

# Empowering Success Beyond the Classroom



Special  
Education  
Foundation

Established in 1984 as the first public school foundation in the state of Missouri, the Special Education Foundation works directly with the Special School District to ensure success inside the classroom and beyond through vital school programs, grants and scholarships.

# The Foundation helps children through

- Scholarships for students who are college-bound
- Camp scholarships to bridge the educational gap during academic breaks
- Hearing aids for students who are deaf and hard of hearing
- Eyeglasses for students with vision impairments
- Adaptive equipment for students with physical disabilities
- Augmentative equipment for students with speech and language disabilities
- Innovation Grants to teachers for creative classroom projects
- Financial assistance to meet critical needs of students with disabilities
- A Leadership Academy for high school students with special needs
- Arts in the Classroom to bring art, music and dance to students
- Special projects for the five Special School District schools and two technical high schools in St. Louis County

## Growth in the special education population is significant both nationally and locally.

Today, the Special School District serves approximately 25,000 students with disabilities across St. Louis County. Special education is costly; having a disability is expensive. As a result, additional resources are necessary to provide for student's needs. To meet these needs, the Foundation steps in to provide support in key areas that go beyond the walls of the classroom.

The Foundation relies solely on private donations for support, is independent of the Special School District, and seeks to enhance student success in the classroom and beyond.

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