

NPSD EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
2024 - 2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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WE INSPIRE**

Excellence



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A LETTER FROM THE President

From groundbreaking technology to experiential learning, YOUR support made the difference!

A profound **THANK YOU** to donors and supporters of the North Penn School District Educational Foundation. Your support allows our teachers to dream and innovate, raising the student experience to new heights. Thanks to your support, the Foundation was able to fund 50 grants that expanded the stellar education provided by the North Penn School District.

The Foundation strives to motivate and inspire students and staff in the North Penn School District through innovative projects and opportunities that enhance educational experiences and resources. Grants ranged from \$69.96 for an art drying rack to be used in conjunction with the Wit and Wisdom curriculum to \$38,500 for the Hitachi TM4000+ Scanning Electron Microscope.

Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) funding supported high-impact grants: a new Seestar S50 Smart Telescope for the planetarium, stem robotics in an elementary school, and marine science improvements. The Foundation partnered with NPSD to purchase the HitachiTM 4000+ Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) for North Penn High School, the only high school in the US to own an SEM.

North Wales Elementary’s mosaic mural project invited over 460 students and community members to create clay tiles that will become a vibrant mural and point of community pride. Other hands-on grants include empanada cooking for Spanish classes at Pennfield, monster sewing projects connecting Pennbrook and Gwyn-Nor students, and innovating ceramics with 3-D technology at North Penn High School.

Some grants aimed to build skills, including a deep dive into various forms of 21st-century manufacturing, and a laser cutting machine for Gwynedd Square Elementary students. Other grants supported students in motion, including an accessible playground for Bridle Path Elementary and a stationary bike for active learning at North Wales Elementary.

Read the pages that follow for more details on the grants your donations funded. Whether you contributed as part of U-Knight to Inspire, honored a teacher through the staff recognition program, supported the golf outing, bid in the online auction, or donated to multiple initiatives, the Foundation trustees and staff extend a huge THANK YOU!

I would also like to thank Christine Liberaski, Foundation Executive Director for 27 years, NPSD Superintendent Dr. Todd Bauer, Administrative Coordinator Michelle Darde, and the Office of School and Community Engagement whose work is vital to the North Penn School District Educational Foundation.

With gratitude,

Marion Hoffman Fraley
MARION HOFFMAN FRALEY
NPSD Educational Foundation President
Parent of Alum

CONSTITUENT SURVEY

The NPSD Educational Foundation invited community members to participate in a survey aimed at guiding its strategic planning. Working with Match Nonprofit Consulting, the Foundation carried out an organizational assessment. The valuable insights collected played a key role in shaping the assessment and influencing future initiatives. Based on the survey, the top recommendations for the foundation are to center on strengthening its infrastructure to better support growth and remove barriers, as well as increasing board engagement in fundraising. Building greater brand awareness is also a priority, alongside focusing on revitalizing the annual campaign and diversifying the fundraising mix to reduce reliance on special events. In addition, the survey suggests initiating a major gifts program to attract higher-level donors, while developing a formal strategic plan, though ranked lowest, remains an important long-term consideration.



Impact STARTS HERE

The Foundation’s Board is made up of trustees representing a cross-section of the community. These dedicated volunteers contribute their time, talents, and expertise to help raise both the funds and awareness necessary to advance the Foundation’s mission. Throughout the school year, trustees often visit classrooms to see grants in action, connect with students and teachers, take part in fundraising initiatives, and attend events that spotlight and promote the Foundation’s work.



Teachers engage Foundation Trustees to highlight the *impact the grants had on their school and students.*



Trustees often meet with students to share lessons and experiences they can *apply beyond the classroom.*



Students showcase how Foundation grants have *enriched their learning experience* by providing demonstrations to Trustees.

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STUDENT LIAISON

Alexander Muto, *NPHS Class of 2026*



SUPPORT TODAY Success Tomorrow

The NPSD Educational Foundation raises essential funds through fundraisers and donations to support the premier education already provided by the North Penn School District. A 501(c)(3) corporation, the Foundation is a collaborative effort among individuals committed to providing financial support for NPSD schools. The Foundation and NPSD are separate entities but work as partners in support of the children being educated in the district's 18 schools.

