

## Foundation History

The Mid-Prairie Foundation was formed in late 1987, as an Iowa nonprofit corporation with the purpose of supporting the Mid-Prairie School District. This organization was formed by a group of concerned citizens dedicated to the future of the students of the Mid-Prairie Community.

This concern arose during the mid-1980s due to the Midwest farm crisis. This crisis led to a shift in population from rural to urban areas, therefore shrinking traditional sources of school funding (property tax, state school funds, etc.) As school closings and consolidations became a fact of life, this group of Mid-Prairie Community members came together to dedicate efforts to the financial strength and stability of the district.

The contributions made to the Foundation qualify as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, therefore all gifts to and through the Foundation are tax deductible.

## Current Foundation Projects

Awarding Endowed Scholarships to Graduating Seniors  
(\$375,000+ has been awarded to 275+ Seniors  
in the last 5 years)

Feed the Kids Program

M-P Indoor Facility Project

Fund for Academic Excellence Endowment  
(Started by the Class of 1966)

WCRF Grants Awarded to Mid-Prairie

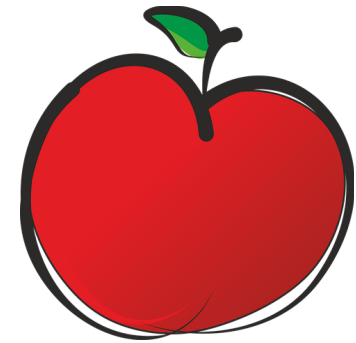
Establishing a Mid-Prairie Alumni Association

Teacher Annual Recognition

School Assemblies

Auditorium

# Mid-Prairie Community School District Foundation



“An investment in our school is an investment in the future of our students and our local community.”

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## WHY DO WE NEED A SCHOOL DISTRICT FOUNDATION?

Your interest in and willingness to contribute to the Mid-Prairie Community Schools can enrich our school and community. Private contributions are needed to maintain and improve the level of educational excellence the Mid-Prairie students experience.

Residents, Alumni, and other interested individuals of the Mid-Prairie Community School District can ensure that our school remains a place where every student is served in the highest capacity possible.

## WHAT WILL MY GIFT PROVIDE?

- Enhancement of academic programs
- Funding for faculty development
- Improved school facilities and projects
- Special community educational programs
- Scholarships

## WHAT METHODS MIGHT I USE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FOUNDATION?

- Cash, Securities, Real or Personal Property.
- Bequests, Estates
- Life Insurance Agreements
- Donations of Educational Supplies and Equipment
- Memorials
- Living Trusts
- Life Income Contracts
- Testamentary Trusts
- Gifts from Class Reunions, Service Organizations and Businesses
- Employer-Sponsored Matching Gifts
- Grants/Awards- Corporations, Foundations, Government Agencies

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The Foundation will manage your contribution and ensure it be used for the intended purpose. You may designate a specific area for your endowment gift or you may give for general purpose use. Endowment gifts, which allow for principal growth while using only interest, are encouraged.

## WHO WILL DECIDE HOW FOUNDATION FUNDS ARE SPENT?

All decisions to be made by and on behalf of the Mid-Prairie School District Foundation will be made by its Board of Trustees. Advice on spending decisions will be solicited from the Board of Education and the School District Administration, as well as from various support groups and the general public.

## HOW DOES THE FOUNDATION AFFECT EXISTING SUPPORT GROUPS?

The Mid-Prairie Community School District Foundation is not a substitute or an alternative to the various existing support groups. The Foundation is envisioned and designed as a working partner with all other support groups such as Athletic, Music or Student Boosters.

The Foundation may provide a convenient avenue for channeling support group donations or the Foundation may provide direct financial assistance to any project established by the various support groups. The Foundation will not control, direct or supervise any other existing support group.