



the Heart of LUFKIN ISD EDUCATION FOUNDATION

To provide opportunities for excellence in education, promote innovation in teaching, and partner with the community to enhance the quality of education for all students of the Lufkin Independent School District.



Since 2014, the Lufkin Education Foundation has awarded 164 innovative grants, totaling \$400,000. Through those grants, we have been able to make a lasting impact on all LISD campuses, support countless teachers and reach over 40,000 students. With the addition of First Year Teacher grants and the celebration of the Top 20 graduating seniors and their Educators of Influence, we strive to fulfill our mission of enhancing the quality of education for all of Lufkin Independent School District.



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from the president

investing in public education

On behalf of the Lufkin ISD Education Foundation, I would like to express my deepest gratitude for your role in making 2023 a record-breaking year!

Due to the continuous generosity of our wonderful and caring community, the Lufkin ISD Education Foundation was able to further expand its mission of enriching the lives of the students who attend LISD through educational grants.



CHASE LUCE

I am extremely happy to report that in September of 2023, the Lufkin ISD Education Foundation was able to fund 29 innovative teaching grants totaling \$74,015, which is the largest annual amount given in our 10-year history! These newest grants, along with grants that were previously awarded by our foundation, will continue to impact and benefit the students at Lufkin ISD for years to come.

It has been my absolute honor to serve as the board President for the Lufkin ISD Education Foundation this past year. I want to give a big thank you to our entire board, which is filled with incredibly talented and kind-hearted people who all share a common belief that a quality education for our Lufkin ISD students is vital to the health and wellbeing of our local community.

I also want to recognize all of our wonderful corporate and individual donors! Without their continued partnership, our mission would not be possible. In addition, we must also recognize the amazing teachers at Lufkin ISD who are members of the High Five Club, which allows our educators to donate a portion of their salaries to help us fund our innovative teaching grants. Their participation in our High Five Club is the lifeblood of our fundraising efforts as the LISD teachers themselves pledged over \$55,000 for the 2023-2024 school year.

Lastly, I want to thank our amazing Executive Director, Morgan Watson, who completed her second full year of being our leader and was instrumental in bringing the Lufkin ISD Foundation to all new heights. Morgan was able to take what our previous Executive Directors had built before her and make it even better. I look forward to seeing our Foundation continue to grow under her guidance.

With a new year comes new leadership! We want to welcome our new Board President, Scotty West. Scotty has served on the Lufkin ISD Education Foundation board for many years. Under his leadership, I am confident that the Lufkin ISD Education foundation will continue to grow and further expand its impact on our amazing school district.

New Sig

Chase Luce, 2023 President



INCOME

General Donations	\$ 14,086
Grants Received	\$ 30,000
Top 20 Celebration	\$ 21,537
Teacher High 5 Club	\$ 53,208
Fundraising Events	\$ 7,130
Total Income	\$ 125,961

EXPENSES

Direct Program Expenses	
Grants to Teachers	\$ 76,006
Top 20 Celebration	\$ 4,529
Total Direct Program Expenses	\$ 80,535

FUNDRAISING EXPENSES

Teacher High 5 Club	\$ 9,283
Fundraising Events	\$ 1,342
Total Fundraising Expenses	\$ 10,625

OPERATING EXPENSES

Insurance - D&O	\$ 474
Supplies	\$ 258
Website/Communications	\$ 1,590
Postage	\$ 420
Printing	\$ 1,811
Accounting Fees	\$ 2,525
Meeting Expense	\$ 2,411
Payroll Expenses	\$ 29,626
Conference/Director Expense	\$ 539
Miscellaneous	\$ 933
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 40,587

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Net Income	\$ (5,786)
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Checking Account Balance	\$ 43,823
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Endowment Fund Balance	\$ 155,084
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FINANCIALS



year at a glance

GRANT Showcase

In January, all 27 Innovative Grant recipients gathered to show off their new programs, tools and classroom experiences to the community. It was a great night to see just how much these projects are positively impacting students and teachers of LISD.



