

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.



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 2024

- 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

17,834

Total OKCPS Projects Funded



\$11,157,122

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

732 projects totaling \$329,559

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.
- The OKCPS Foundation just launched the DonorsChoose Teacher Referral incentive program! Every OKCPS teacher that refers a colleague to post their first DonorsChoose project will receive a \$50 gift card and be entered to win a \$1,000 classroom makeover!



connecting schools to community for every child.

School Connect is a way to bring diverse networks together to serve OKCPS schools, students and teachers. We focus on improving teacher retention, student and staff attendance, and their learning environments by offering support and resources in these areas to ensure student and teacher success in Oklahoma City Public Schools.

Elementary Schools

Britton Elementary
Cesar Chavez Elementary
Hawthorne Elementary
Hayes Elementary
Mark Twain Elementary
MLK Jr. Elementary
Monroe Elementary
Kaiser Elementary
Ridgeview Elementary
Rockwood Elementary

Spencer Elementary

Thelma Parks Elementary
Willow Brook Elementary

Secondary Schools

Capitol Hill High School
John Marshall Middle School
John Marshall High School
Northwest Classen High School
Rogers Middle School
Star Spencer Mid-High School

GROW TEACHER AND LEADER

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

PROGRAM EXPANSION

Teacher Pipeline Programs



71 Participants



20 Graduates

*5 more expected to graduate May 2024



- 42 Bilingual Teacher Pipeline Program Participants
- 22 Diversity Pipeline Program Participants
- 7 High School to Teacher Pipeline Participants

10 ASPIRING ADMINISTRATORS PIPELINE PROGRAM GRADUATES



READING CHALLENGES:

Since 2017, students have logged over 44 million minutes and over 67,000 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 50,000 books distributed through ReadOKC On the Go! since July 2021

READING BUDDIES:

85 Reading Buddies serving at 21 Elementary Schools.
15 Book Club leaders serving at 11 Middle and High Schools.

ReadOKC actively recruits volunteers for all programs year-round. With increased interest from schools in the Reading Buddies and Book Club programs and the addition of the second ReadOKC On the Go! book bus, more volunteers are needed now than ever.

BUILD ADVOCATES

FOR OKCPS

Celebrating 40 Years

In 2024, the OKCPS Foundation celebrates its 40th anniversary serving as a pillar of support and advocating for the needs of Oklahoma City Public Schools students, staff and families.



OKCPS Bond

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

Upcoming Events:

- **T-Up for OKCPS:** May 9, 2024
- **Stars of Education:** May 9, 2024
- **Superintendent's Cup Golf Tournament:** June 7, 2024
- **Wall of Fame:** October 28, 2024



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