Grants List

In the 18 months ending December 31, 2021, the Appleton Education Foundation awarded more than $290,000 in grants to support the following classroom and community projects, and other program enhancements not covered by the Appleton Area School District budget.

Appleton Area School District

- Unrestricted grants from the Foundation for 14 AASD schools represented at the 2021 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.
- Add ukuleles to the exploratory music curriculum at the middle level. Benefits students at Madison, Wilson and Einstein middle schools, and Kaleidoscope Academy. (Mile of Music Fund, AEF Fund)
- Keyboards to build student confidence and competence in music. Benefits students at Edison and Ferber elementary schools. (AEF Fund)
- Professional development session to help the district’s speech-language pathologists assess educational impact in speech and language evaluations. (AEF Fund)
- Kits with basic physical education equipment for each elementary-age family. (Big Idea Fund, Donor Pass-Through Gift)
- Virtual performance of Hansel and Gretel through Opera for the Young benefited students from at least five elementary schools. (Mielke Fund, Mile of Music Fund, AEF Fund)
- Materials to teach more than 2,600 students in 17 AASD elementary schools to use Kumihimo hand looms. (Gruner Fund, Moe Fund)
- Materials to create a sensory room for students in the district’s PRIDE program. This program provides an alternative educational setting for secondary special education students. (Gruner Fund, Melzer Fund)
- Science kits available through the Building for Kids enhanced learning for kindergarten and second graders enrolled in the district’s Elementary Virtual School during the 2020-21 school year. (Thatcher Fund, AEF Fund)
- Support the district’s expansion of Community Schools model to Dunlap Elementary. (Big Ideas Fund)
- Provide resources for the district’s Hmong and Southeast Asian students. (Donor Pass-Through)

Appleton Bilingual Charter School

- Materials to support students learning mathematical concepts in school and at home. (Mielke Fund, AEF Fund)

Appleton Community 4K

- Materials to enhance and strengthen conversations about equity. (Mielke Fund)

Badger Elementary School
• Supplies for visual notetaking experience to bring the arts into other curricular areas. (AEF Fund)
• Materials for a family involvement activity during virtual learning. (AEF Fund)
• Hands-on games to reinforce math concepts. (AEF Fund)
• Parent workshop and hands-on math experiences for students. (AEF Fund)

Berry Elementary School
• Tools and toys to help children with motor impairments. (Melzer Fund)

Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve
• Support for the environmental education center. (Allinger Fund)

Building for Kids Children’s Museum
• Support for the organization’s educational mission. (Allinger Fund)

Columbus Elementary School
• One new book for each student. (Reading is a Gift Fund)
• Kits to help Title 1 Preschool students increase their fine motor skills during virtual learning. (Heffron Fund)
• Pilot program using an online system to help students struggling with basic math concepts. (AEF Fund)
• Support the school’s sensory space. (AEF Fund)
• Provide a playground communication board – a board of pictures students can use to help communicate their wants and needs. (Heffron Fund, Melzer Fund)

Community Early Learning Center
• Activity kits for young children and their families to enhance learning within play. (Heffron Fund)

Dunlap Elementary School
• One new book for each student. (Reading is a Gift Fund)
• Materials for students to create bridges and skyscrapers during a structural engineering unit about force and load. (Thatcher Fund)
• Introduce students in kindergarten through third grade to the basics of computer science. (Thatcher Fund)

East High School
• Support activities of the school’s robotics club. (Robotics Fund)
• Upgraded equipment to help students produce high-quality musical recordings for scholarship and grant applications, and auditions. (AEF Fund)
• Provide equipment for Outdoor Club activities. (Korey Fischer Fund)
• Support activities of Tesla Engineering Charter School. (Tesla Fund)
• “Edge of the Map” book study for students in physical education class. (Stoner Fund, AEF Fund)
• Purchase games to enhance student collaboration and problem-solving. (AEF Fund)
• Support the Link Crew program. (Gruner Fund)
• Upgrade equipment to help students livestream East events and activities to the broader community. (Stoner Fund, AEF Fund)
• Alternative seating for students with special needs. (Pitt Fund)
• After school meals for students working to recover credits. (AEF Fund)
• Startup funds for Achievement, Community, Equity (ACE) Committee. (AEF Fund)

**Edison Elementary School**
• Age-appropriate toys for early childhood special education classroom. (AEF Fund)
• Support for discussion board games to engage students during virtual learning. (AEF Fund)
• Support Student of the Week program during virtual learning. (AEF Fund)