1st Year Teacher Grants

Austin Bank

2023 welcomed several new teachers to Lufkin ISD and the Lufkin Education Foundation was there to greet them with \$100. This program was created to help with the purchase of classroom supplies before student arrival. Since 2019, LEF has awarded over \$20,000 of 1st Year Teacher Grants.

Thank you to our sponsors, Austin Bank and Haglund Law Firm for helping us welcome our new teachers to the district with your generous donations.

High \$5 Club

"Inspire" reads the slogan for the 2023-24 High 5 Club t-shirt. Like in years past, the support from LISD faculty and staff was overwhelming! 750 educators enrolled in this year's club and pledged to donate a total of \$55,500.

Thank you LISD for giving the Education Foundation the support needed to invest back into your classrooms!



year at a glance

2023 PANTHERS OF PRESTIGE



STUDENT HONOREES

Grant S. Ashby
Jeffery L. Buchanan II
Braxton E. Bullock
Susana De La Paz
Ashley Galvan
Alexandra A. Haney
Julian E. Jelinek
Sreenidhi R. Karnati
Jeslin A. Koruth
Angie Martinez
Alexandra J. Pierce
Pranav Rao
Nicholas A. Reyna
Kylie B. Ridings
Jacqueline Silva
Hannah I. Spikes
Maury K. Spore
Jacob M. Weibe
Nicole Weiss
Griffin T. Willingham

EDUCATORS OF INFLUENCE

Jessica Barnett
Savanna Tutt
Karen Williamson
Emily Payne
Robyn Segrest
Emily Courtney
George Little
Dayna Kerr
Kayla Matchett
Denise Davis
Nicole Stewart
Karen Jackuback
Juan Aguilar
Jennifer Powell
Joel Torres
David Willis
Paula Warden
Gunnar Quick
Carman Fullerton
Thomas Hungerford

In May 2023, the top 20 LISD high school graduates and their Educators of Influence were celebrated at the 10th annual Panthers of Prestige awards ceremony. Each year, students select an outstanding educator who has made a significant impact on their educational experience. Through the generosity of Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP, the event was a memorable celebration for all in attendance.



The Corporate Challenge was back and better than ever. With twists and turns added to typical field day competitions, everyone was in for a treat! Competitive spirits came alive, but ultimately it was Lufkin Coca-Cola that walked away with the win.

Corporate Challenge
FIELD DAY

awarded grants

The Stars at Night are Big and Bright
\$1,320
(LMS)

Shine A Light on Literacy
\$805
Dunbar

Microbits of Macro Impact
\$4,091
LHS

Design, Think, Connect
\$833
Dunbar

Bowling for Knowledge
\$3,559
Burley

Putt Putt for Patience
\$3,398
Burley

Manipulatives... Take the Wheel!
\$4,926
LMS

Magnetize Math
\$4,993
LMS

Scientist of the Week
\$360
Dunbar

Active Learning for Cross-Curricular Success
\$845
Kurth

Watch Out for That Cannonball
\$4,536
Herty

Climbing to New Heights Through Physical Education
\$1,958
Garrett

Keys to Success: Piano Instruction in School
\$1,745
Anderson

Making Learning Osmo-Riffic!
\$3,234
Trout

Growing with our Sensory Garden
\$3,458
Herty
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Hatching Up Some Learning
\$625
Burley

Transforming Mathematics
\$4,991
LMS

Giggles, Grooves, and Glockenspiels
\$2,646
Dunbar

Way Out Wednesday
\$453
Dunbar

Boomin with Secret Stories
\$683
Dunbar

Read Around the World
\$551
Brandon

Set the Stage to Engage... Encore Please!
\$846
Brandon

All Write... All Write... All Write!
\$500
Brandon

Novel Nook
\$5,000
Dunbar

Counting Our Eggs Before They Hatch
\$1,645
Herty

KINDness Club - Inspiring Our Students to be Kind, Inclusive, Nurturing, Dependable
\$1,736
Brandon

