

THE OPPORTUNITIES



FOR STUDENTS TO DREAM BIGGER DEPEND ON ALL OF US.

INVEST

When you invest in DPS Foundation, you join us in helping our students imagine what their future could look like. We put your investment to work to strategically support initiatives that help ensure DPS students reach their highest potential.



A TO Z FUND CLASSROOM GRANTS FOR TEACHERS POWER THE JOY OF DISCOVERY FOR STUDENTS FROM ASPIRING ASTRONAUTS TO ZOOLOGISTS, AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN.

The truth is, classroom budgets can only go so far, and we want to help take our students even further. We want them to be exposed to exceptional opportunities and have more resources to achieve even more than they ever thought possible. That's where A to Z Fund comes in. It has a lasting impact on students by providing materials, resources and opportunities that fall outside classroom budgets.

CONNECT

The A to Z Fund connects students and educators to much-needed funding for programs and activities that go beyond the limits of classroom budgets including overnight field trips to the Denver Aquarium, Family Art Night, attending events like Colorado Rockies Weather and Science Day, Legislative Day and more. Available to any DPS school, these funds enhance classroom learning and help to provide equal opportunities for students across all of our communities.



Arts • Science • Athletics • Music
Whole Child • Enrichment



In some schools, parents, PTA organizations, and neighborhood groups can provide financial support that allows students to participate in enriching activities. However, many schools simply do not have the resources to offer these kinds of opportunities. And while educators often report spending their own money to purchase educational materials or subsidize field trips, this isn't a sustainable solution.

The **A to Z Fund promotes equity** and puts resources directly into the hands of teachers, allowing them to create exceptional learning environments for every student.



Since 2006, DPS Foundation has awarded **more than 1,500 A to Z Fund classroom grants** totaling more than **\$2 million!**

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WHY OUR EDUCATORS AND STUDENTS NEED YOU:

Each year DPS Foundation receives hundreds of highly qualified applications, yet only has funding to fulfill approximately two-thirds of grant requests. With your help, we can expand the A to Z Fund and further empower our teachers to be able to provide their students the opportunities, resources and experiences they need to reach their highest potential.

At Denver Online High School, 30 students gave back to their community by developing their own service projects for Children's Hospital Colorado. Students divided into teams to lead activities for the patients and families at the hospital, and to create gifts to give to inpatients.

"These service projects do a great job of connecting our students with each other as well as their community. Many of them have been patients at Children's Hospital Colorado, so it is always a great way for them to give back and realize that they can make a difference in someone else's life."

- Kaci Sintek, Community Development Coordinator



THE IMPACT

Highlights of projects that have been powered by this fund include:

Morey Middle School remodeled 16 raised garden beds to serve the school & community, impacting 180 students.



Legacy Options High School developed & executed a chemistry unit based on the brewing & extraction of coffee & tea.



89% Grants Awarded
Average grant size more than \$1,300



INSPIRE

For DPS students, the benefits provided by A to Z Fund dollars are transformative. It exposes them to previously unknown experiences and elevates their aspirations for new opportunities in the future.

Lucienne's Story: Making Art That Moves People

Lucienne and her peers produced a dance show that engineered music, light, and movement. Thanks to resources from the A to Z Fund, she collaborated with students from the CareerConnect program to learn how to run a light board and sound system and they created an 11-minute piece that advocated for justice and healing for Black people worldwide. This showed how powerful technology and the arts can change lives and create a rich, emotional, and unforgettable event.



First Grade Students Experience Overnight Excursion at Denver Aquarium

Students from DCIS at Fairmont got to go on a private scavenger hunt of the Denver Aquarium. After, they participated in classes in which they got to see animals from the aquarium up close and personal. Students spent the night under the dim light of the shark tank and got to learn about what it takes to have a career at the aquarium. First grader, Donarthur said,

"I learned about how sharks swim. They move their tail left and right. My favorite part was petting and feeding the stingrays. I got to have a sleepover with my friends. I've never done that before and it was so fun."

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