**Einstein Middle School**
• Support for the school’s new outdoor classroom and community garden. (Spieth Fund)
• High-interest ensemble music. (AEF Fund)
• Supplies to build a Blessing Box/Little Free Pantry on school grounds to support local families in need. (Stoner Fund)
• Copies of “Seedfolks” playscripts so eighth-grade classes can dig deeper into the story. (AEF Fund)

**Ferber Elementary School**
• Materials for a new sensory room to support students who need either stimulation or calming. (Gruner Fund, Melzer Fund)
• Supplies for bucket drumming unit. (AEF Fund)

**Fox Cities Performing Arts Center**
• Support the organization’s educational mission. (Scullen Fund)

**Fox River Academy**
• Trail cameras to enhance student learning about the natural world around their school community and in their own backyards. (Stoner Fund, AEF Fund)

**Franklin Elementary School**
• Special projects and programs to enhance education. (Pope Fund)
• Enhance school property in memory of a former principal. (Donor pass-through)

**Highlands Elementary School**
• One new book for each student. (Reading is a Gift 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)
• Support new Walk to School initiative. (Heffron Fund)
• Purchase rocking stools for a special education classroom. (Melzer Fund)
• Mats to help kindergarten students understand appropriate spacing when schools first returned to in-person instruction. (AEF Fund)
• Virtual field trip and hands-on weather-related activities. (AEF Fund)

Houdini Elementary School
• Flexible seating options for special education students. (Melzer Fund)
• Scissors to help students in regular and special education classrooms gain practice and improve skills. (AEF Fund)

Huntley Elementary School
• Supplies to support math instruction outside the regular classroom. (AEF Fund)
• Addition of imaginative play toys to a kindergarten classroom. (Scheuerman Fund)
• Support for special needs playground. (AEF Fund)

Jefferson Elementary School
• Support the school’s IMPACT program. (Donor pass-through)
• Supplies for a school-wide community service project. (Allinger Fund)
• Resources to support students’ social and emotional well-being. (Mielke Fund, AEF Fund)
• Provide access to Heidi Songs to help kindergarten students learn sight words during virtual instruction. (AEF Fund)
• Program to help students who receive special education social skills services continue to build their social tool kit. (Heffron Fund)

Johnston Elementary School
• Materials for the Library Media Center. (Anderson Fund)

Kaleidoscope Academy
• Startup expenses of an in-school coffee delivery business to help at-risk students learn executive function, leadership, problem-solving and employability skills. (AEF Fund)
• Equipment for a technology education classroom. (AEF Fund)
• Provide access to Scholastic magazines to support social-emotional and science learning both in the classroom and during virtual instruction. (Heffron Fund)
• Chamber ensemble music to enhance student experiences during hybrid instruction. (AEF Fund)

Madison Middle School
• Purchase homemade Balinese Gamelan Anklung instruments for use in exploratory music classes. (AEF Fund)
• Session with local Hip Hop consultant to enhance the music curriculum. Students at all four AASD middle schools benefited. (AEF Fund)
• Classic American literature excerpts to show how literature has changed and shaped the course of U.S. History. (AEF Fund)
McKinley Elementary School
- Summer theater experience for students to rehearse and perform the musical *Frozen, Jr.* (Mile of Music Fund, AEF Fund)

North High School
- Support student participation in business-related events and activities. (Erik J. Lang Fund)
- Materials for an intercultural art exchange between North students and children in Cameroon, Africa. (AEF Fund)
- Materials for the science department. (Donor Pass-Through)
- Support for the theatre and band departments. (Donor Pass-Through)

Renaissance School for the Arts
- Materials for The Arts Go To War historical modeling project. (Stoner Fund, AEF Fund)

Richmond Elementary School
- Purchase color coded Ten Frame Tiles to assist in virtual and in-person math instruction for all students. (Mielke Fund, AEF Fund)
- Materials to support at-home literacy instruction for students. (AEF Fund)
- Classroom library books. (Scheuerman Fund)
- Materials to help students explore STEM concepts. (Mielke Fund, 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)
- Addition of a Makerspace, a collaborative workspace where students use a variety of tools to explore, create, and problem-solve. (Stoner Fund)

West High School
- 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 students learning art and theatre topics directly from experts in a Masterclass format. (Stoner Fund)