Happily Ever After with Ozobots! Where Creativity and Coding Bring Writing to Life!
\$5,000
Brandon

Engineering Tomorrow's Future
\$4,295
LMS

Dashing into Robotics
\$4,957
LMS

GRANT CELEBRATION DAY



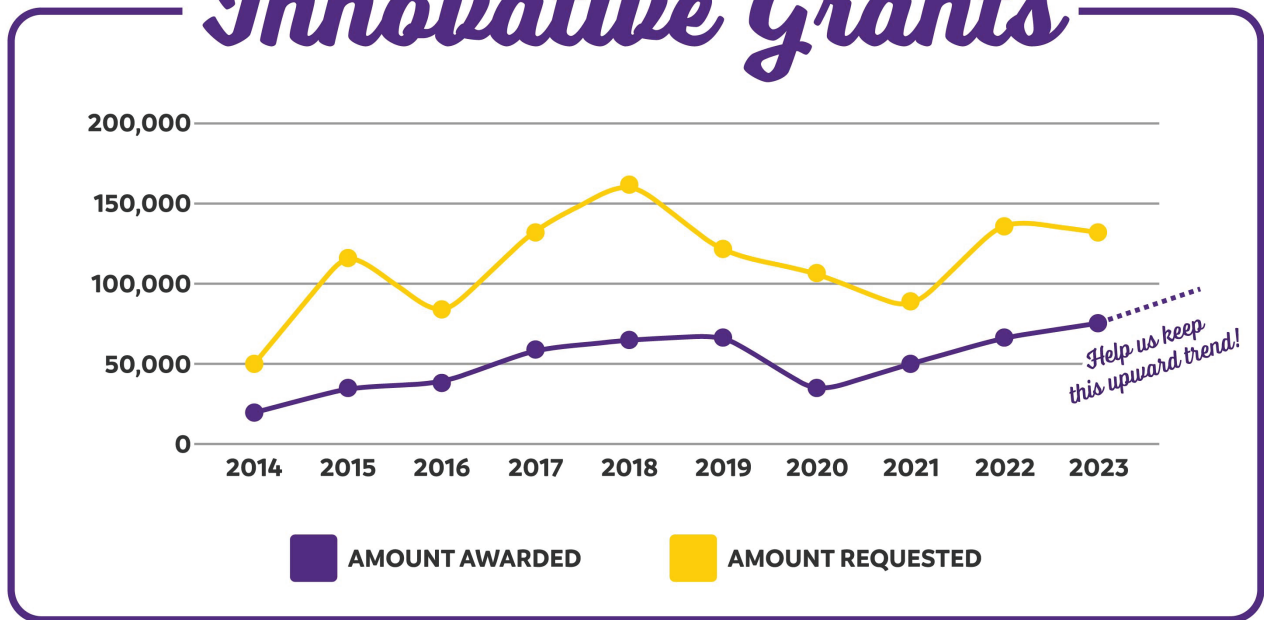
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Innovative Grants



We've achieved so much over the last TEN YEARS, but with your help we can do even more for our awesome LISD Teachers and Students!

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- Vercie McMullen
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- Marilyn Hartsook
- Alderman Cain & Neill, PLLC
- State Representative Trent Ashby
- Chance Law Firm
- Dr. Keven & Shelli Ellis
- Security & Guaranty
- Demetress Harrell
- Sellestine Hunt

SUPPORTER UP TO \$99

- Donna Spore
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- James & Bonnie Denmon
- Brian & Sharon Kruk
- Ellen Miller in Honor of Jennie Freeman
- Gail Krause in honor of Jennie Freeman
- Manhattan Fine Dining
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FOR YOUR SUPPORT