



For the 2023-24 school year, Glenview Education Foundation proudly donated over \$124,000 to District 34. Below is a summary of the funded grants:

Sound Investment: New Opportunities for a Growing Band Program

As the middle school band program continues to grow, this grant adds a new bari saxophone and marimba to the instrument inventory. Bari sax students will finally be able to take their instrument home to practice, just like their peers, ensuring equity across the program. And with three grade-level ensembles now in place (up from two), the added marimba means percussionists can play full ensemble pieces on quality instruments instead of elementary bell kits.

Students Deserve Diverse Books

This grant enriches the Hoffman School library with books in Spanish, Polish, Russian, Ukrainian, Korean, and Mongolian — reflecting the languages and cultures of our D34 families. It gives students "mirrors" that reflect their own identities and "windows" into their classmates', while also offering accessible reading levels for newcomers still learning English.

Metalinguistics & Word Play

This grant brings engaging dictionaries, interactive read-aloud books, and hands-on word games into classrooms to build vocabulary and reading comprehension, in both English and Spanish. Through playful, low-risk exploration of language, students strengthen their spelling, writing, and reading skills while building the kind of linguistic flexibility that helps words and their many meanings really click.

20th Annual GEF Recital Nights

Band, choir, and orchestra students get the chance to perform for a professional clinician in a small-group master class format, with a mariachi band performance woven in for extra fun. It's a low-stakes, high-growth opportunity for musicians to build confidence ahead of the IGSMA Solo & Ensemble Contest.

Middle School Broadcasting

This grant builds full broadcast studios at Attea and Springman, giving students hands-on experience with multi-camera setups, lighting, and sound — from pre-production through a live broadcast. It opens the door to cross-curricular projects between STEM, Drama, and Modern Media, and sets students up for the TV/broadcasting track at GBS.

QBall Wireless Microphone

This playful, rolling microphone gets every student's voice into the conversation — especially the quieter ones who might otherwise hesitate to speak up. It's an easy way to build confidence, practice public speaking, and boost engagement across every subject.

Ready Bodies Learning Minds (RBLM)

This grant creates a Motor Lab for preschool through 2nd grade, giving students a few minutes each day of research-based movement activities that build focus, coordination, and learning readiness. It's designed for every student, and gives teachers an evidence-based alternative to unstructured "brain break" videos.

STEM Nights for School Community Engagement

These hands-on STEM Nights bring families into six D34 schools for an evening of curiosity-driven exploration, bridging the gap between school and community. They're a fun, inclusive way to spark excitement about STEM for students and parents alike.

Courtyard Creations: Empowering Student-Driven Play and Learning

Designed with student input from a whole-school inquiry, this grant transforms the Henking courtyard into a space for creative play, outdoor learning, and social connection. It's a great example of students shaping the spaces they'll actually use.