



Purpose

The purpose of the Innovative Education Grant Program is to provide funds to individual teachers, groups of teachers, or departments to pursue innovative programs and instructional projects related to the overall educational program in the Warwick School District. The grants are intended to provide for educational activities that augment, enrich, and extend the regular curriculum. The grants are not intended to fund textbooks, tests, classroom computers or other basic educational needs, or to fund staff development, professional libraries, or similar projects. The Foundation's funding guidelines are attached to this document.

Grant Types

Individual Grants will have a maximum award of \$3,000.

Group Grants will have a maximum award of \$6,000.

Configurations eligible for Group Grants may include-

- a. Elementary Grade Level (all teachers in same building participating)
- b. Middle School Team (all team members participating)
- c. MS or HS Department (involves multiple teachers and classes)
- d. Cross-curricular (involves multiple teachers of different subject areas)
- e. School-wide (involves entire school)

Note: Grant requests exceeding the award amounts listed here may be submitted to the Warwick Education Foundation for consideration on an ad hoc basis. Requests must be approved by the District Administration prior to submission to the Foundation. Please contact mobleyb@WarwickEF.org to obtain the application.

Qualifications

All teachers or groups of teachers within the school system may submit grant proposals using the online [2022-23 Innovative Education Grant Application](#).

Funds awarded through the grant program must be expended by June 30 of each year.

Any former grant recipients who have not returned a completed grant assessment form from the previous year will not be eligible for consideration for the current period.

The total number of grant submissions (individual and/or jointly with a group) shall be limited to two per person.

The purchase of iPads will be considered for special education, art, music, and physical education only.

Requested computer hardware devices, software, and apps must be approved by the District Administration prior to grant submission.

Selection Procedures

During January each year, an explanation of the grant program, an online grant application form and scoring rubric (attached) will be distributed to each member of the professional staff in the school system.

In April, a task force from the Warwick Education Foundation Board will convene for the purpose of evaluating Innovative Education grant applications. This process will be completed as a blind evaluation, which will not include staff names on individual or joint applications. **Please be very careful not to identify your school or name in the Grant Proposal Outline.**

All proposals regardless of the number of students affected will be given equal consideration.

Following the evaluation of applications and the selection of grant recipients, awards will be granted. Grant recipients will be recognized at the beginning of the school year.

If the total dollar amount of approved grants exceeds the funds available, repeat applications for previously funded grants will be eliminated first.

Application Procedures

All teacher(s) and staff members interested in submitting a proposal should complete and submit the online [2022-23 Innovative Education Grant Application](#) by **Tuesday, March 15, 2022.**

Grant applications must be approved by Building Administrators prior to submission. Completion of a check box on the online application is required to indicate that the proposal has been approved by the Building Administrator.

Before evaluating the grant application, the Warwick Education Foundation will send the grant application to the Superintendent, Warwick School District for approval to proceed with evaluation.

The Grant Proposal Outline (Section 3 of the online application), and any other pages describing the grant, must **not** contain any reference to the name of the applicant(s) or their school(s). Doing so may invalidate your grant.

Information required for completion of the online application includes the following:

- Contact and school information for one main contact; names and schools of additional applicants; number of previous awards received for this proposal
- Concise proposal title; type of grant (individual/group); number of students affected
- Proposal purpose, relationship to Warwick curriculum and PA Academic Standards
- Objectives; activities involving students; expected impact; assessment method.
- Budget detail – Total amount, plus specific items to be purchased and cost of each. Include shipping/handling expenses, if applicable.
- Supporting information (pdf format) may be submitted online with the application.

Questions about the application process can be directed to Barbara Mobley, Executive Director, Warwick Education Foundation, mobleyb@WarwickEF.org



Warwick Education Foundation

Educational Impact Committee Funding Guidance (updated 091021)

Guided by our goals, the Warwick Education Foundation will

- Impact every student
- Ensure effective programs
- Support teachers and students through creative learning experiences.

Warwick Education Foundation supports funding programs in the following areas:

- Arts
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)
- SEAD (Social Emotional Academic Development)
- Specialized Educational Areas (gifted program, special needs, cultural and diversity)
- Extra-Curricular Activities (Science Fair, field trips and outside programs)
- Life Preparation – Preparation for life after school (career planning, college planning, professional development, internships)
- Pre-K development at each elementary school
- Resilience programs (series to address an increase in childhood and adolescent mental health concerns)
- Student wellness, mental and emotional support

The Foundation will not fund:

- Private schools (partnering/cooperative efforts may be considered)
- Athletics
- Teacher training/development (beyond instructional activities related to approved grants)
- Staff care and appreciation
- Administrative discretionary funds
- Teacher and staff positions

Generally, grants will not cover:

- Gifts, rewards or student incentives
- Scholarships
- Requests from non-profits for fundraising efforts



**WARWICK EDUCATION FOUNDATION
INNOVATIVE EDUCATION GRANT RUBRIC**

Proposal Title: _____ **Amount Requested:** _____ **Qualifies for Processing** Y N

Special Education: Y N Community Involvement: Y N No. Students impacted: _____ Grant Type: Individual ____ Group ____

Group Type: a. Elementary Grade Level (all teachers participating) d. Cross-curricular (involves multiple teachers, different subject areas)
 b. Middle School Team (all team members participating) e. School-wide (involves entire school)
 c. MS/HS Department (multiple teachers and classes) f. Other. Describe: _____

Criteria	Application Must:	1-5 rating with 5 being the highest	Multiplier	Score
Statement of Purpose and Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include all required info • Meet application submission requirements • Be free of grammatical and mathematical errors • Be thorough and compelling • Include itemized list of all costs 		X2	
Relation to WSD Curriculum and Pennsylvania Academic Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify how the proposal will support and/or align with the curriculum and PA standards 		X1	
Objectives and activities are engaging for students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenge students to use higher level thinking skills • Improve, advance, or enrich student learning 		X5	
Impact On Warwick Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include clear, realistic plan showing how the skills and ideas will be implemented into teaching Describe how program has a sustainable impact on teaching and learning		X5	
Assessment of Grant Effectiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have measurable and well-defined goals 		X2	
Innovation of Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearly creates a new learning opportunity • Demonstrates understanding of the innovation how it is different from existing initiatives 		X5	
TOTAL				

Scorer: _____ Total Points: _____ Approved: yes no