

**Rising Stars Foundation**

The Board of Education believes that, when given the opportunity, encouragement, and support, every child has the potential to become a productive, high achieving responsible citizen. Educational enrichment programs and activities, which extend learning beyond the classroom experience, can spur children to “reach for the stars.” Such programs and activities may showcase individual talents, expose children to new interests, offer opportunities for indepth study, or provide motivation for students to achieve at higher levels.

Recognizing that members of the community are often willing to make voluntary contributions that will provide needed additional funds to support educational enrichment activities, the Humboldt County Superintendent of Schools has established the Rising Stars Foundation for the purpose of sustaining and expanding educational enrichment for the county’s children and youth. The foundation will actively raise funds that will enhance regional educational enrichment opportunities for K-12 students.

The Foundation will be organized around five themes and funding areas:

1. Young Artists Fund
2. Reach for the Stars Academic Enrichment Fund
3. Humboldt County Career and Technology Fund
4. I Have a Dream\_Young Entrepreneurs Fund
5. Humboldt County Sports, Health, and Fitness Fund

The Foundation shall have an Advisory Committee for the purpose of providing community-based input on the programs supported by the Foundation and on the Foundation’s fundraising activities. The Advisory Committee shall consist of 12 members: The Superintendent of Schools shall appoint 2 members representing each of the five theme/funding areas, and the President of the Board of Education shall appoint 2 members representing the Humboldt County Board of Education.

The Board desires to work cooperatively with the Foundation in determining the purposes for which funds may be used to meet the changing needs of the county’s students.