

District 181
FOUNDATION



Making a difference for all of our schools.

When you register consider adding a donation to the District 181 Foundation. Your support will enrich our students educational experience in a variety of ways. It will:



Encourage creativity and innovation in the classroom by providing individual teachers with resources to put their ideas for improving student learning into action. Through our Teacher Creativity Grants, individual teachers can apply for up to \$5000 to implement a new idea that, if successful, could become a resource for the entire District or act as a seed, pilot or model for other schools.



Bring experts and special programming to our community to create an enriching and supportive environment for our students. Through the Community Speaker Series, the Foundation has helped to fund presentations from nationally recognized experts, including Jessica Lahey, Michael Bradley, and Michael Thompson. The Foundation also organizes and funds district-wide programs, such as **Young Writers Night** and the **District 181 Student Art Show**, to give students special opportunities to learn and showcase their talents.



Empower students to make their school, community, environment and the world a better place. KIDS Grants, awarded to District 181 students, have funded blanket drives for Syrian orphans, CD recycling efforts, fundraisers for veterans, gifts for pediatric cancer patients and much more. The possibilities are endless.



Support district-wide initiatives to enhance the curriculum for all the schools. Most recently the Foundation provided funding to develop a staff training program for creating STEAM labs in the elementary schools. Digital learning, the wind turbine at CHMS, the WeatherBug station at HMS, the prairie garden at Elm School, and the water harvesting/outdoor learning center at Prospect are just a few examples of initiatives supported with funds from the Foundation through the years. When District 181 is ready to test new ideas the Foundation is there to help.

About Us

The District 181 Foundation is an independent non-profit organization, composed of an all-volunteer board. Its mission is to inspire community involvement and support for education through partnerships, programs and events that enhance District 181's achievement of its vision for our community's schools.

Since 1997, the District 181 Foundation has invested over \$1,000,000 in our schools. This is only possible because of the generosity of community members like you.

If you would like to learn more about the Foundation and how to get involved, please contact us by emailing mcooper@d181foundation.org.

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