



The Hill School of Wilmington

2024-2025 ANNUAL REPORT

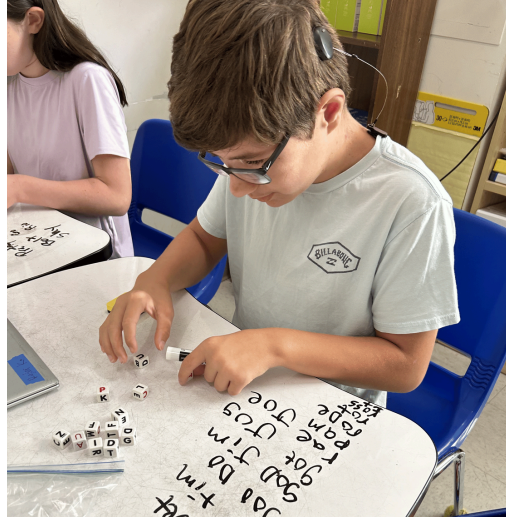


OUR VALUES SUPPORT OUR LEARNERS



Individualized Learning

We recognize and celebrate the unique learning styles of each student, tailoring our approach to meet their specific needs and foster their growth.



Confidence Building

We are dedicated to nurturing self-esteem and resilience in our students, helping them to become confident, independent learners who believe in their abilities.



Proven Success

We are committed to implementing evidence-based practices and programs with a track record of success, ensuring our students receive the highest quality education and support.

Student Superpowers ...

BIG PICTURE
THINKERS

IMAGINATIVE &
VISIONARY

STRONG VERBAL SKILLS &
LONG-TERM MEMORY

STRONG VISUAL &
SPATIAL SKILLS

RESILIENT

EMPATHETIC &
INTUITIVE

*"It's the first place my boys have felt **at home** and **confident** in themselves - and that means everything to a mom!"*



EXPLORING THE HILL DIFFERENCE

The Hill School of Wilmington (grades 1–8) is an independent, nonprofit, non-sectarian school offering a half-day program of targeted instruction in reading, written language, math, and executive function for students with language-based learning differences. Students attend Hill School while remaining connected to their base schools.

4:1 Student-to-Teacher Ratio

15 Years serving students & families throughout the Cape Fear region

17 Partner schools in southeastern North Carolina in 2024-25

800+ Students served since 2010

HILL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT BY THE #'S



ACADEMIC
64
STUDENTS



SUMMER
40
STUDENTS



TUTORING
40
STUDENTS

HOW HILL STUDENTS COMPARE ON STANDARDIZED TESTS

Students who score AT or ABOVE a year's progress in the below subtests



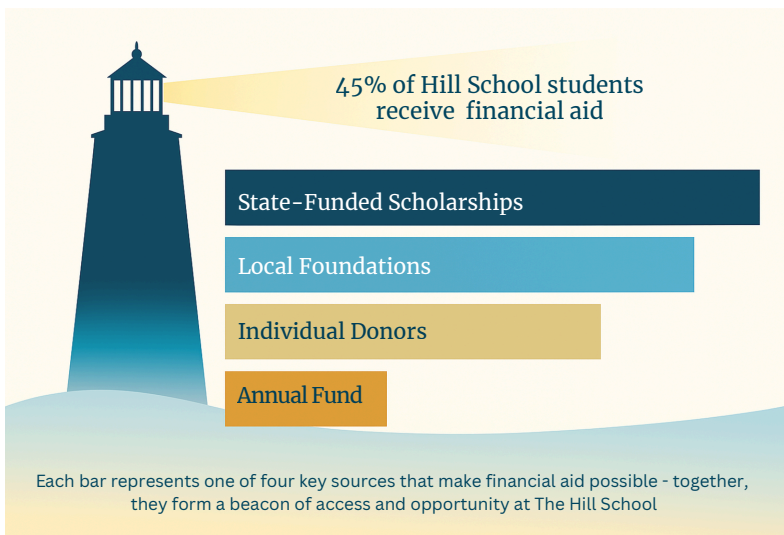
86%
READING

80%
MATH

81%
WRITING



I learn differently but I can do just as much. I know I am a hands-on learner, and I am thankful for the teachers who have understood that as they work with me. Having dyslexia has made me a good athlete which has made me work hard at sports and at school.



