

OUR VISION

OUR CALLING FOR NOW AND YEARS TO COME

We support lasting change in OKCPS that improves the quality of education for every student.



OKLAHOMA CITY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FOUNDATION

OUR MISSION

HOW WE PURSUE OUR CALL

Our mission is to advance excellence, advocate for equity, and build strong community support for Oklahoma City Public Schools.

OUR CORE VALUES

WHAT WE CARE ABOUT MOST

- Quality education that provides equitable opportunities for all students
- Stewarding strong community partnerships and collaboration
- Transparency/Fiduciary responsibility/Strong governance
- Ensure a committed and engaged board

STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS

FOCUS FOR MAXIMUM IMPACT

- Provide Innovative Teacher/Classroom/School Support
- Support efforts to recruit and retain Urban-ready, top quality teachers and leaders
- Build Advocates for OKCPS
- Grow funding and infrastructure to support long term priorities for the Foundation and OKCPS

A good strategy isn't just what you will do. It's what you won't do.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES 2023

- Develop and use resources strategically to create lasting and measurable outcomes for OKCPS, as well as sustainability for the Foundation.
- Ensure alignment with OKCPS and robust communication with the community to remain focused on long term impact, while also addressing (with a clearly defined role) evolving short term needs.

Provide Innovative Teacher/Classroom/School Support

- Continue growing partnership with DonorsChoose
- Establish programs to effectively engage schools with community partners
- Lead and support ReadOKC
 - Reading Challenges
 - Reading Buddies
 - Access to Reading Materials

Support Efforts to Recruit and Retain Urban-Ready Teachers and Leaders

- Expand effective programs
 - Teacher Pipeline Programs (Bilingual and Diversity) to grow teacher workforce that mirrors our student population
 - Urban Teacher Preparation Academy that provides mentorship and professional development to new teachers entering OKCPS
 - Bilingual/Diversity Aspiring Administrators Pipeline Program for OKCPS teachers on track to become school administrators to earn their MA in Educational leadership

Build Advocates for OKCPS

- Continue to share OKCPS success stories
- Engage with state and local leaders to promote positions advantageous to OKCPS students and district priorities for funding
- Establish district programs to effectively engage with community partners

ENGAGE AND CONVENE COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR SUSTAINABLE SUCCESS IN OKCPS

PROVIDE INNOVATIVE SUPPORT

FOR TEACHERS/CLASSROOMS/SCHOOLS

DONORS CHOOSE

District-Wide Impact Since Partnership's Inception in 2014

17,767

Total OKCPS Projects Funded



\$11,137,197

Projects Funded with Help from the Foundation since July 1, 2023

588 projects totaling \$254,599

DONORSCHOOSE AND TEACHER RETENTION:

Recent studies show that having a project funded through DonorsChoose makes a teacher **22% less likely to leave in a given school year.**

In addition to the \$150 First Donation placed on every teacher's first project of the year, the OKCPS Foundation gave DonorsChoose gift cards to all new OKCPS teachers to kickoff their 2023-24 school year!



connecting schools to community for every child.

Phase I: Launching Fall 2023

Elementary Schools

Hawthorne Elementary
Mark Twain Elementary
MLK Jr. Elementary
Monroe Elementary
Kaiser Elementary
Ridgeview Elementary
Rockwood Elementary
Spencer Elementary
Willow Brook Elementary

Secondary Schools

John Marshall Middle School
John Marshall High School
Rogers Middle School
Star Spencer Mid-High School

GROW TEACHER AND LEADER

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

PROGRAM EXPANSION

Teacher Pipeline Programs



65 Participants

*8 new participants starting Spring 2024



18 Graduates

*2 more expected to graduate December 2023



38 Bilingual Teacher Pipeline Program Participants

20 Diversity Pipeline Program Participants
7 High School to Teacher Pipeline Participants

10 ASPIRING ADMINISTRATORS PIPELINE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS GRADUATING DECEMBER 2023

READING CHALLENGES:

Since 2017, students have logged over 38 million minutes and over 55,000 students have met the goal of reading 20 minutes a day or more over school breaks.

ACCESS:

- ALL Schools Now Have a Little Free Library
- Over 36,000 books distributed through ReadOKC On the Go! since July 2021



READING BUDDIES:

Recruiting and training efforts are underway for the 2023-24 school year. Currently, over 100 volunteers are serving as Reading Buddies and Book Club leaders.

BUILD ADVOCATES

FOR OKCPS

OKCPS Bond

Actively advocated for and provided financial contribution to assist in passage of the OKCPS Bond in November 2022.



Volunteer Opportunities

In addition to Reading Buddies and Book Club Leaders, ReadOKC also needs caring adults to volunteer with ReadOKC On the Go!

With the second bus rolling out this Fall, the two ReadOKC On the Go! book buses will be visiting all OKCPS elementary and secondary schools this year. There are many opportunities to volunteer with ReadOKC! Please contact Rachel@okckids.com for more information about volunteering.



Upcoming Events:

- **Wall of Fame:** October 30, 2023



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