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Our vision is to transform the educational experience of Seattle's 2e children.

Twice-exceptional (2e) children display extraordinary gifts or potential in some areas while also grappling with learning challenges in other areas. These children may be on the autism spectrum, have ADHD, OCD, sensory issues, anxiety, or other issues that make learning in a traditional school environment difficult if not impossible.

At Bridges Education Group - which comprises the Los Angeles school, the 2e Center for Research and Professional Development, 2e Media, and Bridges Graduate School for Cognitive Diversity in Education - our mission is to provide a rigorous, innovative curriculum that emphasizes the strengths, gifts, and talents of 2e students while proactively offering tools to address learning differences.

Bridges Academy Seattle will provide a place where 2e students are understood, where talents are recognized and developed, and where learning differences are supported. Our students will thrive, find a sense of belonging, and feel their self-confidence take root and grow.

Why Now? Conventional education practices simply do not adequately serve every child. Yet, even today, there is a dearth of programs in Seattle that offer 2e students the opportunity to learn effectively and thrive academically. This project is urgent because the need is truly great.

“*At Bridges, our teachers do not focus on our weaknesses, but rather they take our strengths and show us how to explore new worlds. Herein lies the Bridges Difference.*”
- Shane Cynamon Class of '19

Our Impact. Students come to Bridges defined by their challenges, and graduate defined by their strengths and accomplishments.

- **Bridges Seattle 2e students** will benefit from Bridges Academy's carefully developed program that honors the often-competing needs and strengths of 2e students.
- **Bridges Seattle parents** will benefit from an array of parent programs that will further their understanding of their 2e child's learning profile.
- **Seattle area educators** will gain access to training in proven strength-based, talent-focused educational philosophy and practice, enabling them to take elements of our work into their classrooms.

Why Us? Bridges Academy has more than 25 years of experience successfully serving hundreds of students and families in the Los Angeles 2e community, and increasingly serves as a go-to resource for educational professionals from around the country.

96% of Bridges Academy Los Angeles students graduate within 4 years.

90% of our graduates complete their undergraduate studies within six years of matriculation.

95% of our graduates have gone on to earn graduate degrees.

5:1 Student-to-teacher ratio in elementary/middle school; 8:1 in high school.

A COMMUNITY OF LEARNING



Diversity, Equity & Inclusion. Bridges Education Group knows that diverse ideas, perspectives, and backgrounds create a richer learning environment and that a thriving 2e school community includes not only the diversity of the 2e population but also a mix of gender, race, identity, and economic circumstances. We are committed to actively addressing the disparities in educational justice experienced at the intersection of communities of color and neurodiversity.

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, we will open Bridges Seattle with a \$1,000,000 endowment to address the need of racially & economically diverse 2e students who will gain access to world-class differentiated learning.

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School opens in September, 2022!

With a goal of raising \$1.5 million in gifts and pledges by December 2022, The Founders' Fund will help us hire the best teachers, invest in their professional development, and create a campus that is truly "Bridges." We will remodel and equip rooms for robotics, art, theater, science, and music as well as creating quiet space and sound-proofing where needed. We are conducting a nationwide search for our Assistant Head of School and in the Spring of 2022, we will hire and train faculty in preparation for our inaugural classes in Grades 4-12.

CAMPAIGN OBJECTIVES

Furniture & Equipment	\$240,000
Instructional materials & resources	\$260,000
Buildout/Modification	\$225,000
Administration & Faculty Recruiting	\$175,000
Financial Aid	\$525,000*
Professional Development	\$75,000
TOTAL	\$1,500,000

* In addition to the endowment

SUPPORT BRIDGES SEATTLE TODAY!

We enthusiastically invite you to be a part of our journey to ensure that 2e students will be taught by teachers who are trained to use each child's strengths and talents to achieve their potential. We hope you will join us now, during this critical early stage of our campaign. Your gift will help secure the foundation upon which our future will be built.

For more information, visit bridges.edu/seattle or contact eileen.brennan@bridges.edu