



MCPASD EDUCATION FOUNDATION 2020 GRANT APPLICATION

The MCPASD Education Foundation supports innovation and excellence in learning throughout the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District. We believe our students should have inspiring experiences that go beyond those provided in a traditional learning environment. As such, we provide grants for innovative and unique programs that complement our District's educational goals.

Each year, the Foundation reviews the goals of the District's Educational Plan and establishes grant goals that recognize the changing environment and needs within the District. For the 2020 grant cycle, we are seeking grant applications that require full or partial funding between \$250 and \$2,500. Please thoughtfully consider how the Foundation can help you provide Inspiring Experiences in your school or classroom.

The Foundation is looking to fund grants that are Inclusive, Innovative and Inspiring. We do not want to replace what the District should fund but rather enhance already great projects or help your ideas become reality.

Please note that the Foundation also administers grant opportunities with criteria specified by donors. These grants use this application and are identified on page 3.

Application Procedures

1. Complete this application form. You can also download the form in Word at the Foundation's website: www.inspiringexperiences.org.
2. Send a copy of the completed application to your principal or administrator to request a recommendation.
3. E-mail your application and recommendation to Foundation board member Perry Hibner at phibner@mcpasd.k12.wi.us.

The Foundation has awarded more than 105 grants worth approximately \$105,000 since 2013. Every school in the District has received multiple grants. If you have questions on how to write a successful grant application, please contact Perry Hibner.

**Applications and recommendations must be received by March 30, 2020
to be considered in the Foundation's 2020 grant cycle.**

General Foundation Grant Goals and Expectations

Grant proposals are expected to meet the following:

1. The proposal is consistent with the 2019-20 goals of the Foundation and District. In particular, the Foundation is looking for proposals that accomplish one or more of the following objectives:

- Improve student engagement through student voice and choice.
- Improve student engagement through innovative practices.
- Improve student engagement by promoting a growth mindset in all students.
- Improve student engagement through relationships with all students.
- Enhance student or adult engagement through physical or mental well-being.

See <http://www.mcpsd.k12.wi.us/our-district/about-district/mission/vision/goals> for the District goals.

2. The Foundation is raising funds separately for classroom libraries and music instruments so grant applications in those areas won't be considered.
3. The proposal is recommended by the school principal or appropriate administrator(s) in charge of the area impacted by the request.
4. The proposal requires full or partial funding that is outside of the regular school budget.
5. The proposal shows a clear benefit to students.
6. Grant recipients are required to submit a final report that includes pictures and-or a video that showcases how the grant impacted students.

Please note: Any materials or equipment purchased with funds from a grant awarded by the Foundation will be considered the property of MCPASD and must be used by the recipient for the benefit of District students. All grant recipients will be asked to affirm their understanding of this requirement. Recipients must also submit a final report that includes photos, video or other visual components by June 30, 2021.

Grant Evaluation Process

In 2020, grant applications will be evaluated using the following criteria:

1. Quality of the Project Description, its goals and potential outcomes
2. Alignment of the project with Foundation goals.
3. Alignment of the project with the District's education plan.
4. Does the project differ from traditional expectations? Is the project unique and innovative, and inspiring?
5. Who is served by the project and how many are involved or impacted?
6. How will the inspiring experience be measured for satisfaction of its goals?

2020 Grant Application

Requestor Name:

Position:

Site of Employment:

Supervisor:

E-mail Address:

Phone:

Project Title:

Amount requested:

General Descriptive Overview of Project:

Which Foundation Goal(s) does the project fulfill? (Please check all that apply and describe how they apply.)

Improve student engagement through student voice and choice.

Improve student engagement through innovative practices.

Improve student engagement by promoting a growth mindset in all students.

Improve student engagement through relationships with all students.

Enhance student or adult engagement through physical or mental well-being.

How does the project support the MCPASD Educational Plan?

Are there other important goals or outcomes anticipated?

Identify who will be directly involved in this project (e.g. grade level, school site, class teacher), and describe the various levels of involvement if applicable.

Describe the evaluation method to be used in judging the success of this project in meeting Foundation and District Goals.

1. How often do you feel like you have your own voice in music class to play creatively?
2. Do you have to wait a long time to “rotate” to the instrument you’d like to play during a music lesson?
3. Do you feel like you have an equal amount of opportunity to play creatively on all of our barred instruments?
4. Would you feel confident improvising on a xylophone at our next concert performance?

What is the time frame of the project?

When is funding needed?

Any additional information you would like to add to describe opportunities this project creates?