

Founding Partners for Education

In 2008, a small group of community leaders and educators—sharing the common understanding that education is the heart of community growth and development—formed the Eau Claire Public Schools Foundation. The goal was to create a foundation that could operate independently of the school district while fostering a supportive relationship with the ECASD, its alumni, and the community.

Dedicated to public education, the Foundation can accept private contributions and make grants to support value added projects, creative teaching and learning opportunities, and provide for the greatest needs when and where public funding is unavailable.

To date, more than \$600,000 has been raised in support of education, and more than \$200,000 in grant funds have been awarded!

Excellence is Accelerated Through Two Main Funds

Greatest Needs Fund for Today: Teachers want the best for their students and often reach into their own pockets to provide the school essentials when families or the school budget just can't. The Fund for Today is here to help. Every school has their own fund and gifts can be made to support any school in the district.

Endowed Fund for the Future: This fund supports greatest needs, designated programs, and special projects. The principle of all endowed gifts is safeguarded in perpetuity, while the income from the funds may be used annually to meet current student needs, fund special projects, or support the specified purpose on an established endowment.

» Visit our Website!
www.ecpsfound.org



Yes!

I want to support
Eau Claire Public Schools!

Please accept my gift of: _____

Please direct my gift toward:

The Fund for Today

Supporting _____

(School **Endowed Fund for the**

Future

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Donate online at www.ecpsfound.org

Send me more information about how I can include the public schools in my estate plans.

For automatic transfers from a bank account or credit card on a monthly or quarterly basis, contact ECPSF.

MAIL THIS FORM TO:
Eau Claire Public Schools
Foundation PO Box 511, Eau Claire,
WI 54702

Thank you for your support,
please detach this form and return it with your gift.


Why Give? **Their success is our success!**

Giving helps maintain traditions such as the 5th Grade Track meet held annually for more than 65 years. Budget cuts threatened its future, but the track meet has been saved three years in a row thanks to donations from alumni, PTO, and local businesses.

Gifts of any size are needed, appreciated, and make a difference now and into the future.

Ways to Give **Many Choices**

There are many ways to support education through the ECPSF and a philanthropic plan to best fit every interest and contribution level. Gifts are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Please consider any of the following ways to make your gift, and contact us if you have any questions.

 Give an unrestricted gift to the Greatest Needs Fund for Today to support the most critical needs.

 Visit the Wish List of your favorite school and support its needs for this school year.

 Donate in honor or memory of your favorite teacher.

 Donate to an existing endowed fund, such as the Alumni Funds.

 Establish a donor advised fund and recommend grants every year to your favorite school projects.

Leave a Legacy **Optimism for the Future**

Planned gifts come in many shapes and sizes and can be directed to benefit the ECPSF and education as you see fit. Your gift can support the ECPSF's overall mission, be added to an existing fund, or establish a new fund to support your particular area of educational interest.

For more information, please contact:
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This is happening in Eau Claire on
any given day.

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Ensuring the Future

- Schools operate today with a **2008 budget** for field trips, replacement costs of equipment, and more, causing programs to be reduced or eliminated.
- **44% of the student body (4,000 students)** live at or below the poverty level and at any given time, **200 children** are living in a homeless situation.
- It costs a family **\$100-\$400** for their student to participate in athletics, a cost that prevents many from participating, especially families living paycheck to paycheck.
- Families may be choosing between buying gas or groceries and do not have the activity fees or field trip costs to participate in school activities.
- Many musical instruments still being used today were used in the 1930s and '40s.



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