



**Cabarrus
County
Education
Foundation**

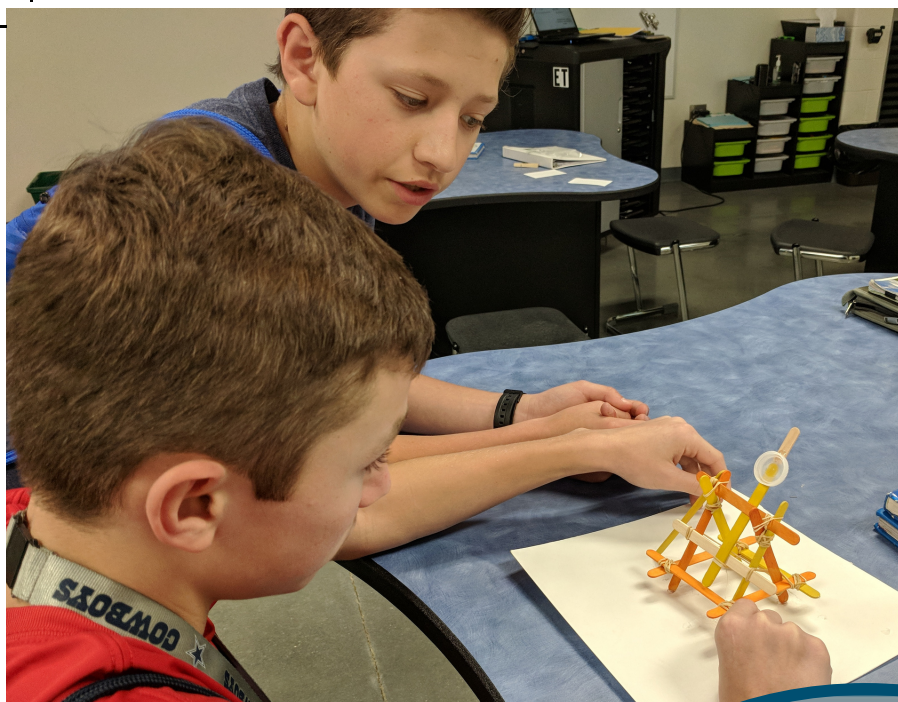


OUR TEACHERS.

OUR STUDENTS.

OUR INVESTMENT.

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CHAMPIONING FUTURE LEADERS

At CCEF, we're shaping tomorrow's workforce by fostering essential life skills and hands-on learning experiences. With strong ties to our vibrant business community, we empower students to thrive in an ever-changing world, ensuring they're equipped with the tools needed to seize every opportunity. Together, we're building a brighter future, one skill at a time!



**Transforming our Students for
the World as it is Going to Be**





*Future Success Starts
with a Love for Reading*

READING ✓
+MENTORING ✓

4 SUCCESS ✓
TM

Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader

We want Cabarrus County children to **LOVE** to read because it sets them on a path to academic and life success.

Students who fall behind in the early grades often stay behind, creating opportunity and achievement gaps later in life. We must get this one right!

Today, in Cabarrus County Schools only 54% of students read proficiently at the end of 3rd grade, a critical milestone where students transition from "learning to read" to "reading to learn". My FutureNC has identified that Cabarrus County needs to double from 34% to 73% the number 3rd-8th graders who score college-and-career ready scores (level 4 & 5) to meet future workforce needs.



73% of 3rd graders who are behind never catch up and are 4 times more likely to drop out of school

Based on the latest research findings, our program strives to:



Encourage pleasure reading



Ensure students have books at home they enjoy reading



Have the skills needed for reading proficiently


Results from our program demonstrate students have increased reading proficiency levels, boosted their confidence in the classroom and are becoming leaders.

"My students who participated in the program have begun to pick up longer books and not want to put them down. This has led to increased interest in others."
~CCS Teacher



“You can teach a student a lesson for a day, but if you teach him to learn by creating curiosity, he will continue the learning process as long as he lives.”

~ Clay P. Bedford, President of Kaiser
Aerospace & Electronics



In today's rapidly evolving world, where advancements in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) drive progress and innovation, preparing our future workforce for the challenges ahead is of paramount importance.



Through hands-on projects and critical thinking exercises, our students learn problem-solving, teamwork, adaptability, and effective communication - skills that are vital in an ever-evolving job market and empower our graduates to become innovative, confident, and well-rounded professionals.

STEM CONNECT empowers the next generation with the tools they need to thrive in a dynamic world through these initiatives:

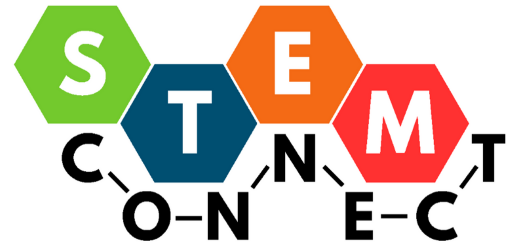
- *EXPERIENCE STEM provides students with innovative experiential learning to gain critical life skills application in the context of various industry verticals.*
- *DO STEM ensures students have access to the equipment and resources needed for hands-on learning.*
- *TEACH STEM equips educators to inspire future generations of employees through immersion experiences with industry leaders.*

The program's pinnacle is the STEM Combine, during which students showcase their projects, allowing the business community and the general public to witness their achievements.



