

Grants List

In the past fiscal year, the Appleton Education Foundation awarded nearly \$165,000 in grants to support the following classroom and community projects, and other program enhancements not covered by the Appleton Area School District budget.



American Association of University Women Wisconsin Foundation

- Offset expenses for AASD girls participating in the Tech Savvy program. (Lang Fund for Empowering Girls through STEM and Leadership Development)

Appleton Area School District

- Support purchase of a SPOT vision screener to help the district's early childhood diagnostic team rule out vision difficulties that could attribute to a young child's learning delays. (Mielke Education Fund, Heffron Fund, AEF Fund)
- Start-up funding for PRIDE Program wellness food lab. PRIDE provides targeted support for AASD students working on social-emotional, behavioral, and physical well-being skills. (Heffron Fund, Gruner Mental Wellness Fund)
- Updated play kitchen set, store and other equipment for the early childhood diagnostic center. (Heffron Fund)
- Literacy programming for parents who are learning English and their children ages 0-4. (Mielke Education Fund)
- Equipment to help students with special education needs learn alongside their regular education peers. (Melzer Fund)
- Presentation and engagement opportunity with Matt Perk from YouTube's Blind to Billionaire, to inspire students who are blind or have low vision and their families. (AEF Fund)
- Books and other materials for ~900 4K students and their families during distance learning to help children maintain and build early literacy skills (AEF Fund)
- Technology and furnishings for Career Launch Studios in AASD high schools. (AEF Fund)
- Unrestricted grants from the Foundation for 15 AASD schools represented at the 2020 golf event, the AEF Knowledge Open. Schools used the funds to upgrade instructional technology, provide additional leveled reading materials, offer staff development and support other programs and activities above and beyond what the site budgets can support.

Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve

- Support for the environmental education center. (Allinger Education Fund)

Columbus Elementary School

- One new book for each student. (Reading is a Gift Fund)
- Support for a new sensory/mindfulness space benefiting K-6 students. (AEF Fund, Mielke Education Fund)

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- Create portable bins with building materials and structured tasks to encourage student interest in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) concepts. (Thatcher Family Fund)

East High School

- Support activities of the school's robotics club. (Robotics Fund)
- Provide lighter equipment students with disabilities can use independently during their physical education classes. (Gruner Mental Wellness Fund)
- Provide equipment for Outdoor Club activities. (Korey Fischer Fund)
- Support enhancements for the Wellness Room. (Leadership Fox Cities Fund)
- Incentives to motivate students in the Emotional Behavioral Disabilities program. (Melzer Fund, AEF Fund)
- Equipment and supplies for the school's new gaming club. Gaming clubs are the nation's fastest growing co-curricular clubs at high school and college levels. (Co-Curricular Fund)
- Support preparations for the school's band trip. (Donor pass-through)
- Support activities of Tesla Engineering Charter School. (Tesla Fund)

Edison Elementary School

- One book each month for all students in Kindergarten through third grade. (Gruner Mental Wellness Fund)
- Supplies to build an ADA-compatible GaGa Ball pit on school grounds to benefit Edison students and the surrounding community. (AEF Fund)

Einstein Middle School

- Electronic equipment (amplifiers, cables and microphones) to support growing student interest in the school's jazz and rock bands. (Mile of Music Fund, Scheuerman Fund)
- Support for the school's new outdoor classroom and community garden. (Stoner Fund, AEF Fund)

Ferber Elementary School

- Support for the school's projects and programs and help for at-risk students. (Ferber Fund, Ferber Compassion Fund)
- Songs, rhymes and finger puppets to promote and increase literacy skills for K-2 students in music class. (Mielke Education Fund)

Foster Elementary School

- Support student literacy through access to Flocabulary and other online resources. (AEF Fund)

Fox River Academy

- Purchase Piper computer kits to teach students about building and programming computers. (Stoner Fund, Thatcher Family Fund)

Franklin Elementary School

- Special projects and programs to enhance education. (Pope Fund)

Highlands Elementary School

- One new book for each student. (Reading is a Gift Fund)
- Pilot program to reinforce the concept that the classroom is a “soft landing” spot for students, no matter their difficult circumstances. (AEF Fund)

Horizons Elementary School

- One new book for each student. (Reading is a Gift Fund)
- Materials and technology for the Library Media Center (Anderson Fund)
- Large communication boards to increase communication options for students with special needs, including an outdoor board which will benefit the school community. (Melzer Fund, Mielke Education Fund, Scheuerman Fund)
- Support for the school’s sensory gym. (AEF Fund)

Jefferson Elementary School

- Support the school’s IMPACT program. (Donor pass-through)

Johnston Elementary School

- Materials for the Library Media Center (Anderson Fund)
- Support for activities that build positive social relationships between Kindergarten students and older adults in an assisted living facility. (Gruner Mental Wellness Fund)
- Wall-mounted sensory boards to support students with special sensory needs. (Melzer Fund)
- General educational enhancements. (Donor pass-through)

Lincoln Elementary School

- One new book for each student. (Reading is a Gift Fund)
- Support for a new school sign. (Donor pass-through)
- Support College Days for Kids. (AEF Fund)

Kaleidoscope Academy

- Instruments to support musical learning across several subject areas. (AEF Fund, Mile of Music Fund)
- Cross-curricular project focused on ecology and gardening with native plants. (AEF Fund)

Madison Middle School

- Supports a pilot approach for student engagement on late-start days. (Stoner Fund)

Magellan Magnet School

- Materials and supplies to create an aeroponic garden. (Stoner Fund, Thatcher Family Fund)

McKinley Elementary School

- Developmentally appropriate materials to increase movement breaks and physical skill development for 4K students who have special needs and who are dual language learners. (Melzer Fund)

North High School

- Support student participation in business-related events and activities. (Erik J. Lang Fund)
- Enhancements for athletic facilities and programs. (North Booster Club Fund)

Paper Discovery Center

- Supplies and materials that students at AASD's Renaissance School for the Arts use to design and install decorative pieces for the Center's outdoor sustainability garden. (Stoner Fund)

Richmond Elementary School

- Starter funds for a new program that provides food and hygiene products for at-risk students. (Mielke Education Fund)
- Support for Breakout EDU, a physical game kit and online platform in which students work together to open a locked box. (AEF Fund)

Dan Spalding Academy

- Educational enhancements for at-risk youth attending the Dan Spalding Academy program. (Spalding Fund)

Valley New School

- Support for the school's operations and activities. (Valley New School Fund)

West High School

- Alternative seating options for the new Autism program. (Melzer Fund)
- Purchase a raku kiln for the art department to provide a new, hands-on learning experience for students. (Stoner Fund, Moe Fund)
- Support for Appleton Technical Academy's Greg Hartjes Scholarship (Scullen Award Fund)
- Workshop with motivational speaker Craig Hillier focused on developing a focused mindset and other leadership attributes in student athletes. (Co-Curricular Fund)
- Supports time for student athletes, teams and coaches with a sports psychology consultant who specializes in trauma sensitivity, performance anxiety, mindfulness and coping with setbacks. (Co-Curricular Fund)
- Grants from the Appleton West High School Endowment Fund, the AWHs Class of 1941 Fund and the Gerald E. Hoffman Memorial Fund provided support for the arts and other educational enhancements at the school.
- Support for the school's Career Launch Studio. (Donor pass-through)
- Support for a student scholarship. (Donor pass-through)

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WisconSibs

- General support for the organization. (Scullen Award Fund)