OUR MISSION

The mission of the NPSD Educational Foundation is to motivate and inspire students and staff in the NPSD through innovative projects and opportunities that enhance educational experiences and resources. We believe:

- ◆ Classroom innovation sparks creativity and academic excellence;
- ◆ Character building and experiential learning are vital to student development and academic achievement; and that
- ◆ Inspired and motivated students are an important part of strong and healthy families and communities.

WHY SUPPORT THE FOUNDATION?

North Penn students crave creative innovation—and our staff is equally passionate about delivering it. Thanks to donors like you, whose generosity funds the NPSD Educational Foundation grants, these ideas become reality through classroom equipment, field trips, project materials, program software, guest speakers, and so much more. These enhancements to the curriculum wouldn't be possible without your support. While each project is unique, one thing never changes—the shared excitement and focus dedicated to enriching every student's learning experience.

Contributions to Excellence

The 2023-2024 NPSD Educational Foundation annual report received an Award of Excellence from the National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) and an Award of Excellence from the Pennsylvania School Public Relations Association (PenSPRA) in their annual communications contests.

NPSD Educational Foundation Earned a 2025 Gold Seal of Transparency With Candid/ Guidestar. Guidestar profiles provide current and potential donors with accurate and in-depth knowledge about the many ways the Foundation is responsibly advancing our mission and vision with all donations we receive. A Gold Seal status is the leading symbol of non-profit transparency and accountability.

Check out our non-profit profile to learn more and make a difference with your support by visiting www.guidestar.org/profile/23-2522368 or scan:



Educational Improvement TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) provides companies with a 75% tax credit for donations to a non-profit scholarship or educational improvement organization. The tax credit increases to 90% if the company commits to making the same donations for two consecutive years. The NPSD Educational Foundation has a number of programs approved to receive EITC funding, including the **Scanning Electron Microscopy project**. The Foundation has two years to spend EITC dollars.

\$78,046.⁰¹

**Total EITC Funds
Awarded**

13

**Programs Funded
Through EITC Donations**

\$95,500

**Total EITC Funds
Received**

LEADING THE NATION

HITACHI TM4000+ SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPE

Total Awarded: \$38,500 | North Penn High School | Technology Education/Engineering
North Penn School District Funded an Additional \$27,500

NPHS students have access to advanced characterization equipment, including the newly acquired Hitachi TM 4000+ Scanning Electron Microscope. Once available only on loan, this cutting-edge instrument will now remain permanently at the high school through a partnership with Hitachi. With this addition, NPHS becomes the only high school in the nation to own a scanning electron microscope.



Thank You to Our EITC Donors

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Your Support ⁺₊ THEIR SUCCESS

The following is a snapshot of some of the 50 grants awarded by The Foundation, totalling \$123,213.30 (including EITC).



To review all the grants provided, visit npennedfoundation.org or scan above

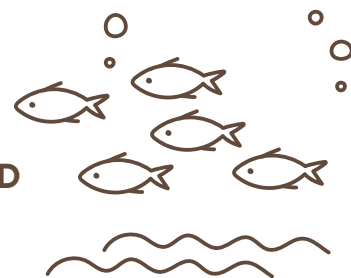


DIVING INTO LEARNING

AQUATIC ADVENTURERS ENGAGED AT ADVENTURE AQUARIUM

Total Awarded: \$1,537
Oak Park Elementary School | English Language Development

Sixty English Learners from Oak Park explored a wide array of aquatic creatures at Adventure Aquarium in Camden, NJ. This grant allowed students to expand their background knowledge and vocabulary by experiencing a simulated natural environment with numerous hands-on activities.



PIECING TOGETHER COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY LIVES HERE TILE MOSAIC

Total Awarded: \$2,000
North Wales Elementary | Family Outreach, Music and Arts

North Wales launched a mosaic mural project, giving more than 460 students the chance to engage in hands-on artistic expression, fostering creativity and a strong sense of community pride. Working alongside professional artists and community members, students helped design and create a vibrant mural that not only beautified the school, but also promoted inclusivity, encouraged teamwork, and supported social-emotional growth. The Foundation was pleased to partner with several other community organizations to fund this project.



COOKING AND CULTURE

EMPANADA COOKING CLASS

Total Awarded: \$1,064
Pennfield Middle School | Foreign Language

Spanish 1 and 2 students at Pennfield learned how to make empanadas from the owner of Empanada Mama in Doylestown, Pa. They also explored the history of this cuisine and gained insights into the life of an entrepreneur.



