



Help Lead the Way to Success

You are invited to join our individual and corporate founders and donors who have pledged \$1.4 million by making a general contribution to the **Education EDGE**, or specific contributions to the Athletics, Classroom Mini-Grants and/or Fine Arts Gift Funds. For general contributions, the donation will be equally shared by these three funds. Ninety percent of all **Education EDGE** contributions will be devoted to current campaign priorities. The remaining 10 percent will be invested in an endowment fund, and interest from this fund will address future priorities. Gifts will not be used for salaries or to address administrative costs.

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Your Gift to Wichita's Future

Support the Wichita Education EDGE!

Enclosed is my donation to the **Education EDGE**. Please distribute as follows:

I wish to contribute \$ _____ to the Athletics Gift Fund
 I wish to contribute \$ _____ to the Fine Arts Gift Fund
 I wish to contribute \$ _____ to the Classroom Mini-Grants Gift Fund
 Total contribution \$ _____ (Please make checks payable to **Education EDGE**)

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email address _____

Print your name as you would like it to appear in the annual report:

Please return to: Wichita Community Foundation, 200 W. Douglas, Suite 250, Wichita, KS 67202 Phone: (316) 264-4880

Amount	Giving Levels
\$50,000.00 +	Valedictorian
\$25,000.00 to \$49,999.99	Leader
\$10,000.00 to \$24,999.99	Honor Roll
\$5,000.00 to \$9,999.99	Scholar
\$2,500.00 to \$4,999.99	All-City
\$1,000.00 to \$2,499.99	Captain
\$500.00 to \$999.99	Patron
\$100.00 to \$499.99	Mentor
\$1.00 to \$99.99	Friend

Standard of Excellence for Giving

You CAN Make a Difference!

Community leaders—citizens who believe in the importance of public education—have stepped forward to create the **Education EDGE**, a philanthropic opportunity which allows private donors to support student achievement, programs, staff activities and facility improvements in the Wichita Public Schools.

By investing in the future of Wichita's children, donors are supporting the future of Wichita!

Contributions to the Classroom Mini-Grants, Fine Arts and Athletics funds will enhance opportunities for Wichita youth to connect to their schools and their community.

Investment in the **Education EDGE** will allow the Wichita Public Schools to continue a long history of excellence in our community by providing students with the educational advantages necessary for success in an ever-changing world.



A Future of Promise... With Your Support!

Teams of community volunteers and district staff have established priorities for classroom mini-grants, fine arts and athletics initiatives based on input from community members, site councils and school staff. From these priorities, the community leaders steering this effort will make recommendations to the Wichita Board of Education for expenditures as resources are raised. The role of the Wichita Board of Education is to ensure that the **Education EDGE** gifts are invested in the identified priorities in an equitable manner, consistent with the district's mission.



Athletics Priorities

More than 6,000 middle and high school students participate in 28 interscholastic sports in the Wichita Public Schools. The Athletics Gift Fund will address district-wide athletic equipment and facility needs, including:

- Renovated and new venues, including running tracks, swimming pools, tennis courts and practice facilities; and
- New athletic uniforms.

Classroom Mini-Grants

Grants recognizing classroom innovation will be awarded through the Classroom Mini-Grants Fund. Teachers will apply each year, and a selection committee comprised of staff and community volunteers will review and award grants that exhibit creative approaches to student learning, and which support their school's Campus Improvement Plan.

Fine Arts Priorities

All students in the Wichita Public Schools may participate in visual arts, theater, and vocal and instrumental music. The Fine Arts Gift Fund will be used to address district-wide fine arts equipment and facility needs. Priorities for this fund include:

- Improving auditoriums and
- Purchasing 600 beginning band/orchestra instruments, to meet the demand for beginning-level instruments that often exceeds the district's supply; and
- Visual art supplies, including kilns, potters wheels, cameras and digital technology to support high school and middle school art and photography classes; and replacing aging gas kilns in high school 3D classes and potter's wheels in elementary, middle and high school art rooms.

For more information please contact:

Wichita Public Schools

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