



Thompson Education Foundation Funds, Projects and Programs

Adapted P.E. – The Adapted P.E. provides unique opportunities for special education students to participate in annual group ski trips, bowling and other sports oriented activities.

Art Programs - Thompson Education Foundation has supported art programs to help students learn through such programs as Art Steps, Artist in Residence programs, and the Loveland Integrated School for the Arts (LISA) schools. Recently, the TEF Board has implemented the Technology for Art initiative intended to raise funds throughout the community to purchase new technology items for art classes. This initiative hopes to create a large endowment that will allow for future funding of upgrades, replacement, and new equipment for classes such as drawing, paintings, theater, sculpture, video production, photography, jewelry making, and much more.

Berthoud Education Fund - This funds was created by members of the Berthoud community who wished to develop and improve upon the schools in their community. Hosting one large fund raiser per year, The Berthoud Bash, the Berthoud community has been able to raise over \$100,000 in the past 2 years to purchase technology items for thier schools.

Bobcat Ridge & Science Programs – TEF provides annual funding for the Science TOSA, elementary science kits, star lab, and Bobcat Ridge field trips for 5th graders.

Building Projects – TEF has managed and helped to raise funds for multiple building projects within the district. Most recently, TEF successfully raised over \$600,000 in community and grant funds that were matched by the City of Loveland for the Loveland High School pool project.

Creativity Grants – Established in 1997, Creativity Grants have provided multiple grants per year to implement new projects within the Thompson School District. As of 2010, the Creativity Grant program has provided over \$100,000 to educators within the district.

Cultural Diversity programs - TEF has funded cultural diversity training for administrators and teachers in hopes of developing further awareness and sensitivity to cultural issues within an educational environment.

Educator of the Year Awards – The TEF Educator of the Year awards and Educator Appreciation breakfast recognize the excellent work of the Thompson Schools' staff. Nominated by members of the community, the winners of the Educator of the Year award are selected by a committee that has the difficult job of determining how the nominees challenge, empower and inspire their students and community.

Elementary Instrumental Music Endowment – Thanks to a very generous donor, every 3rd grade student has been able to learn the joy of playing music through recorders that are provided by TEF

Help Kids Succeed School Supply Drive program– In partnership with other community organizations and members, TEF heads the committee and manages the funds that provide new backpacks full of school supplies to students throughout the district. In 2011, TEF provided 1,300 backpacks to students in need.

Homeless Assistance program - Every year there are students who find themselves in need of supplies and assistance because of being displaced from thier home. This fund, started by Loveland High Students, helps to provide homeless students with emergency basic needs items such as food, work clothes, hygiene supplies or other needs based upon requests.

Scholarship Programs - Ten different student scholarship funds are managed through TEF, providing funds to kindergarten programs and graduating seniors of Thompson Schools.