



About the Denver Public Schools Foundation

Mission: In partnership with Denver Public Schools, we raise and manage funds, make strategic program investments, and serve as community leaders so that all students have the opportunity to succeed.

Vision: In Denver Public Schools, outstanding educational achievements are the norm and all children have hope of a great future.

Our Belief: Every child deserves an excellent education.

Our Promise: Together, we can ensure every child in Denver Public Schools succeeds, making our community a better place to live, today and long into the future.

With your help, the DPS Foundation can:

Create a Better Denver:

DPS prepares students to be productive contributors to our society. By supporting the DPS Foundation, the entire community creates positive, sustainable change in our schools and contributes to the success of our next generation.

Help Every Child Succeed:

We direct community support to programs that are proven to have significant and measurable impact on the lives of our students. Our programs help children succeed in the classroom, discover their talents outside the classroom and stay on track to graduate prepared for college or career.

Innovate:

When it comes to education, great new ideas deserve to be tested, proven and scaled. We support innovation in DPS, providing the funding to identify, incubate, evaluate and replicate the highest-performing and most exciting new strategies to help children achieve.

Who are we?

The DPS Foundation is Denver Public Schools' fundraising partner. We generate resources, build relationships and champion public education to impact system-wide achievement and help Every Child Succeed.

What do we do?

The DPS Foundation engages the entire community in support of our schools and our children.

- **We raise money.** In 2014-15, we directed over \$15 million to DPS.
- **We champion public education,** serving as ambassadors and advocates for DPS.
- **We build partnerships** between the community and our schools, driving talent, resources and volunteers into our classrooms.

Where does the funding go?

We fund system-wide innovative and core programs in literacy, tutoring, STEM and Career & Technical education, afterschool and athletics.

What is the impact of our funding?

Our funding model is diverse and responsive to the needs of our students and schools. Recent success measures include:

- Students receiving targeted math tutoring have advanced as much as two grade levels in a single year - the definition of "closing the achievement gap."
- DPS fifth-graders have improved their science scores by 13 percentage points since the DPS Foundation began funding elementary science curriculum.
- A program for 700 high-need students provided an enriching afterschool experience; served 20,000 healthy dinners to children and their families.
- The DPS Foundation leveraged \$2.4 million in private resources and support required to secure a four-year \$7 million Department of Labor grant to expand and enhance Career & Technical Education (CTE) pathways. Students engaged in a CTE education pathway have up to a 30 percent greater likelihood of graduating high school than their counterparts.

Why support Denver Public Schools?

State funding for DPS is simply inadequate to provide the resources and programs needed to help Every Child Succeed. The DPS Foundation helps fill that gap, allowing DPS to sustain and expand proven programs that might otherwise disappear from schools. By supporting the DPS Foundation, the entire community is contributing to DPS' progress:

- DPS has the highest rate of academic growth among Colorado's 12 largest school districts for the third consecutive year.
- Third grade literacy rates are on the rise, increasing 10 percentage points in the last six years.
- In six years, DPS' on-time graduation rate has risen by 24 percentage points, while dropout rates have been cut in half.
- DPS is the fastest growing urban school district in America and the largest school district in Colorado, posting record enrollment increases in the past six years. The community trusts our school system and is choosing DPS as a destination for educating its children.

Why the DPS Foundation?

- Your support has a **tangible impact:** better test scores, lower dropout rates and more students graduating.
- Your support has a **wide reach:** serving all of the district's 183 schools and more than 90,000 children.
- The Foundation is **efficient and sustainable,** with a 23-year track record of measurable and successful outcomes.
- The Foundation is **built and sustained by the community;** individuals, businesses, alumni, parents, DPS employees and others contribute to the success of our children through the DPS Foundation. **We are all DPS.**

What can I do to help?

Denver's future is in your hands.

- **Donate**
- **Volunteer**
- **Champion**

Learn more at www.dpsfoundation.org