



Teacher Grants 2024-25

Working with individual teachers, small teams, or sometimes entire departments, each year we award targeted grants to put high-impact teaching tools in the classroom. They give Warwick students extra enrichment above and beyond what the district can budget.

Amount invested in Teacher Grants for this school year - \$302,459 (as of 11/26/24)

Grants awarded - 57

Students Impacted – 3,700+

Teachers Enabled — 80+

Grade levels supported – Pre-K through 12th grade at all six schools

Recipients 2024-25

All Warwick Schools

- A small set of virtual reality equipment to test for use on a wider scale within the district.
 - Jonathan Olshan
- Award winning authors, Greg Behr and Ryan Rydzewski, will give a live, community-wide presentation at the Warwick School District's Resilience Event.
 - Dr. Melanie Calender
- A researched-based, comprehensive curriculum to teach students strategies for HOW to learn and apply the tools to their academic challenges.
 - Jenn Hartzler, Andrea Shertzer, Britnee Mathin, Toriel Herman, Marianne Brobst, Jon Taylor, Maribeth Johnson, Tiffany Miller

Warwick High School

- Start-up resources for brand new Biotechnology class.
 - Krista Roe
- A calorimeter for science classes to precisely measure heat/energy in substances such as food.
 - Doug Balmer, Diana Griffiths, Beth Lynch
- Hands-on technology experiences and engaging activities, including an augmented reality program to create virtual projects, and resources for reinforcing math concepts, creating and designing games, designing projects in electronics and coding, and empowering students and teachers to explore creative sound recordings for podcasts.
 - Jonathan Olshan and Shelly Chmil
- Models to give science students hands-on opportunities to see plate tectonics in action by creating simulations of faults and demonstrating formation of continental and ocean-floor features.
 - Sarah Martens
- Simulators to visualize biological change: predator and prey cycles, and natural selection.
 - Kaitlyn Bryant, Caleb Hettinger, Ray Mount, Krista Roe
- Science Fair materials to help students create research projects.
 - Doug Balmer, Diana Griffiths, Beth Lynch

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- Gas Tungsten Arc Welder to increase student access to and practice with complex welding techniques.
 - Brad McClain
- Breaking the Silence presentation to all 9th graders by Byrnes Health Center – designed to help minimize the stigmas that surround the topic of mental health.
 - Maribeth Johnson
- Visit by Shakespeare expert and performer, Daniel Kostelec, to augment classroom learning.
 - Spencer Nissley, Christina Bracken, Joanna Lynch, Carolyn Bogner, Joan Bohan
- Two 3D printers for designing and printing components for science, art, robotics, and tech ed
 - Sheldon Christner, Ken Boland, Jeff Dubosq, Marty Meier, Naomi Miller, Nate Nixdorf, Angie Hohenadel, Jeffrey Wile, Alina Rakiewicz, Madison Vaughen, Doug Balmer
- Industry-standard equipment (mixers, pasta machines, and sewing machines) for hands-on training in Family and Consumer studies.
 - Emily Badaracco, Heather Griffin
- Online writing and grammar program for students to practice and develop 21st century writing skills.
 - Taylor Cole, Sarah Reynolds, Naima Winder, Alina Rakiewicz, Joan Bohan, Carolyn Bogner, Ashley Driscoll, Spencer Nisly, Joanna Lynch
- A hands-on activity to understand earthquakes, using model buildings, and a seismic wave generator.
 - Sarah Martens
- A makerspace for STEAM, STEM, and English curriculum integration. Students build items and incorporate English skills into their projects by developing marketing plans, advertisements, and instructions.
 - Ashley Driscoll, Alina Rakiewicz
- Four modular circuits kits to upgrade the in-class approach for learning circuitry. Students will learn using modern, modular circuitry, which is safer and easier to manipulate.
 - Dalton Patterson
- A three-year subscription to Scope magazine to enhance students' literacy skills in reading, writing, speaking, and language.
 - Kristen Oberholtzer
- Equipment for floorball - a fast paced, safe alternative to floor hockey to encourage movement and healthy living through physical education.
 - CJ Freeman
- Supplies for students in special education to create twisted pens and run a business from start to finish.
 - Kristie Beatty

Warwick Middle & High School

- Science Olympiad lab supplies, building materials, and tournament fees for team-based competitions (x2).
 - Lee Walter, Jeffrey Oberholtzer, Krista Roe, Lisa Hochreiter, Sarah Martens
- Expansion at middle school and start up at high school - robotics team to compete in head-to-head challenges to design, build, program, and operate robots.
 - Jenna Brower, Kevin Krause, Jeffrey Oberholtzer

Warwick Middle School and Elementary Schools

- Fine motor resources to counteract the age of technology by building the hand-strengths of children in elementary and middle schools and help facilitate writing, typing, and life skills such as utilizing scissors, clothing fasteners and containers.
 - Megan MacNair, Allison Hausman

