



2024

EDUCATION
EDGE

**ANNUAL
REPORT
SUMMARY**



2023-2024 INVESTMENTS



EDUCATION EDGE CLASSROOM MINI-GRANT GIFT FUND

- Supported Thirty Nine WPS staff members throughout FY24
- Awarded a total of \$124,302 in classroom mini grants

EDUCATION EDGE ATHLETIC GIFT FUND INVESTMENTS

- 15 volleyball uniform tops, 1 shot clock, 1 volleyball stand, 1 controller, and 1 tennis net

EDUCATION EDGE FINE ARTS GIFT FUND INVESTMENTS

- 4 ¼ upright string bass, 8 trombones, 1 Clay mixer, and 4 Theatre spotlights with bulbs for auditorium productions

NEW TEACHER INVESTMENTS

- Education EDGE Gift funds pledged more than \$60,000 in mini-grants to new teachers to purchase items for their classrooms



Contributing to the Education EDGE Gift Funds gives students Their Innovative EDGE!

Overall Contributions to EDGE Gift Fund Areas:

- MINI GRANTS \$1,230,302
 - FINE ARTS \$606,442
 - ATHLETICS \$557,400
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Testimonial



The students were very successful at learning to read music. 95% of the students could read the music while playing at the end of the unit this year.

- Laura Hoobler, Kensler Elementary

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Since created, the Education EDGE gift funds have invested more than \$2.3 million back to students and staff through classroom innovative projects, athletics, and fine arts.

The students loved the project and said it was the highlight of the semester. ALL students scored A's or B's on the rubric which means it was a great success!

-Joshua Collette, East High School

CLASSROOM MINI-GRANT RECIPIENTS

Allison - Frances Oare - \$4,990

Teaching Creativity through the use of Electronic String Instruments

Allison - Steve Smith - \$5,000

Extreme Tech Lab Makeover

Benton - Cindy Swindler - \$4,682

World Music Drumming

Bostic - Becky Smith - \$4,880

Community Building through Cooperative Play

Brooks Middle School - Mark Smith - \$2,000

Brooks Competition Robotics Program

Cloud - Chasmyn Lindeman- Thimesch - \$4,033

Kinesthetics and Comfortability in the Classroom

CMA - John Stafford - \$4,863

Can You Hear Us Now?

CMA - Sarah Elliott - \$5,000

Elevating Student Art Designs

College Hill Elementary - Jaime Caywood/Trisha Jones/Georgette Morgan - \$1,950

SnackAbilities on the Hill

Colvin - Kristi Lucas - \$4,984

ESOL Newcomer Reading and Writing: A Multisensory Approach

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CLASSROOM MINI-GRANT RECIPIENTS

**Colvin Elementary -
Mike Williams - \$2,000**

Mile Club shirts

**College Hill Elementary - Makenzie
Reichenberger - \$1,873**

College Hill Fights Hunger

**East High School -
Andrea Lindstrom - \$1,998**

Spark an Interest in Electrostatics

East - Josh Collette - \$4,874

Pneumatics

**East High School - Molly Williams
- \$1,524**

Texture & Template Library

Heights - Heather Kincaid - \$4,529

Wichita Heights Science Team

Heights - Jonnie Norton - \$5,000

Hello? Is this thing on? Giving a Voice to the
People in the Back

Horace Mann - Kaylie Frazee - \$2,824

6th Grade Band Supplies

Isely - Mechelle Conrady - \$1,524

Social Studies Regions and Kansas Year of Study

**Isely Elementary -
Tammy Meikel - \$2,000**

Functional Communication and Language Building
Through Science and Cooking

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CLASSROOM MINI-GRANT RECIPIENTS

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Jardine - Echo Nevarez - \$4,982

PRIDE Program

Northeast - Crystal Wolf - \$3,000

Safe Space Sensory Center

Kimberly Lund - Little

Early Childhood Center - \$1,999

Voice Beyond Words: Creating a Total Communication Classroom

Northwest High School -

Sarah El-Sukar - \$1,500

Cultivating a Passion for Science Olympiad

Marshall - Katie Western - \$4,549

Thunderbird Theatre

OK Elementary - Nina Wilson - \$3,368

Strumming to Our Literacy Goals

Mead - Carrie Kessler - \$5,000

Moving in the Math Classroom Using Action Based Learning

Pleasant Valley Middle School -

Elizabeth Vest - \$1,000

"Increasing Literacy Skills for Reluctant Readers: Choice Reading and the Graphic Novel for Tier 3 Readers"

McLean Elementary -

Zerrin Oelze -\$2,000

Literacy Links to STEM

CLASSROOM MINI-GRANT RECIPIENTS

**Riverside Elementary -
Darla Brown - \$1,976**

Student Recording Studio

**Southeast High -
Gina Brillhart - \$5,000**

Printmaking for a Comprehensive
Visual Arts Education

**Sowers Alternative High School -
Angelo Cho - \$1,998**

Supply Sowers Students

Stanley - Bethany Beal - \$2,150

Sensory/Emotion Regulation Room

Wilbur - Hillary Thackery - \$2,000

Author Visit (K.R. Alexander, "Face Your
Fears") - Wilbur Middle School

**South High - Jacqueline Nascimento-
Odenheimer - \$4,890**

Learning how to be a Biologist

**Southeast High School - Tracy
Kallhoff/Jason Wysong - \$2,000**

Outdoor Classroom with Pond and
Wildflower Garden

**Sowers Alternative High School -
Lisa McIntire/Savannah Echols - \$2,000**

J. Burns Greenhouse Project

Stucky - Mikah Kemper - \$3,028

Sensory/Calming Room

**Washington Elementary -
Jay Jacoby - \$1,334**

5th Grade Skateboard Art Project

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