



Granting Wishes and Support in Lexington District One!

What's the Inside Story?

The Lexington County School District One Educational Foundation was formed during the 1994-1995 school year. The hope was to create a new source of financial assistance that would provide amazing educational opportunities for our students.

Accordingly, the Educational Foundation supports innovative educational programs and activities that aren't possible through the Lexington District One annual budget. Through gifts from many generous partners, we plant seeds that bloom into amazing educational opportunities.

We invite you as a district employee to help us grant wishes and support in our district by making a gift today to our LEAP funds! This annual giving campaign is funded solely through employee donations and has an immensely positive impact on our students and employees each year. The campaign extends over the first three weeks of school when staff and teachers return to work, so thanks for considering a gift this year.

During the school year, our LEAP Funds address a number of areas of critical need. The **LEAP Education Fund** provides important educational programs and initiatives that our district is unable to fully fund, such as books for our schools and their classroom libraries, STEM labs, innovative educational grants, and renovations to school libraries.

While the **LEAP Emergency Fund** provides need-based aid to students and employees in a financial crisis due to:

- Home fires;
- Severe weather events;
- Critical health conditions; or
- Other emergency situations.

In addition, it funds Health Fund Grants, Higher Education Support Grants and more as needed to support our students, teachers and staff. Finally, a small portion of your gift also supports the operational costs of the foundation so that our staff can administer these important grant funds.

Thank you for making a personal donation to the Educational Foundation's LEAP Campaign today!

Why We LEAP!

- Last year, all 18 elementary schools benefitted from a **\$25,800 Bucks for Books Grant** to strengthen the literacy skills of third through fifth graders. These grants total \$186,050 over the past eight years!
- **\$25,000 in Innovation Grants** supported creative learning projects at six of our Lexington One elementary or middle schools this past year.
- In 21 years, **1,400+ families** have received LEAP Emergency Grants due to a crisis. Last school year, **LEAP** provided financial help to many families in need via applications, **International Teacher Grants**, or **Health Fund Grants**. All of these families were struggling financially for various reasons and needed temporary help.
- **Helping Hands Grants to Schools** were created in 2020 to support students in need in smaller ways, giving school leaders the ability to quickly help. Since inception, more than **\$201,000** invested has aided countless students and families in Lexington District One.
- Since 2018, **138 Lexington One seniors** with dire financial need received **Higher Education Support Grants** totaling \$82,400 to help with college expenses.
- Last year, **Health Fund Grants** purchased digital thermometers for nurses to give to students in need. Also, thanks to past grants for four portable Spot Vision Screeners, our district's nurses can easily screen 16,000+ students annually for serious vision problems.
- Previously, a **\$10,000 STEM Grant** supported elementary Computer Science learning and a **\$4,000 Special Services Grant** helped renovate the Early Childhood Developmental Screening Center.
- In 2023, a **\$33,000 Counting Collections Mathematics Grant** strengthened first through third graders' math and counting skills, which are the core foundation to higher mathematical learning.
- For **21 years LEAP** donations to the Educational Foundation given by caring Lexington District One employees have positively impacted our students, schools and educational programs! Thank you for giving!

Can We Count on You?

Your gift means the world to Lexington District One students and families! **Please support the Lexington One Educational Foundation's LEAP funds** by making a campaign contribution today via:

- Cash or Check
- Payroll Deduction
- Combination of the above options



LEAP Representatives will be available at each school to assist employees in the campaign pledge process from **July 28 - August 15, 2025**. Please know that the option to contribute via payroll deduction is only available during the campaign. **Please consider giving to LEAP today!**

LEAP into the Facts!

The Lexington One Educational Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity. Accordingly, your contributions to LEAP funds are considered tax-deductible donations as allowed by the IRS to nonprofit organizations. The Educational Foundation's tax identification number is 57-1025465.

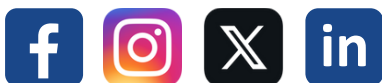
LEAP Representatives continue to serve each school/work site throughout the school year to address questions, to review program policies and guidelines, and to help families with applications for emergency assistance. For details, please contact your school or department LEAP representative, or contact foundation staff (803.821.1288 or hyjohnson@lexington1.net).



LEAP for Perks!

Each employee who contributes a minimum of \$5.00 to the Foundation's LEAP funds during the campaign pledge period will receive a **LEAP Perks Discount Card** featuring unique discounts at local restaurants and retailers. Your school's LEAP Campaign may also include giving challenges or prize drawings. We also have tokens of thanks for our top campaign donors! **Give today!**

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Foundation's Magnitude

The Lexington One Educational Foundation board and staff welcome personal and corporate donations, honorariums, memorials, and event sponsorships to support our mission of serving Lexington District One. In addition to LEAP's imprint of over \$2.73 million dollars raised to date, the foundation provides many educational and need-based grants, scholarships, and educational partnership opportunities to strengthen teaching and student learning in Lexington District One.

Highlights of our positive impact includes:

- **596 College scholarships** awarded to Lexington District One graduates since inception, which **total \$484,726 to date!**
- **447 Michelin Golden Apple Teacher Grants** awarded since 2004 to offer creative or enhanced learning opportunities for students. **These grants total \$108,668 invested in our teachers and students over the past 22 years!**
- **\$123,345 in STEM/Robotics Grants** from Michelin, individuals and the Educational Foundation to date to provide funding for school VEX robotics teams and elementary computer science programs.
- **\$67,750** from corporate partners to support Lexington District One students in learning career-based skills via Career and Technical Education courses.
- **\$215,000+** in **Innovation Grants to K-8 Schools** invested in students over the past eleven years for unique and imaginative educational projects.

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