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Durango Foundation for Educational Excellence

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*Providing Educational Programs and Projects that fall outside
the possibilities for funding by the
Durango School District 9-R Budget*

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**Your K-12
Education Foundation
Since 1984**



CHARACTER
BUILDING

FOREIGN
LANGUAGE

PAID INTERNSHIPS SUPPORTING
YOUTH PHILANTHROPY

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

LITERACY

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR
9-R GRADUATES

SCHOOL SUPPLY SUPPORT
FOR LOW-INCOME STUDENTS

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL
LEARNING

MUSIC TECHNOLOGY

Math for Achievement

DFEE is one of over 3,000
K-12

Education Foundations Nationwide.

Education Foundations have become the single
most effective way in which to offset public school
budget challenges.

DFEE has a history of **success and accomplishment**

and has been serving the students and
teachers of the

Durango School District 9-R since 1984.

The Organization:

The Durango Foundation for Educational Excellence is
a charitable non-profit organization
with tax-exempt 501(c)(3) status and operates
separately from the school district.

The purpose of DFEE is to enhance educational excellence within the
rural Durango School District 9-R by providing funding for projects and programs
that fall outside the possibilities of the district budget. These crucial programs and projects would otherwise
be unavailable to our
local students.

DFEE Funding History: What Have We Accomplished?

Community contributions have supported a steady increase in funding for Educational Projects and Programs directly to teachers and students in their classrooms.

1984-2004	\$10,000-20,000	Average per year
2004-2006	\$76,000	Average per year
2007	\$102,600	

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Teachers...Students...
Parents....Administrators...
Supporters...

“You have been a support to me and my art and my life. I thank you for helping me see a bright future.”
Zen (DHS Student and DFEE Logo Contest Winner)

I have acquired an incredible amount of knowledge working with DFEE...about both the organization and about myself. This kind of knowledge is what will help me achieve my own goals for the future.

Jessica Dalla, DFEE High School Intern

Thank you , DFEE, for sponsoring our Spanish Class! I am understanding a new language, but I am also understanding another part of the world!

Anna (Student, Miller Middle School)

Thank you so much for your support for enabling middle school foreign languages to happen! Escalante staff, students, and parents have had such positive experiences thanks to your financial support.

Amy Kendjorski, Principal, Escalante Middle School

Your efforts and persistence are amazing. I have the utmost respect for you and your program. Thanks for letting us be a small part of it.

Peggy Folsum, Fuzziwigs Candy Factory

What our Community Is Saying About DFEE...

“Thank you for my book, *The Prince Who Became A Beggar*. I learned that Chakra is a Sanskrit word, an ancient language, meaning wheel.”

Amina (Student, Sunnyside Elementary School)

Music saved my life and so I am proud to support DFEE and to give back the gift of music to future generations of students.

Jimmy Lee Smith, Producer, GRS Studios

We deeply appreciate your willingness to support our Social Emotional Learning Initiative. Your willingness to support students of our school community is evident and we couldn't be more appreciative of your passion to make a difference in our school district.

Marcie Denham, Principal, Park Elementary

DFEE is such a wonderful resource for our district, especially for students and teachers. It's a pleasure to feel like I am a small part of its future.

Becky Shipp, Teacher, Needham Elementary