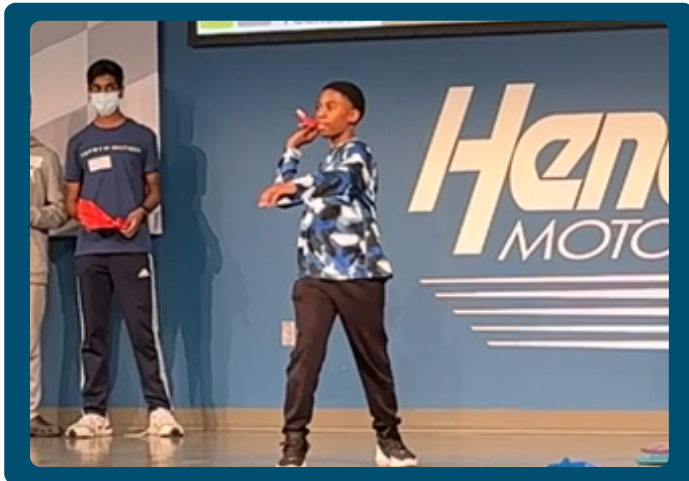
STEM CONNECT is building a future-ready workforce that drives positive change and embraces limitless opportunities.

Empowering Minds through Experiential Learning



Experiential learning bridges the gap between theoretical knowledge and real-world applications, equipping students with the skills and adaptability necessary to thrive in tomorrow's industries. By engaging learners in hands-on experiences, experiential learning cultivates critical thinking, problem-solving and teamwork, which are essential attributes sought by employers in the 21st century.

We engage in partnerships with various fields including aerospace engineering, culinary arts, robotics, aviation, and more, in order to transform these possibilities into actual opportunities for students. As students immerse themselves in diverse fields and careers, they acquire tangible life skills as illustrated in the following examples.



Dynamic Flight Challenge

Bringing the principles of aerodynamics to life, students work in multi-level teams to design a paper airplane. But this is no ordinary paper airplane - they are powered to fly further so students have to incorporate the power up kits as part of their design with no adhesive. Industry mentors provide guidance to student groups as they design their ideas and bring them to life.

Sweet Treats Bake Off Challenge

This challenge offers students a holistic culinary business experience. Student groups blend flavors to craft delightful treats, manage a budget, promote their product, develop packaging, design and set up their display, and sell raffle tickets both online and offline. This hands-on activity offers valuable opportunities to cultivate essential life skills required for success in the business world.



Welcome to the World of VEX ROBOTICS



In this captivating and educational platform, it's not the kids building robots; it's the robots nurturing and fostering the growth of young minds. VEX Robotics offers an array of robotics kits, competitions, and programs, aiming to enliven science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) for students of all ages. The goal is to motivate and equip the next generation of innovators, problem-solvers, and leaders.

VEX Robotics instills in students:

- A Passion for STEM
- Developing Essential Life Skills
- Stimulating Creativity
- Interactive Learning
- Pathways to Future Careers
- Thrilling Competitions
- Accessibility and Inclusivity
- Building a Community



Discover the magic of hands-on learning, the excitement of competition, and the delight of witnessing young minds reach new heights with VEX Robotics. Together, we are shaping a brighter future through the wonder of STEM education and groundbreaking advancements in robotics.

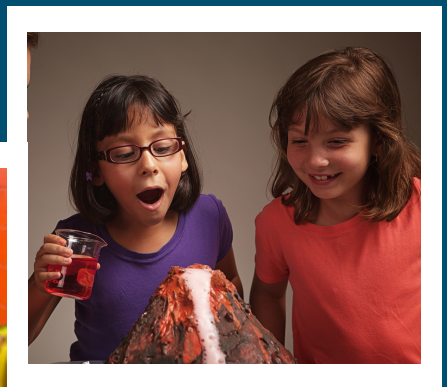
Boundless Learning with Classroom Grants

Imagine a classroom where students don't just read about science experiments; they conduct them. Picture a world where history comes alive through interactive projects, and literature leaps off the pages as students immerse themselves in creative activities. This transformative learning experience is made possible by classroom grants.



Classroom grants empower educators to enrich their curriculum with in-class hands-on opportunities that ignite a passion for learning. From state-of-the-art technology to engaging materials, these grants bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and real-world application. By fostering curiosity and critical thinking, students develop essential skills for the future.

