



Educate. Empower. Excel.

Innovative education for the students of the Abington School District

The Abington Educational Foundation (AEF), established in 1992, is a nonprofit organization that provides funding to enhance educational opportunities for **approximately 8,000 students and their families** of the Abington School District (ASD). The ASD – with its exceptional administration, staff, and teachers – is a source of tremendous pride in our community and a unifying social force. In our classrooms, children of all races, religions, economic backgrounds, and academic abilities come together to learn and reach their fullest potential.

Harnessing Opportunities for our Students

Public education has experienced a great deal of change over the years. Technology has taken center stage, opening real-time information for our students and increasing their understanding of the world in which they live, and will someday lead. With the scope of K-12 education changing rapidly every year, educational foundations around the country serve as a vital partner to public school districts as they endeavor to address the needs of today's students.

One of about 200 Pennsylvania education foundations, the AEF is committed to ensuring Abington School District students receive the educational opportunities that charitable investment can provide. Philanthropic giving to education continues to increase each year and the AEF aims to harness this generosity to help Abington and Rockledge students continue to excel as society demands highly educated and technologically skilled workers. With strong community support, AEF can provide the supplemental resources necessary to promote the highest level of educational innovation and excellence, and meet the following three goals:

- Innovation and excellence throughout our school district: the 21st century classroom is evolving rapidly with advanced technology changing how teachers teach

and how students learn. Technology can enable educators to more effectively teach the “Four Cs” – the four specific skills agreed to be the most critical in effectively preparing 21st century students for a global society – Critical thinking, Communication, Collaboration, and Creativity.

AEF IMPACT

Through the generosity of many individuals and businesses, AEF has had a direct impact on thousands of students by funding programs that increase student well-being and achievement. AEF is proud to contribute to the students of the Abington School District, inspiring the next generation of leaders.

- Provides \$10,000 annually for innovative learning grants, which funds programs throughout the school district: robotics programs, garden clubs, afterschool STEAM initiatives, language programs, arts initiatives, technology purchases, reading and writing enhancement, and the Buddies Club at the Abington Senior High.
- Funded \$65,000, adding 250 Chromebook laptops to our schools. Chromebooks provide our students with technological tools to enhance and customize learning.
- Provided the funding for the Abington Senior High School to purchase a 3D Printer to enhance their anatomy curriculum.
- Raised \$100,000 to support the purchase of electronic whiteboards for elementary classrooms
- Launched, and continues to fund, the Silver Pen Award, which recognizes sixth-grade students submitting winning essays in a district-wide competition.
- Provided support with fundraising toward the Stephen A. Schwarzman Stadium at the Abington Senior High School.
- Provided a grant for devices for Bring Your Own Technology pilot project at the Abington Senior High School.
- Funded a Junior High reading project incorporating the use of iPod/MP3 players and purchased a Texas Instruments Learning Navigator program.

- High achievement for all students: each student deserves effective and personalized educational practices, which require funding and the engagement of families and the community.
- Continue our leadership in STEAM: Abington School District has been a leader in curriculum design and instruction in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM). The AEF ensures that Abington School District remains at the leading edge and continues to fulfill its mission: excellence as our standard and achievement as the result!

We Invite you to Partner with the Abington Educational Foundation

The Board of the Abington Educational Foundation is launching a fundraising initiative to support the Abington School District as a competitive and vibrant public school system. It will truly take our entire community to come together to support the current and future needs of students in the district.

- **Alumni** who remember moments from their childhood education that shape their future
- **Parents** who entrust the district each day with their most precious treasures
- **Community members** who know that a strong school system is the root of a strong, economically vibrant community
- **Business partners** that rely on vibrant, bustling, and active neighborhoods
- **Community organizations and agencies** that serve the same children in hopes for a brighter tomorrow

Help Us Secure the Future of these Three Critical Areas of Focus

Innovative Programs

- Expand the funding available for innovative learning grants for teachers
- Recognize innovative teaching
- Support ASD partnerships with community-based organizations to enhance student learning
- Support innovation in student activities and athletics

Student Achievement

- Support technological resource initiatives to increase access for low income students and families
- Enhance district-wide support for student achievement

STEAM – Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics

- Support STEAM equipment purchases
- Ensure ongoing funding for Abington arts programs. Protect the long-term stability and integrity of the visual arts, theater, music, etc.
- Acquire and maintain leading edge learning technology