

Bandera ISD Education Foundation

Educator Initiative Grant Program

Guidelines for Grant Applications

The Bandera ISD Education Foundation is a volunteer, non-profit corporation, which solicits, manages, and disburses contributions to enrich and enhance educational opportunities for staff and students in Bandera ISD that fall outside the scope of the district's normal operating budget.

Purpose: The Educator Initiative Program (EIP) is designed to encourage, facilitate, recognize, and reward innovative and creative instructional approaches to accomplish program objectives and improve student performance.

Persons Eligible to Apply for Grants: Eligible applicants include individuals, departments, or teams of individuals (within or between campuses) employed by Bandera ISD who are involved in the instruction of students or related support services benefitting students.

Eligible Proposals: Eligible proposals include instructional approaches or projects designed to begin no later than January 2011 and meet the selection criteria.

Award of Funds: Grants of \$100-\$1,000 will be awarded for individual teacher awards and up to \$2,000 if there is collaboration among staff members at one or multiple campuses.

Due Date: Applications must be submitted by e-mail to bskipper@wildblue.net by **2 PM - March 14, 2012**. **Receipt of all applications will be acknowledged.** Winners will be notified no later than May 1. For questions please contact Dr. Barbara Skipper, bskipper@wildblue.net.

Selection Criteria:

- The degree to which the proposal addresses important program objectives in a creative and/or innovative approach.
- The degree to which the proposal is clearly written, feasible, likely to improve student performance, ability to be replicated in other classrooms, includes partnerships and collaborations, and contains clear evaluation procedures based on student performance

Selection Process:

- Applications must be reviewed by the campus principal verifying that local funds are not available for the project and that the project is consistent with campus goals.
- Applications will be reviewed by the Grant Review Committee made up of the following members: A minimum of three Foundation Directors appointed by the President of the Foundation or Grant Committee Chairperson; 2 BISD staff members selected by the Superintendent; Others determined by the Foundation Directors
- For each grant application submitted, the committee shall make one of the following recommendations: (a) approval; (b) approval with conditions/modifications; (c) disapproval with suggestions for improvement.
- If recommended by the Grant Review Committee, the application is presented to the Board of Directors of the Foundation for review and approval.
- If approved by the Foundation Board of Directors, the application is presented to the BISD School Board for formal acceptance of the grant.

Responsibilities of Grant Recipients:

- Ensure that the grant is consistent with campus goals and that no other funds are available.
- Expend all funds within six months of the grant award and implement the project as approved.
- Prepare a brief final evaluation report for inclusion in the Education Foundation's Annual Report and share information regarding the grant with other staff members.
- By the end of the school year, provide a picture of students benefitting from the grant to the Superintendent.

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Submit to: bskipper@wildblue.net

1. Project Title _____

2. Names of all applicants associated with this grant application:

Print Name	Campus
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

3. Are any other funds available for this project? _____

4. Has your campus principal reviewed your application and found that it is consistent with campus goals? _____

Foundation Use: _____ Approved
_____ Approved with Modification/Condition: _____
_____ Disapproved, Suggestions:

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Project Title _____

Date of Implementation: _____

Number of Students Impacted by grant: _____

Grades/Subjects: _____

Project Objective(s) (Objectives must be measurable in terms of student behavior or performance and feasible in terms of time and resources. Example: A Hands-On Math Program XYZ will be implemented to improve TAKS math performance of at-risk students.)

Project Description (Please include activities, timeline, materials, collaborations. You are not limited to the space below.)

Project Evaluation (The evaluation should be based on improved behavior or performance. Example: TAKS math scores will improve for at-risk students using the Hands-On Math Program XYZ. You are not limited to the space below.)

Itemized Budget: 1.
 2.
 3.

Total Budget: _____
(Max. \$1,000 individual, Max. \$2,000 collaboration)