In collaboration with enthusiastic individuals and businesses, our classroom grant program strives to provide students with a plethora of exciting opportunities, fostering a dynamic learning environment that fuels their growth and success.



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Sponsorship Opportunities



CCS Arts Festival

Each year, Cabarrus County Schools celebrates Youth Art Month with a street festival featuring an art display, street performances and the art awards ceremony. Original pieces from CCS students in preschool through grade 12 are exhibited and street performances from choral and theater groups from across CCS entertain. It's a great night to shine a light on our incredible art students and their amazing accomplishments.

CCS New Employee Orientation

Supporting new employee orientation is not only a noble endeavor but a strategic investment. By collaborating with educators during their initial journey, your company demonstrates its commitment to fostering a thriving learning ecosystem. Empower educators with the tools they need to excel, fostering a dynamic learning environment and investing in tomorrow's leaders. Together, we can shape a brighter tomorrow!



CCS Celebration of Excellence

The CCS Celebration of Excellence honors educators who RISE in aiding student achievement. The event announces the CCS Teacher of the Year and recognizes other staff accolades, such as Exceptional Children's Teacher, Beginning Teacher, Teacher Assistant, Principal, Assistant Principal, Bus Driver, and School Nutrition Employee. Your partnership in this event shows commitment to education, supports the community, and acknowledges educators' pivotal role in shaping the future.

BUILDING COMMUNITY

Our community succeeds when our schools are supported by an involved community that invests in our students.



*Communities are the foundation upon which schools stand.
The strength of a school is measured not just by what
happens inside its buildings, but by the unwavering support of
the community that surrounds and uplifts it.*

Partners in Education Lunch

We believe that strong business relationships are the foundation for unlocking a world of opportunities for students. Join us at this exclusive event to support relevant and practical education, provide mentorship, and contribute to the overall growth and development of our future leaders.

Our "Partners in Education" Lunch brings together schools, businesses, community leaders, parents, volunteers, and local government officials who are like-minded and want to see our students succeed. During this empowering gathering, we will gather to discuss innovative ways to support and enhance the educational experience of students. There are endless possibilities available to make a positive impact on our students' lives.

Join us at the Cabarrus County Education Foundation's Partners in Education Lunch and be part of shaping a brighter future for our students. Together, we can create a stronger community, equipped with skilled and confident young individuals who are ready to succeed in their future careers.



Join Us

**NOV 2, 2023
11:30AM**

**Cabarrus Arena &
Events Center**

Game of Games Night

Join us for an exhilarating evening of fun and philanthropy at our annual Game of Games Night. Step into a world of excitement and endless possibilities as we blend the thrill of games with the heart of networking, all for a noble cause.

With an array of casino games, vibrant entertainment, and delectable refreshments, it's the perfect backdrop for fostering meaningful relationships with like-minded professionals, community leaders, and influential changemakers.



Feb 24, 2024
7-10pm
The Kettle Room
at Gibson Mill

2024 Theme

The 80's had some classic movies! Dress up as your favorite character and step

into a thrilling 80's movie experience at this year's event! Immerse yourself in the rockin' nostalgia, vibrant neon vibes, and an exciting retro dance-off. Don't miss out – put on your leg warmers and get ready to groove with us!



Igniting Futures

Your Support Empowers CCEF



Supporting the Cabarrus County Education Foundation means investing in brighter futures. Your contribution directly impacts local schools, empowering students and educators with essential resources, innovative programs, and opportunities for success. Together, we shape a stronger community through education. Your support matters.

While contemplating assistance for CCEF, your engagement could involve backing a specific program, participating in our events, or exploring options from the list below.

Partners in Education Fund

By contributing to our Partners in Education Fund, your donation empowers us to allocate resources where they are most essential, ensuring the greatest possible influence and impact.

Numerous avenues exist for creating an immediate influence. Opt to contribute through a cash donation or monthly recurring donation, gift appreciated assets like stocks and bonds, leverage your retirement account to meet your minimum distribution requirement, or donate via your Donor Advised Funds—to mention just a few selections. Your options for impactful support are diverse and flexible.

Immediate Impact Gifts

Leave a Legacy

Secure the future of education in Cabarrus County Schools through planned giving to the Education Foundation. By including the Foundation in your estate plans, you're making a lasting commitment to empower students, enhance programs, and strengthen the community. Leave a legacy that fosters learning, innovation, and growth for generations to come.

Cultivating Bright Futures

Join Us in Empowering Education and Community Growth

As we reflect on our commitment to educational excellence and community empowerment, the Cabarrus County Education Foundation is more determined than ever to create a brighter future for our students. Our programs have ignited curiosity, our events have fostered unity, and our collaborative efforts have yielded remarkable results.

But our journey is far from over. To continue making a difference in the lives of our students and educators, we need your support. Your involvement can shape young minds, inspire dreams, and create lasting impact. Whether you choose to donate, volunteer, or simply spread the word, your contribution matters.



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