

CenterPoint Energy Foundation

EDUCATION PRIORITY

Supporting educational attainment now and in the future

How?

By meaningful **grantee partnerships** and **evidence based and evidence informed initiatives**, CenterPoint Energy Foundation can support educational attainment now and in the future.

Why?

Our communities need to be prepared for the jobs and challenges of the future. This starts with ensuring our youngest residents are ready for school and supporting programs focused on future success. We focus on initiatives targeting three key milestones - third grade reading proficiency, middle school math proficiency and a plan for life after high school graduation. When our students are prepared for the future, our communities are better equipped to handle the challenges and opportunities of today and tomorrow.



High level outcomes

More 3rd graders will meet or exceed grade level benchmarks

More 8th graders will meet math and science grade level benchmarks

More individuals have the skills needed for sustainable wage jobs

Our current educational strategies

Early literacy

Helping our youngest residents improve kindergarten readiness and aim for third grade reading proficiency

- Programs providing books to build home libraries
- Programs providing 1:1 tutoring for students who are behind
- Academic support opportunities for K-3 students at risk for not meeting academic milestones

Digital literacy

Supporting skill development for the jobs of the future

- Device access programs- computers, iPads, 3D printers, etc.
- Digital literacy education in school and after-school settings

STEM exposure

Providing students access to science, technology, engineering, and math programs and experiences

- Programs providing hands-on, real world STEM experiences
- Technology and lab equipment for under-resourced schools

Workforce development

Funding programs leading to earned credentials and upward mobility

- Career and technical education programs
- Technical certification programs leading to living wage jobs
- Regional talent pipeline support – upskilling and reskilling

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