\$210,000
2005	Sidewalk Upgrade	\$ 7,000
2009	Backup Generator & IT System Upgrade	\$ 25,000
2010	Guardrail Replacement	\$ 12,848
2011	Granite Curbing on Randolph Ave	\$ 30,000
2018	Traffic Study at Glover Elementary School	\$ 12,180
2021	Voses and Centre Streets - Pedestrian Safety Improvements	\$185,000
	Total	\$998,690

### Milton Academy Voluntary Contributions to Town of Milton

Cash Contributions	Total
Town of Milton General Fund	\$162,500
Milton Fire Department	\$ 10,000
Milton Police Department	\$ 10,000
Milton Teen Center	\$ 7,500
Milton Library	\$ 2,000
Centre Street Streetlights	\$ 8,878
Donations to Town-related Organizations	\$ 26,300
Total	\$227,178

Note: The School pays Eversource directly for the streetlights.

Local Economy - Employment of Milton Residents	Total
Salaries	\$ 13,300,000
Benefits	\$ 3,300,000
Total	\$ 16,600,000

The School has approximately 170 employees who reside in the town of Milton.

Services Received - Items Billed and Paid	Total
Water & Sewer	\$141,000
Stormwater Fees	\$ 26,000
Property Tax	\$ 23,000
Police & Fire Details	\$ 15,000
Building Department & Permits*	\$ 55,000
Total	\$260,000

\*Major projects only

### Infrastructure Support

#### Athletic and Recreational - Free Use

- Athletic Fields for Town Youth Sports (e.g., lacrosse, softball)
- Outdoor Tennis Courts
- Outdoor Track
- Playgrounds & Fields - Family Recreation

#### Athletic and Recreational - Discounted Use

- Non-Rink Facilities for Town Youth Sports
- Rink Facilities for Milton Youth Hockey

#### Other

- 24/7 Campus Safety Officers (e.g., event/incident back-up & training)
- Well Water (not town water) for Cooling Towers & Irrigation
- Contracted Trash, Recycling, and Composting Service
- Sidewalk Plowing (contiguous to Milton Academy campus)
- PPE donations to Milton Police and BID Milton hospital for first responders

### Events and Other Benefits

#### Events - Free and Discounted Use

- Concerts and Lectures (e.g., Robert Sheffield, *Dreaming the Beatles*)
- Receptions and Dinners (e.g., Milton Library Foundation dinner)
- Community Engagement Program (e.g., cleanup days, volunteers, senior projects)
- Nesto Art Gallery
- Student Performances
- AA Meetings (weekly)
- College Fairs (annual)
- Open Hours at Ayer Observatory

#### Other Services / Benefits

- The Saturday Course (educational enrichment program)
- Bright Horizons Child Care Center

