

The Jackson County Education Foundation

The Jackson County Education Foundations was established to support educational enrichment in Jackson County School District for grades K-12. The Foundation provides an easy way for organizations, businesses, and individuals to add their personal support to improve the educational opportunities of all students in Jackson County. Every dollar contributed makes a difference. The Foundation is a 501 (C) (3) charitable organization.

Jackson County Education Foundation was established July 1, 2013. The Board of Directors, have three representatives from each of the following areas: Sneads/Grand Ridge, Malone, Graceville, Cottondale, and Marianna. The Foundation must raise money through donations to be eligible for state funds. The state has a dollar-for-dollar matching grant program which allows the Foundation to meet more classroom needs. Individual teachers write grants for \$200.00 to \$1,000.00 that will enhance their classrooms, while a school grant is awarded for \$2,000.00.

In year 2013, the Foundation raised \$4,000.00, with the state matching funds totaling \$4,000.00 was able to fund 8 grants county-wide. In year 2014, the Foundation along with the matching dollars from the state, funded 15 grants for a total of \$12,463.00. For the 2015-16 school year, the Foundation had 40 grant requests, totaling \$40,000.00. With limited funds, the State and the Foundation has funded 19 grants for a total of \$16,551.83.

With the formation of Jackson County Education Foundation, educators receive funds that add valuable tools to enhance classroom experiences. Some of the current funds that have been raised and matched have provided:

- Tablets
- Smart boards
- Cameras
- Computers
- Classroom libraries
- USB microscopes
- Novel Studies
- E-Clickers

The Foundation is eligible for over \$18,000.00 from the State for matching funds, which is based on total student enrollment. With the continual growth of the Foundation more classroom grants can be awarded. Eventually, through private sector sponsorship, individual contributions, estate gifts, honorariums, memorials, donations, employee payroll deduction, and fund raising events the Foundation is aiming for the full amount of over \$36,000.00 annually.

2015-16 Jackson County Education Foundation Award Recipients

Malone School:

K-5 Science Lab Enhancing Performance

Cottondale Elementary School:

1. Genia Smith Students Typing Their Way Into the Digital Era
2. Katie Mathis - Dotting Our Way to the Top
3. Norma Bean - Music to Our Ears and Eyes
4. Sharese Sutton - School Garden to Enhance Academic Performance

Sneads Elementary School:

1. Brandis Perkins - Listening Center

Hope School:

1. Sarah Ease - Hope Enhancing P.E.
2. Lorena Barwick -Creating Caring Communication
3. Carolyn Gilmore and Stephanie Davis - Go Talk

Graceville Elementary School:

1. Kacy Messer - Great Leap
2. Lindsey Hamlin - Great Leap
3. Pamela Williams - Extensive Reading Comprehension
4. Stephanie King - Extensive Reading Comprehension

Riverside Elementary School:

1. Mark Brogdon - Teaching Reading Skills Using Children's Literature
2. Kim Pender - Supplementing for Success
3. Paige Cavanaugh - Supplementing for Success

Golson Elementary School:

1. Daryl Williams - Euerka!!
2. Kimberly Williams - Color Their World

Marianna High School:

1. John Martin - Music Technology Lab