EXPLORING ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

HANDS-ON ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE LEARNING EXPERIENCE AT PENNYPACK ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION TRUST

Total Awarded: \$700
North Penn High School | Science

Students participated in a hands-on learning field trip to the Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust, where they learned from experts across various environmental science fields. Topics included water quality, wetlands, ecological restoration, plant and bird identification, tree planting, and the history and ecology of the area.



TECH ON THE COURSE

NORTH PENN BOYS CROSS COUNTRY: UPGRADING OUR PREPARATION TO GO FARTHER

Total Awarded: \$1,757.97
North Penn High School | Physical Fitness

The NPHS boys cross country team enhanced their preparation and safety with the addition of two iPads with cellular data, weatherproof cases, and a wireless printer. These technology upgrades improved data collection, communication, and overall efficiency by providing performance tools essential for a boundaryless sport like cross country. By keeping coaches, team members, and the community connected throughout their "journey of a thousand miles," the entire team was empowered to go further.

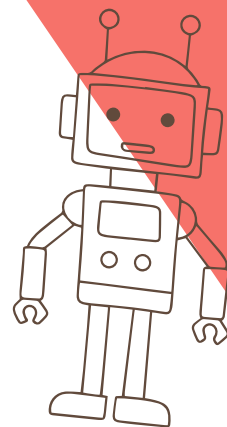


BRINGING ROBOTS TO LIFE

STEM ROBOTICS

Total Awarded: \$1,379.93
Gwynedd Square | STEM

Students gained hands-on STEM experience by building, programming, and completing tasks with their engineered robots. They observed the evolution from basic robots to more advanced models that can serve multiple purposes throughout the school.



BUILDING AND INNOVATING

RASPBERRY PI MAKERSPACE

Total Awarded: \$1,933
North Penn High School | Technology Education/Engineering

Students in the CHASE Club and Computer Programming Club explored the Raspberry Pi platform and developed devices that can automate tasks, collect and analyze data, and run programmed games. This space encouraged students to go beyond current programming and electronics courses, fostering creativity and enabling them to design new applications.



SHAPING CREATIVITY

CLAY AND COLOR: INSPIRING CREATIVITY THROUGH CERAMIC ART AND SPECIALTY GLAZES

Total Awarded: \$1,070
Pennfield Middle School | Music and Arts

Students were introduced to both the creative and technical sides of ceramic art. By working with specialty glazes that produce unique surface effects, students explored color, texture, and form, helping to develop their own pieces. They also learned the science behind ceramics, including how glazes change during firing.



BLENDING ART AND LITERACY

WIT AND WISDOM ART IN THE CLASSROOM

Total Awarded: \$69.96
York Avenue Elementary School | Music & Arts, Reading/Writing/Language

Second grade York Avenue students were able to link the Wit and Wisdom language arts curriculum to art by exploring key art elements through a "notice and wonder" approach. Their resulting artwork was able to dry safely with the newly acquired art drying rack.



ALL THAT JAZZ

KNIGHT OF JAZZ

Total Awarded: \$850
District-Wide | Music and Arts

The annual Knight of Jazz brings together all seven North Penn jazz groups to celebrate the district's rich jazz tradition. Each year, a featured guest jazz artist joins the event, working with each group during rehearsals and clinics before taking the stage to perform one piece with each ensemble during the concert.



SCORING BIG IN THE READING SUPER BOWL

READING SUPER BOWL

Total Awarded: \$1,000
North Penn High School & all Elementary Schools Reading/Writing/Language

The Reading Super Bowl is a district-wide event in which NPHS football players visit all 13 elementary schools to read to students. Serving as literacy role models, the athletes engaged with more than 6,000 students. The day is full of excitement as students and players come together to celebrate the joy of reading.



WHERE GENEROSITY Meets Opportunity

2024-2025 GRANTS BY PROGRAM AREA

Each funded project enriches the curriculum while offering students a hands-on, innovative approach to fully engage with and understand the lesson. When NPSD educators apply for grants, they carefully consider how the experience will benefit students academically, socially, and vocationally.