13 Number of teaching staff at two campuses

100 % of teachers with Orton-Gillingham and/or 95RAP certification

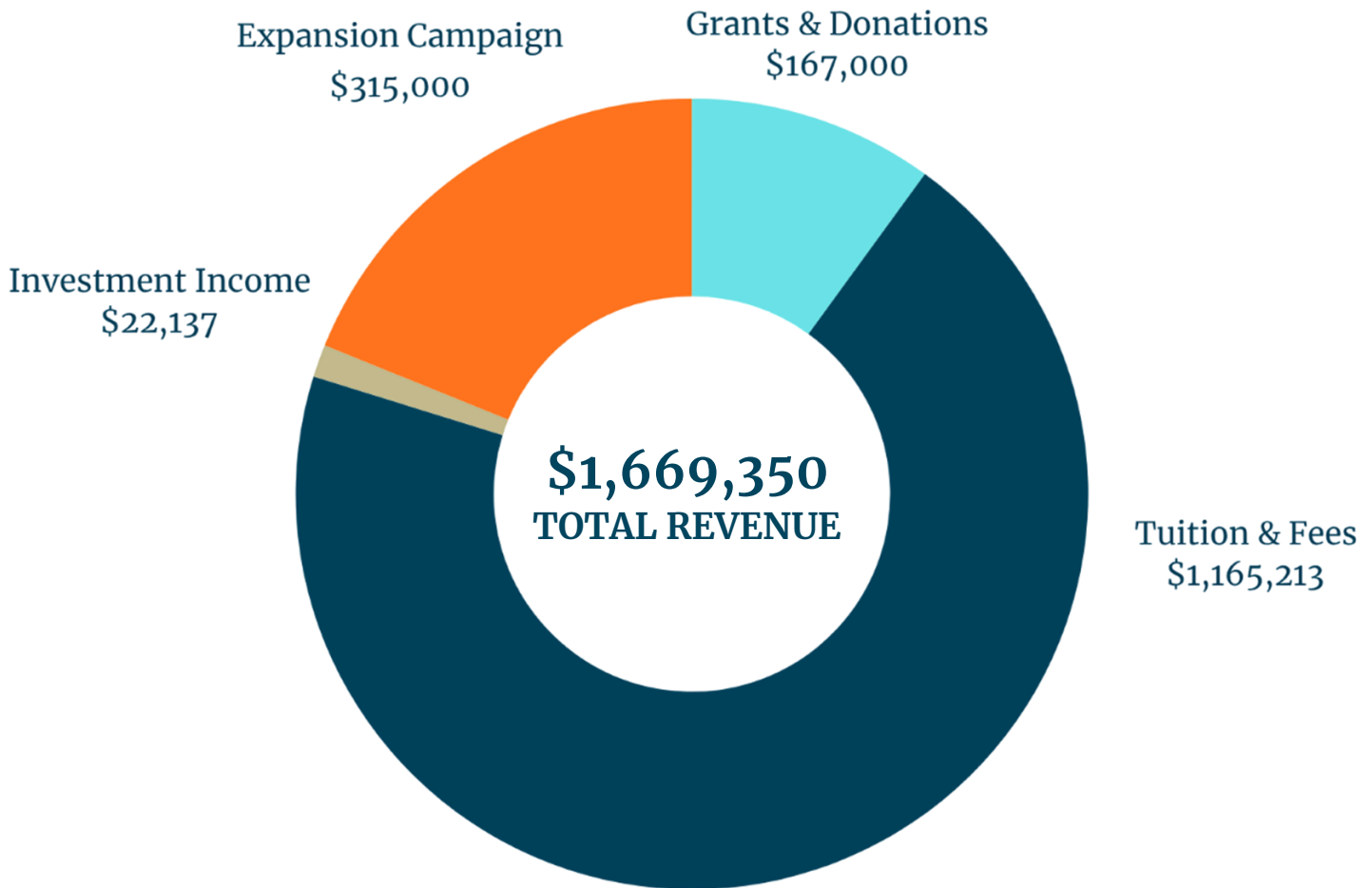
1:2 Teachers who hold advanced degrees

300+ Collective years of teaching experience

INVESTING IN POSSIBILITY

OUR 2024-2025 REVENUES

Every dollar entrusted to the Hill School is more than a line item - it is an investment in a child's ability to thrive. Each of our students arrives with a distinct learning profile; and with the right instruction, leaves with the skills, confidence, and self-understanding needed to thrive. This is the power of specialized, individualized education - designed to change trajectories, not just test scores.



Why It Matters ...



TUITION & FEES

Sustains safe, engaging classrooms for focused learning

Each student benefits from a 1:4 teacher-student ratio — a resource-intensive model that delivers transformative outcomes.

Tuition sustains highly trained Orton-Gillingham educators and the individualized instruction that sets Hill apart from traditional schools.



