

Plano ISD Education Foundation



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Fast Facts

- Established in 1993
- Tax Exempt 501(c)(3)
- Gifted over 17 million dollars to PISD
- Focus primarily on funding academic programs in Plano ISD
- All donations stay in Plano ISD
- Board consists of 33 corporate & community leaders (*including Texas Instruments, Fossil, Toyota, FedEx Office, State Farm, Capital One, PwC, Brinker, Baylor Scott & White, Medical City Plano, Children's Health, Methodist Richardson, Texas Health Resources*)

Mission

To help all students in the Plano Independent School District achieve their full potential by providing financial support to educators and academic programs.

Corporate Funding and Partnership Opportunities

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)

Fundraising Goal: \$95,000

Students Impacted: 10,200

AVID trains educators to use proven practices in order to prepare students for success in high school, college, and a career, especially students traditionally underrepresented in higher education. The program features a rigorous college preparatory path and curriculum. The program also focuses on preparing students for college through test preparation, college visits and career speakers.

CORE Store

Fundraising Goal: \$25,000

Students Impacted: 44,000

Launched September 2016, the CORE Store has donated over \$112,000 to PISD in its first 6-months. The CORE Store allows teachers to shop for additional school supplies for their students at no cost. Across the district 16,164 students (about 30%) qualify for free or reduced cost meals, with some campuses reaching as high as 90%. For these campuses, school supplies and classroom materials represent a day-to-day struggle for many students.

Employee Crisis Fund

Fundraising Goal: \$30,000

Staff Impact: 5,000

One of the many benefits of working in Plano ISD, as noted by PISD employees, is the Employee Crisis Fund. Funded solely by private dollars from the Plano ISD Education Foundation, this resource assists PISD employees experiencing a short-term personal emergency. Examples of employee emergencies include: rent, car repairs, childcare, utility bills, and medical services not covered by insurance. A committee of district employees, facilitated by the PISD Benefits and Risk Management Department, confidentially examines employee requests for assistance and selects Employee Crisis Fund recipients on behalf of the Foundation.

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Grants to Educators

Fundraising Goal: \$125,000

Competitive grants are made available to all Plano ISD Educators, ranging in value from \$250 up to \$1200. Grants are submitted by individual teachers, teams of teachers, a grade level or entire school, multiple schools, or cluster. Grants provide supplemental funds to enhance projects demonstrating instructional excellence.

Health Sciences Academy (HSA)

Fundraising Goal: \$75,000

Students Impacted: 275

The Health Science Academy expands the existing high school curriculum by offering unique health science-focused electives. Workforce dual credit courses, in partnership with Collin College, are applied toward earning healthcare certificates. Upon graduation, students can immediately begin working as a certified technician in several different medical fields.

Health Science Certifications

Fundraising Goal: \$35,000

Students Impacted: 340

Provides students with the fees to cover Health Science certification exams. The certifications offered are primarily pharmacy tech and CNA (certified nursing assistant). These exams can range from \$100-\$300 per student. Currently students pay for their own certifications. Many students find this fee a hardship. As a result, the Foundation is looking for sponsors to cover these fees.

Plano Family Literacy School

Fundraising Goal: \$85,000

Students Impacted: 240

Plano Family Literacy School is a district-wide program serving more than 250 Plano ISD parents, students and preschool children. The School is designed to address best practices of family literacy, including: adult education, parent education, early childhood learning, interactive parent and child learning and home visits. The School is restricted to families of poverty with very limited literacy. The Plano ISD Education Foundation seeks corporate and community sponsors for financial and volunteer support.

Robotics

Fundraising Goal: \$66,500

Student Impact: 750

Students who participate in Robotics are twice as likely to major in science or engineering. Over 90% of students report improved problem solving, time management and conflict resolution skills. In addition, they are 87% more interested in going to college. After a successful launch, the PISD robotics program will double in size in 2017-2018. Funding is needed for 29 Lego League Teams (22 Elementary & 6 Middle School), 12-14 FIRST Tech Challenge Teams (6 Middle Schools, 6-8 High School & Sr. High Programs), 2-4 FIRST Robotics Competition Teams (Senior High.)

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Science Fair (STEAM)

Fundraising Goal: \$47,000

Students Impacted: 400

Due to increased student involvement and increased community support and volunteerism, the fair has expanded and needs additional space and volunteers. This also necessitates the need to bring in 40 more judges for the projects, a number that will increase each year as we continue to push toward total capacity.

Science Mentoring Grant (STEAM)

Fundraising Goal: \$7,000

Students Impacted: 4,600

The science research program is dependent on knowledgeable teachers who understand the process of research. It is a teachable and necessary skill as teachers move between grade levels and campuses. The mentoring program consists of 3 retired Plano ISD teachers who enjoy passing on their love of research to students and teachers. The mentors make a yearlong commitment to the students and teachers on campuses. They have weekly meetings with teachers, help develop the science curriculum, and go into the classroom to directly impact instruction.

STARS (Science Teachers Are Rock Stars) Program

Fundraising Goal: \$38,000

Student Impact: 20,000

Attrition has long been an issue for secondary science teachers in Plano ISD. To combat it, STEAM secondary science has created STARS (Science Teachers are Rock Stars) a new teacher institute that provides mentors and meets monthly to assist new teachers with the challenges in the classroom. This program is two years in length with a success rate of: 88% of participants stayed in PISD in the 2014-15 school year and 82 have signed contracts for the 2015-16 year.

5th Grade Outdoor Science Camp

Fundraising Goal: \$75,000

Students Impacted: 2,250

Collin County Adventure Camp is the site of the long-standing PISD overnight science instructional camp, offering all PISD fifth grade students two and a half days of experiential learning at a nature center. Scholarship money goes directly to students so they are able to attend. Close to half the students attending receive some sort of financial support. The curriculum is based on the TEKS for science required by the State of Texas. We have seen an increase in scores on the STAAR test related to the content taught at the Outdoor Science Camp.

For additional information regarding funding, sponsorship, or volunteer opportunities of these programs, please contact:

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