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The Foundation for Eden Prairie Schools is offering a 2025 Teacher/Staff Grant Opportunity. We encourage you to imagine new ways to impact and engage our Eden Prairie Schools' students. We have money to help make your academic achievement dreams come true. **Applications are available at www.FoundationforEPSchools.org and must be submitted before 5:00 PM on Friday, October 31, 2025.** Please read the following criteria carefully.

Proposal should match the following criteria:

- Generated through collaborative discussions in a PLC, and approved by your Principal;
- Has a high probability of significant impact on student achievement and engagement;
- Aligns with the District Strategic Plan;
- Proposes a novel concept or different teaching/learning material or practice for your site;
- Is founded in best practice, student-focused, and curriculum-based; and
- Includes a specific budget and explanation of how your funds will be spent prior to June 30, 2026.

We give high priority to projects that:

- Are creative and new to the district;
- Require one-time, start-up support rather than on-going funding;
- Impact a significant number of students over time;
- Have the potential to be duplicated through routine district funding, by other classrooms or sites;
- Are primarily non-consumable (sturdy equipment, reusable materials, etc.)
- Display an easily understood or clear plan to measure success.
- Significantly impacts student achievement and engagement, especially in underrepresented populations.

We give low priority to projects that:

- Impact a small number of students;
- Have a high cost per student;
- Request funds which could be provided by other sources within the district; or
- Are not creative or new to the district or to your site.

We will not award grants for:

- Travel/transportation expenses of students or staff;
- Teacher stipends, staff salaries, or costs of reserve teachers;
- Prizes or incentives;
- Child care costs;
- Proposals that are not related to academic achievement; or
- Purchase of technology or software that cannot be supported by the district;

Examples of past grants can be found at www.FoundationforEPSchools.org.

Questions can be directed to: llindner@foundationforepschools.org

Finished applications can be submitted to: Lsisinni@foundationforepschools.org



2025 Teacher/Staff Grant Application Form

1. Title of your grant, and 2-sentence description of your grant idea:

Title:

Description:

2. Description of purpose/objective met by funding, and the impact in the classroom, or impact on the students' academics. (Please address how/whether your proposal will impact underrepresented populations):

3. What inspired you to write this grant?

4. Does this project propose a novel concept or different teaching/learning material or practice for your site?

Circle or highlight: YES or NO Explain (if applicable):

5. Was this idea generated through collaborative discussions in a PLC?

Circle or highlight: YES or NO Explain (if applicable):

6. Number of students impacted by this grant:

7. Does this project have a clear plan to measure its academic success?

Circle or highlight: YES or NO Explain (if applicable):

8. Specific amount requested: \$

9. Detailed listing of what primarily non-consumable items will be purchased (include shipping costs). (Some consumable items and training are allowable, if they are needed to use the new equipment. Make sure you have a sustainable budget for any consumables in your building monies, as well.)

10. Are all of the materials purchased for this project non-consumable (capable of being re-used the following year)?

Circle or highlight: YES or NO Explain (if applicable):

11. Contact Information (for follow-up questions):

Staff/Teacher Contact Name(s):

Building/Location:

Grade Level/Department:

E-mail Address:

Phone Number:

Title of PLC Group represented by this request:

12. Principal Signature: _____ Date: _____

The Principal's signature above indicates that the grant proposal meets the following:

Alignment with District Curriculum and Strategic Plan ~ Increases Academic Achievement by Students

Send an electronic copy of this application lsisinni@foundationforepschools.org by 5:00 pm on Friday,

October 31, 2025. In addition, if grant funds are awarded, the Foundation for Eden Prairie Schools will request the opportunity to come into the classroom to see the grant in action, take photos, and talk to students (where applicable)



about their experience with the grant. If funded, we will ask you to send us images (with full media clearance) of your grant in action.