	Amount Awarded Through Grants	Number of Grants	Percent of Total Funding
English Language Development	\$4,511.00	4	3.66%
Foreign Language	\$1,064.00	1	0.86%
Health/Physical Education	\$1,007.00	1	0.82%
History/Social Studies	\$1,000.00	1	0.82%
Music/Arts	\$7,851.68	8	6.37%
Reading/Writing/ Language	\$1,000.00	1	0.82%
Science	\$4,706.88	3	3.82%
Special/Gifted Education	\$2,458.00	3	1.99%
STEM	\$3,822.90	2	3.10%
Other	\$17,745.83	13	14.40%
EITC	\$78,046.01	13	63.34%
Total	\$123,213.30	50	100.00%

2024-2025 GRANTS BY SCHOOL LEVEL

The Foundation is committed to providing grants at every grade level, ensuring that all students have opportunities to explore new experiences that inspire and motivate them.

	Number of Grants	Amount of Funding
Elementary School (13 schools, grades K-6)	21	\$25,828.89
Middle School (3 schools, grades 7-9)	9	\$9,621.13
North Penn High School (1 school, grades 10-12)	6	\$7,706.27
District-Wide	1	\$2,011
EITC	13	\$78,046.01



Fueling Dreams

FUNDING FUTURES

Members of the North Penn community, along with local businesses and organizations, are essential to the Foundation’s success. Thanks to the support and contributions from across the community, the Foundation is able to fund innovative programs that enrich students’ learning experiences at every grade level. These opportunities can serve as a catalyst for a student’s future.



BUILD-A-BAG COMMUNITY BACKPACK & SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Community donations provide students in need with fully stocked backpacks and a sense of hope.
Number of backpacks provided: over 500

Funds raised for supplies:
\$2,765.22



ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

Golfers come together to support a cause and fund ongoing learning opportunities.

Funds raised:
\$55,440.25



U-KNIGHT TO INSPIRE (Employee Contributions)

North Penn School District employees are committed to students’ futures and contribute to creating innovative learning experiences.

Funds raised:
\$18,202.82



STAFF TRIBUTES

Families honor the teachers and staff who have impacted their children’s lives by making donations in their name.

Funds raised:
\$5,092.58



ONLINE AUCTION

Bidders help generate funds that give students access to exceptional opportunities.

Funds raised:
\$10,328.09



ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

Donors demonstrate their support for the Foundation’s mission to help every student succeed.

Funds raised:
\$11,863.40



Funding a Need

Some donors have a cause close to their hearts and choose to support specific initiatives that directly benefit students.

	Amount of Funding
Corporate + Organizational Contributions	\$6,795.15
Individual Contributions, Memorial Gifts + Matching Funds	\$57,544.02
Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program	\$95,500.00
Donor Designated Funds	\$24,643.15

Finances IN REVIEW

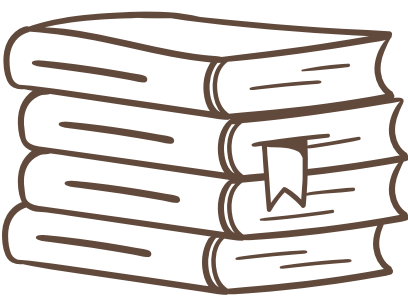
2024-2025 LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

	2023-2024	2024-2025
Net Assets	\$457,939.15	\$542,320.94
Unrestricted	\$372,289.41	\$307,968.74
Temporarily Restricted	\$85,649.74	\$234,352.20
Total Liabilities + Net Assets	\$457,939.15	\$542,320.94

GROWTH IN ASSETS (2015 - 2024)

	Total Assets	Growth in Assets
2015-2016	\$214,445.67	\$29,580.19
2016-2017	\$244,025.86	\$50,401.95
2017-2018	\$294,454.79	\$14,462.56
2018-2019	\$308,917.35	\$14,772.37
2019-2020	\$323,689.72	\$96,865.76
2020-2021	\$420,555.48	-\$11,189.50
2021-2022	\$409,365.98	\$73,160.90
2022-2023	\$482,526.88	-\$24,587.73
2023-2024	\$457,939.15	\$84,381.79
2024-2025	\$542,320.94	

ABOUT THE Foundation



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Donations

Send the completed form below to:
NPSD Educational Foundation, PO Box 1084, Lansdale, PA 19446
 Or visit npennedfoundation.org to donate online.



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