



Mission Statement:

To encourage and assist all students of Dakota High School, and to promote Dakota spirit, opportunities, acceptance and responsibility in all walks of life.

Volunteer Driven:

The Dakota Boosters includes 12 board members and a community of volunteers that assist us during events. Between parents, community members, and students we all come together with the focus of raising funds in order to provide continual improvements & enhancements that positively impact Dakota students.

How Dakota Boosters Raise Funds:

Dakota Boosters raise funds through concession operations during Dakota home athletic events, hosting large events like the annual spring & holiday craft shows, plus via fundraising with business sponsors.

The success of Dakota Boosters is highly dependent on the support we receive from coaches, group leaders, parents and community volunteers. The Board manages and works all events, but we need several volunteers at each event to help run the concessions and manage tasks occurring. The Booster website and social media pages offer frequent updates and links as to the dates/times volunteers are needed each season.

Earning Volunteer Credits:

Help us, help you! When parents/guardians get involved and volunteer at events, you are helping to raise funds for your program! Dakota parents, guardians and community members that volunteer to help during our concessions and events have an opportunity to earn credits for their time in helping. Volunteers can choose which Dakota team, group or program they would like to designate their credit to. The credits are submitted to the groups/teams as a whole, not individually to student accounts. The only exception (per CVSD) allows individual credits to be distributed to individuals for trips costing more than \$500 (ex: choir). Whole credits have previously been distributed at \$35/credit, in which a typical volunteer shift to earn that for your program is approximately 4 hours. *If you have questions about volunteer credits/disbursement, please contact our Volunteer Trustee.*

Upcoming Dakota Boosters General Meeting Dates:

General Meetings Start at 7:30pm

Thursday, March

Attending Boosters meetings are a great way to keep up to date on school programs, information and news. Typically a Dakota Administrator is present and able to answer community questions at the end.

For more information about joining Dakota Boosters reach out to a Board Member, visit www.dhsboosters.com or email us at dakotaboosters@gmail.com

A Variety of Positions Will Be Open For The 2021/2022 Term

**Are you inspired to help your community?
Interested in making a positive impact at Dakota?**

Examples of Donations Granted by Dakota Boosters

- In 2019, Boosters donated over \$16,000 in credits to teams, school clubs & groups all from volunteers helping at our concessions & events!
- Supported Link Crew with payment donation for Cougarfest Inflatables.
- Profits donated to STUGO from Powder Puff for charity week
- Middle School Football Programs received donations
- An Air Track training mat was purchased for the Cheer Teams.
- Championship shirts purchased for all qualifying teams! Congrats to Girls Golf, Baseball, Wrestling & Lacrosse
- GSA & CTC programs received comfortable seating with the donation of bean bag chairs for students to use.
- Project Unify were given a donation for community crafts
- 8 Students from the Class of 2020 were awarded a \$1,000 Booster scholarship.
- Baseball & Softball teams received a field groomer to prep fields.
- HUDL Team Subscriptions are provided courtesy of the Boosters.



Donation Requests:

The goal of Dakota Boosters is to be available and provide support to a variety of student groups, programs and teams at Dakota High School. There are several ways in which the Dakota Boosters can help student groups. We take a look at each donation request on a case by case basis, taking into consideration the Dakota Boosters current financial ability, goals of the organization and ensure we are adhering to school and district guidelines. The Boosters Board works to try to help in areas in which the district and/or school specific budgets cannot or do not provide assistance. For example: non-funded school sports may need help with uniforms or practice gear costs, a fine arts group may be seeking support for a special equipment piece, or a student support group may see a need to have comfortable seating during their meetings.

How To Make A Request:

First step is for your program director and/or coach to reach out to the Dakota Booster board member who represents your group type (Service/Scholastic, Fine Arts/Cultural, Athletic). Those board members can review the request with you, then advise you on any requirements related to the request (quotes, information, etc) and then guide you through the process.

Please note per the Booster by-laws and CVSD regulations, the Dakota Boosters are not able to financially assist with: any instructors, coaches or related expenses / items that are either essential or mandatory in order for a student to participate in a school sanctioned activity / food for practices and/or team and club receptions / bus transportation.

**Visit our website, www.dhsboosters.com, to see the list of donations made during the current school year.*

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