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- Britannica Schools online resource for grades 6-8 to have access to safe researching, biography explorations, world atlases and country comparisons, and geography exploration.
 - Shelly Chmil, Amy Hubler-Schweigert

Warwick Middle School

- Six battlefield guides will join 8th-graders on their field trip to Gettysburg to provide in-depth historical perspectives.
 - Matthew Kemble
- Twenty-seven pneumatic kits to add to robots and better understand complex engineering principles and STEM.
 - Kevin Krause, Jeff Oberholtzer
- New welding program to introduce 8th graders to welding processes and help them determine future interests.
 - Jeffrey Oberholtzer
- Battle of the Books – a reading-based trivia contest for middle schoolers - will engage students in reading 10-12 books, competing in trivia contests, and encouraging lifelong reading enjoyment.
 - Amber Moschini, Samantha Wilson

Warwick Elementary Schools

- Schoolwide access to online motivating science explanations that engage students in discussing, building, and writing about the things they learn
 - Jessica Schieber
- Geodes decodable texts - specialized reading resources to give young readers more opportunities to learn and practice phonics and comprehension skills
 - Kristen Teaman, Malinda Stoner
- Flyleaf Publishing Decodable Texts to supplement reading resources for children in kindergarten through third grade.
 - Kylee Pastal
- Rock-climbing wall to provide lifestyle exercise, challenges, and problem-solving scenarios.
 - Steve Berkey
- Weaving and fiber materials to create weaving and fiber art projects by hand.
 - Melissa Reifsnnyder
- Writing apps to help kindergarteners develop foundational skills for handwriting including letter formation and learning letter names and sounds.
 - Amanda Miller, Cameron Avery, Bethany Getway, Mary Beth Bowser, Allison Hausman, Megan MacNair
- Listening stations for kindergarteners to hear stories being read aloud to them while they follow along in a print book (x2)
 - Joanna Scheckart, Mary Beth Bowser, Julia Barley
 - Stephanie Taylor, Amanda Miller, Hanna Dunnenberger, Lindsey Maysilles
- Take home learning backpacks to put supplies and manipulatives in the hands of families supporting our youngest learners in the district's pre-K program.
 - Stacey Yunginger
- One Book, One School, One Community - the annual reading program to reach all 1800+ elementary kids and their families. It also includes a visit by a famous author.
 - One Book, One School, One Community Teacher Committee
- STEM Career Fairs for 6th graders to see a world of STEM career possibilities.
 - Erika Breckenmaker, Alex Daecher

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- Zearn, an online resource designed to reinforce math at elementary levels.
 - Jenna Louderback, Amy Balsbaugh, Steven Lin, Heriberto Codero
- Family Math Night at all 4 elementary schools to engage children and families in math fun and skills.
 - Will Maza, Julie Meckley, Emily Trees, Melissa Volupas
- Visit by true podcasters Alice Lacour & Brett Talley to discuss historical mysteries and research with 6th graders.
 - Alex Daecher
- Visit by Richard Hight, nationally recognized artist/speaker who uses storytelling, demonstrations, interactive opportunities and live-painting to help put good ideas into action.
 - Melissa Reifsnyder
- Eight small double basses, one for each elementary school, to allow more students to learn this instrument.
 - Emily Sheffer, Ann Ahlers
- Document cameras for four kindergarten classrooms at each school to allow teachers to project books, worksheets, and other materials onto a smartboard screen.
 - Julia Barley and Kindergarten teams
- Document cameras for four first-grade classrooms at each school to allow teachers to project books, worksheets, and other materials onto a smartboard screen.
 - Peter Andreleczyk and First Grade teams
- A visit by children’s author, Jonathan Stutzman, and children’s illustrator, Heather Fox, to share experiences and teach students about writing books, the publishing process, designing illustrations.
 - Rebecca Martin and team
- Visiting entertainment group will perform “Quest for Kindness” to raise awareness and promote bully-free schools.
 - Megan Cupo-Fisher, Amy Balsbaugh
- District-wide Family Science Night for elementary students and families to engage with STEM activities.
 - Julie Meckley, Emily Trees, Will Maza, Melissa Vulopas
- Eight early literacy manipulatives kits (two per elementary building) to help students practice decoding words, spelling, and handwriting.
 - Megan Obetz, Amy Evans, Malinda Stoner, Kylee Pastal
- Supplies for creating artwork in the textile medium, including batik, felting, weaving, and embroidery.
 - Malinda Saunders
- Support for two special education programs – a drink cart activity and a flower planting program – for hands-on learning, functional, and social skills.
 - Maggie Karstetter
- Four STEM bins complete with materials designed to engage first-grade students in STEM activities.
 - Mariah Balmer, Amy Henschel, Michelle Thomson
- Collaborative activities (books, art projects, fine motor activities) for 6th graders to utilize as they guide pre-kindergarten students through pairings during the school day.
 - Lisa Colino, Stacey Yunginger
- Three noise cancelling headphones for each elementary school to support students with sensory sensitivities and allow their engagement in music education more comfortably and effectively
 - Michelle Horton