

LHS students experience leadership, government and politics at NJ Model Congress, funded by Lawrence Township Education Foundation grants



representative government. Lawrence High students develop leadership skills, self-awareness and self-confidence through participation in the program, which draws students from across New Jersey.

Student delegates begin by choosing bill topics of interest and are instructed in the basics of the legislative process, including brainstorming, researching, writing and revising their legislation.

During Leadership and Caucus Day, students are selected to serve as Chairs. These students are versed in Parliamentary procedure and judged on their leadership ability, debating skills and knowledge of procedures. These activities take place at the State House Annex in Trenton, providing students with a real-world environment that heightens the experience. Then, the entire Model Congress gathers at Rider University to debate and try to pass their legislation.

This hands-on program is a unique learning experience and one that will contribute to students' skill development throughout their education and well into their chosen careers.

We encourage you support this and similar programs by donating online to LTEF, at www.LTEFNJ.org. You may designate which school will benefit from your tax-deductible donation. With your help, Lawrence Township Public Schools will continue our tradition of excellence, achievement and strong character.

Scores of Lawrence High School students have the opportunity to participate in the annual NJ Model Congress program at the State Capitol in Trenton and at Rider University, thanks to grants from Lawrence Township Education Foundation (LTEF).

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The NJ Model Congress program is a fine example. It teaches students the process of creating legislation and provides an understanding of our roles as citizens in a

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EXCELLENCE IN ACTION: How grants from Lawrence Township Education Foundation make a difference for students

STEM EDUCATION IN 3D

Students at Lawrence Intermediate School and Lawrence Middle School now have an opportunity to be on the cutting edge of technology with 3D printers thanks to a grant funded by LTEF. According to Technology and Robotics teacher Lonny Robtison, "our 3-D Printer has the potential to transform the way our students think about not only Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics and everything else in the world, but it will also inspire more young people to pursue careers in STEM related fields."



BRINGING LITERACY HOME: CREATING A CULTURE OF READING

Learning often declines during the summer. To address this, a newly created summer reading program at Slackwood Elementary School is providing books to students based on their grade level and personal interests. The summer reading, funded by a grant from LTEF, engaged children as readers and their parents as listeners, working together to prevent academic backsliding, increase students' vocabulary, and foster their love for reading. Pre- and post-summer testing revealed that almost all students maintained or advanced their reading skills.

CROSSFIT KIDS AT LAWRENCE MIDDLE SCHOOL

The value of lifelong fitness is emphasized in physical education classes throughout the District. At LMS, students now have the CrossFit Kid Curriculum and new workout equipment, funded by a grant from LTEF. LMS Health and Physical Education teacher Jaime Land explains, "We aim to create excitement about the importance of good nutrition along with physical activity, to help overcome childhood obesity." LMS students now have fun workouts that also call for strength, stamina and endurance.



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Facilitating Collaborative Learning

Students at Lawrence Middle School and Lawrence High School are now learning in a more modern, engaging style. Instead of rows of single desks, they now sit together at new “collaborative learning” tables, raising their level of involvement and participation during classes.



The tables’ modular design permits both collective discussions at the assembled table and small-group learning at tables that accommodate 2-6 students. Learning becomes more fun, engaging and motivating as students realize “teamwork makes the dream work.”



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