EXPANSION CAMPAIGN

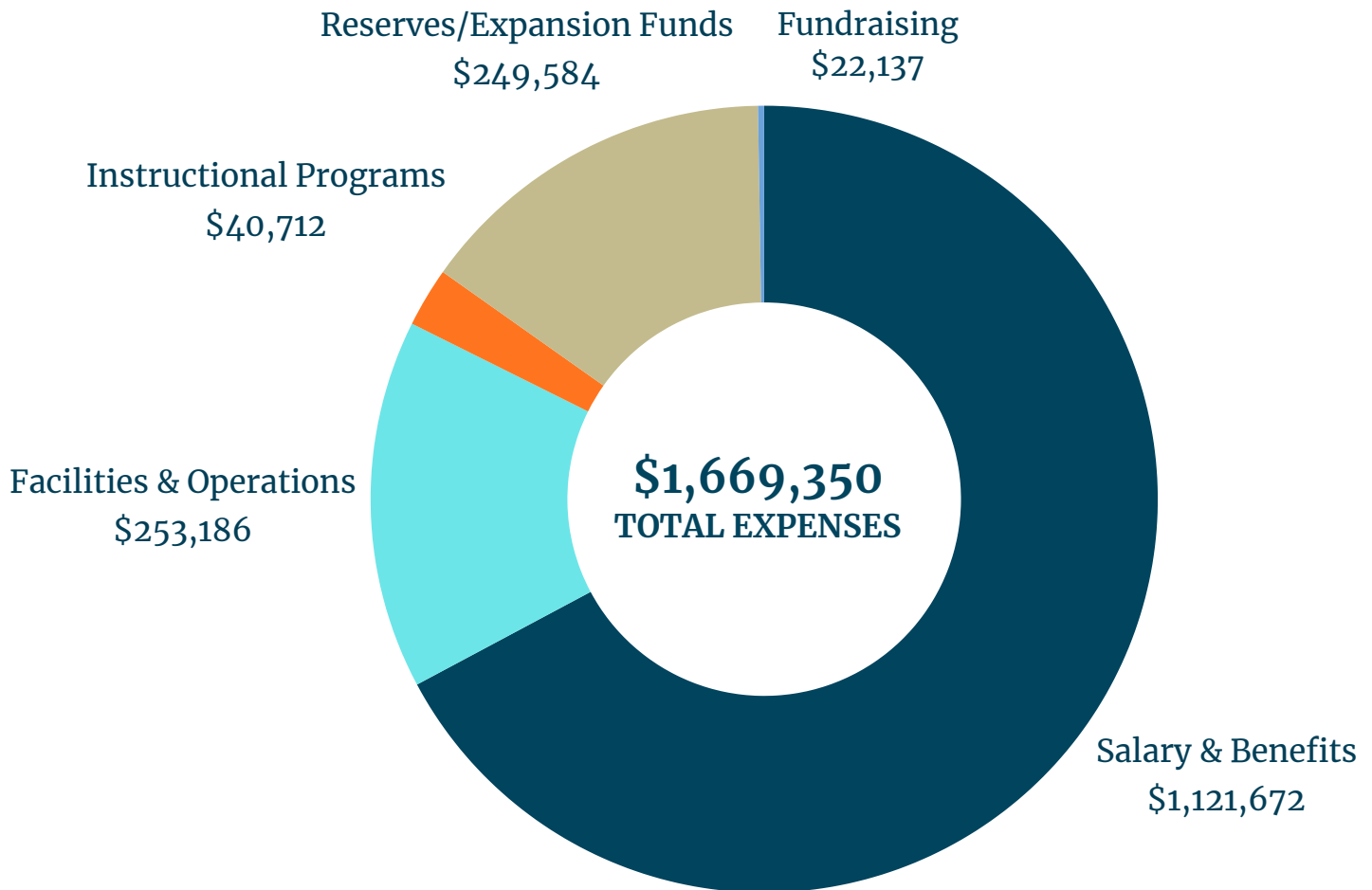
Investing in our future through facility growth, new programs, and outreach

Expanding access to our transformative education and reaching more under-served students.

Laying the foundation to double capacity in a permanent home within 3-5 years.

PURPOSEFUL STEWARDSHIP

OUR 2024-2025 EXPENSES



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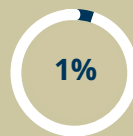


GRANTS & DONATIONS

Fuels innovation, financial aid, and quality professional development

Bridges the gap between what families can pay and what it truly costs to deliver a Hill education - turning generosity into access and opportunity.

Quality and access grow hand-in-hand, ensuring that every child who needs the Hill School can thrive.



INVESTMENT INCOME

Financial prudence and foresight that safeguard the school's future

Stewarding resources wisely so that every gift continues to work for our students, year after year.

Smart, mission-aligned investing - building a stable foundation for Hill's future.

SHARING THE STORIES OF OUR IMPACT

I am grateful for the opportunity the Hill School has given me for the past four years. I have learned so much and I feel prepared for High School.



I just wanted to say, THANK YOU! If I could, I would hug you right now! Anna has been bubbling with excitement to be attending Hill.

She feels seen, understood, happy, special. She told me last night, she cannot explain but the way she is being taught, is so different she absolutely loves it! Her dad and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts for doing this work. What an incredible difference in our little girl.



At an interview for a private school, Ryan took ownership of his learning differences and understood he needs to keep working hard to learn new content. He also let them know he is a hands-on learner who needs to discuss new topic areas so they make sense. The school was impressed that he knew himself as a learner... This is coming from a boy, who 12 months ago, did not want to go to school because of anxiety.



When your kid can't wait until summer school and he will enthusiastically go to 5 weeks of it, you know there must be something special about the place.

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