

Schools

Joliet Public Schools District 86 covers 26.4 square miles and includes:

- 12 Elementary Schools
- 4 Junior High Schools
- 4 Magnet Schools
- 1 Early Childhood Center
- 1 Gifted Center
- 1 Alternative School

T.E. Culbertson Elementary	K-5
M.J. Cunningham Elementary	K-5
Dirksen Jr. High	6-8
Eisenhower Academy	1-5
Farragut Elementary	K-5
Forest Park I.E.	K-5
Gompers Jr. High	6-8
Hufford Jr. High & IE Program	6-8
Thomas Jefferson Elementary	K-5
KEEP Center	Gifted
Edna Keith Elementary	K-5
A.O. Marshall Elementary	EC-5
Marycrest Early Childhood	EC
Parks Cultural Studies Academy	EC-5
Pershing Elementary	K-5
Sator Sanchez Elementary	EC-5
Carl Sandburg Elementary	1-5
Taft Elementary	K-5
Lynne Thigpen Elementary	K-5
Thompson Instructional Center	K-8
Washington Jr. High & Academy	6-8
Woodland Elementary	EC-5

JOLIET GRADE SCHOOLS FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Board of Directors

The Joliet Grade Schools Foundation for Educational Excellence was established in 2003 and includes representatives from all community stakeholders; teachers, administrators, parents, business and community members. The Board of Directors currently include:

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It shall be the mission of the Foundation to acquire and distribute financial and other resources that shall be used for programs and projects, which enhance or supplement Joliet District 86 educational programs.



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Grants

One of the goals of the Foundation is to provide grants to teachers for programs and projects that enhance and enrich educational opportunities for learners.

In the past five years, the Foundation has awarded 138 grants nearly \$200,000 to teachers and staff in the Joliet Grade School District. Some of the grants have included:

- Classroom library books.
- A Junior High School literary magazine.
- Transportation for field trips.
- Family Reading Garden.
- Board games for Family Nights.
- Instrument and voice CDs.
- Early Childhood Fire Safety video.
- Reading Achievement Program for deaf and hard-of-hearing students.
- Test taking kits.
- Intervention resource materials.
- Science computer simulation materials.
- Multi-cultural art history kits.



Fundraising

The Joliet Grade Schools Foundation for Educational Excellence rely on several annual fundraisers to raise money to award grants to Joliet District 86 teachers and staff. The Foundation hosts an annual “Take Me Out to the Ballgame” fantasy baseball game fundraiser at Silver Cross Field in Joliet. Business and community members pay a fee to spend a day playing baseball with former major league baseball players. Players have included: Goose Gossage, Fergie Jenkins, Tommy John, Jay Johnstone, Dave Kingman, and Lee Smith.



An evening reception and auction follow. The foundation also has raised money at the Joliet Public Schools Community Family Fairs and through employee payroll deductions. Additional fundraisers are currently being planned.

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Donations

Joliet Grade Schools Foundation for Educational Excellence has a variety of gift opportunities and funding options available for benefactors of the foundation.

Opportunities include:

Cash donations, memorials, real estate, stocks, securities, life insurance, retirement, corporate matching funds, or planned giving through endowments, wills and bequests. For information, call (815) 740-3196 ext. 204.

To make a cash donation, please fill out the following form:

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
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Thank you for your support.

