

Foundation Supports Learning Projects

Hundreds of students across Fayette County will have access to computers, instructional software and after school programs, thanks to \$100,000 in grants from the Fayette Education Foundation.

“These schools have proposed innovative ways to build students’ capacity to learn and remove barriers to success,” said Leslie Fannin, Fayette Education Foundation chair. “Our hope is that the programs not only will improve student learning at these schools but also be models of success that can be replicated throughout the school system.”

The grants were given for proposals that support the school district’s 2020 Vision project, which studied proven ways to build children’s capacity to learn and overcome barriers to learning.

The eight schools to receive funding from the Fayette Education Foundation are:

- Crawford Middle School, \$10,000 for reading software and equipment, which have raised student reading by one to three levels in their current pilot program;
- Dixie Elementary School, \$10,000 to help fund a literacy coach;
- Lexington Traditional Magnet School, \$15,000 for instructional support for sixth-graders who are two years or more below grade level in math and reading;
- Martin Luther King Academy, \$15,000 for online instructional support for students at risk of dropping out or those who already have dropped out. More than 600 students have earned diplomas since this program began in 2002;
- Russell Cave Elementary School, \$15,000 for an extended day program for at-risk students in third, fourth and fifth grades;
- Southern Middle School, \$10,000 to help purchase 22 desktop computers that will be used for a program to help improve math skills;
- Tates Creek High School, \$15,000 for its newly accredited International Baccalaureate Diploma Program, which is a rigorous and demanding pre-college curriculum; and
- Yates Elementary School, \$10,000 for after-school clubs that focus on math, arts, homework assistance and other programs for at-risk students.

Established in 2003, the mission of the Fayette Education Foundation is to support the school district in efforts to raise overall student achievement while eliminating achievement disparities between different groups of students.

“The Fayette Education Foundation is a great partner with the Fayette County Public Schools,” said Fayette Schools Superintendent Stu Silberman. “They continue to help our schools raise student achievement and close gaps at the same time. We are so thankful for all these community leaders do to help our kids!”