



OLDHAM COUNTY
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

*Enhancing the
Educational Experience
of Oldham County
Public School Students*

HELPING

the Oldham County Board of Education Achieve its Educational Goals

Established in 1989, the Oldham County Educational Foundation (OCEF) exists to foster business and community support for the Oldham County Public Schools. OCEF was formed through a cooperative effort between the Oldham County Board of Education and the Oldham County Chamber of Commerce, supporting the educational mission of the Oldham County Board of Education by providing monetary support for educational programs not fully funded through the district budget.



Over the past seven school years, OCEF has funded over \$400,000 worth of program and facility enhancements. Through grants and donations, including the Pyramid Awards, OCEF directly supports teachers across the district in their educational mission to improve instruction and foster student engagement. OCEF also has a unique partnership with the Oldham County Schools Arts Center that allows the Center to enhance the arts education and program exposure to the students. Another ongoing funding priority is the district's Gifted and Talented Educational Services program.

Oldham County currently ranks 173rd out of 174 school districts in general fund revenue received from the state budget. This equates to \$6,700 per pupil, while the state average is currently at \$8,000 per pupil. OCEF's support of our schools allows the district to offset this financial hardship and provide additional revenues to enhance the instructional experience of our students.

PYRAMID Award Grants

Since 1990, 373 teachers have been awarded a total of \$193,240 in support through the Pyramid Awards.

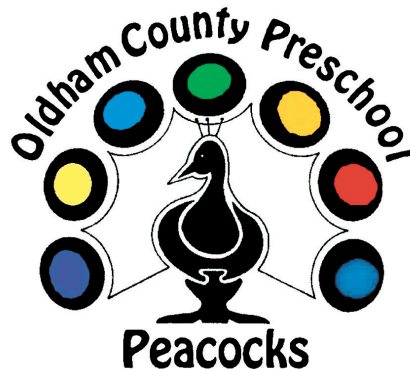
The Foundation has a history of awarding grants to classroom teachers to assist with instructional strategies to increase student learning outcomes.

Teachers applying for Pyramid Awards are encouraged to develop innovative projects by introducing unique, new or different instructional methods designed to actively involve students in the learning process and increase student learning.

The award may be as much as \$1,000 per grant and can be used for instructional materials, equipment, partial stipends for guest instructors, and partial admission costs to community resources.



OLDHAM COUNTY Preschool (OCP)



The newest OCEF initiative is to provide additional resources for the Oldham County Preschool (OCP). The OCP enrolls three (3) and four (4) year old children whose families meet federal Head Start financial levels or families below 150% of the federal poverty guidelines. Also, children in this age range with disabilities (learning, physical, social/emotional, or behavioral) are served in this program. The mission of the OCP program is to provide comprehensive learning and social experiences

that prepare these children to enter kindergarten and progress successfully through the school district's curriculum and learning programs. The OCP annually serves 300+ children at the school center in Buckner. The program ranks near the top of all state preschool programs and consistently meets and exceeds all the rating standards on comprehensive federal and state preschool reviews.

Budget challenges continue to have a negative effect on program services since state funding for preschool programs is inadequate compared to K-12 regular school funding. Oldham County attempts to channel as much local revenue as possible to the OCP program, but the needs of this challenging, diverse group of children often are only partially met. The OCEF has just secured a \$35,000 grant from the PNC Foundation to increase services to students by funding additional teacher trainings, classroom materials, and the purchase of technology software & equipment for preschool classrooms. With over 150 disabled children being served at the OCP, a full time nurse is needed to render immediate medical support services, such as feeding tubes maintenance, and brain and heart surgery follow up. This year's budget does not allow for the employment of a nurse. Your donations could make a powerful difference in meeting the unmet needs of our county's disadvantaged preschool population.

PARTNERSHIP



with the Oldham County Schools Arts Center (OCSAC)



“Thousands of district students are benefiting from the powerful effects of arts education, due directly to the financial and civic commitment that OCEF has made to the Oldham County Schools Arts Center.”

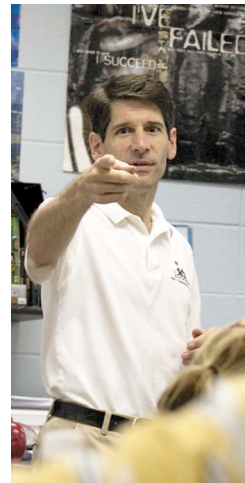
-Alvin MacWilliams
OCSAC Executive Director

Since 2009, OCEF has contributed over \$52,000 to the OCSAC for artist in residence programs, arts program sponsorships, computer lab training equipment, and equipment for a movie/screen production class.

- November 2001: The Oldham County Board of Education purchased the former Crestwood Baptist Church on Floyd'sburg Road to develop the Oldham County Schools Arts Center.
- 2004: OCEF began its commitment to the OCSAC by providing funding to redesign the Center's Web site, performances, and the Blake Haselton Sculpture Garden.
- 2005: OCEF secured more than \$40,000 to renovate the Arts Center's Performance Hall.
- 2005: OCEF purchased over \$25,000 worth of audio/visual equipment.
- 2006: OCEF provided \$68,000 for facility enhancements including a new marquee for the building.
- 2006: OCEF acquired over \$7,300 to support performance and programming needs.
- June 2007: OCEF was instrumental in securing \$68,000 from the Peyton Samuel Head Family Trust to provide a new professional lighting system for the Arts Center's Performance Hall.
- 2008: OCEF funded half the cost (\$13,000) toward the purchase of a much needed Schimmel Grand Piano for the Performance Hall.

COMMITMENT

to Gifted and Talented Educational Services (GATES)



Oldham County Schools' Gifted and Talented program has been greatly enhanced thanks to continued support from the OCEF.

Since 2008, OCEF has invested \$38,000 to serve new and challenging

resource materials for the districts gifted and talented students.

According to Assistant Superintendent Anita Davis, OCEF has enhanced the educational experience in Oldham County classrooms for both GATES students, as well as the greater student body, because of its continued funding for this area. "The money allocated by OCEF allowed the district to purchase subscriptions to the Renzulli web-based software, which can be used by GATES students for additional research projects, as well as by teachers across disciplines to differentiate learning materials for all students in Oldham County classrooms."

SUPPORTING



Through your continued support, OCEF is able to fulfill its mission to enhance the educational experiences of Oldham County Public School students. To make a contribution, please contact the OCEF Treasurer,

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