



Turn Your Big Ideas into Funded Realities



Grant Levels



- Club Sponsor/Activity –Up to \$1,000
- Individual Teacher–Up to \$3,000
- Grade level, department or more than one teacher–Up to \$10,000
- Entire Campus–Up to \$15,000
- Multi-campus–Up to \$20,000
- District-wide impact–No Min, No Max

NOTE: *An individual teacher and/or group of same teachers may NOT apply for multiple grants of the same level in the same application cycle.*

Online Grant Application

Givetokids.csisd.org

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HERE!

Applications are created through a
third-party site called **SmarterSelect**.
You must create a username & password.

The application can be
edited until you click Submit.



Overview Screen

2026 Innovative Teaching Grant Application

Deadline: October 01, 2026 at 11:59PM CDT (Midnight)

Description

This is the annual process for teachers & staff to submit grant proposals. Please visit the CSISD Education Foundation [website](#) for complete guidelines and hints for completing this application.

Timeline for Innovative Teaching Grant Application

July 29th - Grant applications open

September 24th - Last day to submit quotes to Technology and/or Facilities for pre-approval

October 1st - Grant applications due

November 17th - Grants awarded during Grant Patrol

Requirements

Eligibility:

- *Any CSISD individual or team who is involved in the instruction of students or related support services benefitting students.
- *An individual teacher or group of same teachers may NOT apply for multiple grants of the same level in the same application cycle.
- *Grants awarded must be implemented and funds spent during the fall and/or spring of 2026-27.
- *Grants must use approved vendors for budgeted items.
- *All questions must be filled in and your budget sheet must match your amount requested field.

You have already created one or more applications for this program. Would you like to create a new (additional) application for this program, or go to your current application(s)?

Continue existing application

Create a new application

Applicant Information

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Applicant AI Help

1 Applicant Information

2 Grant Overview

3 Grant Proposal

4 Supporting Documents (optional)

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1. Applicant Information

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Instructions

💬 If applying for a grant as a team or department, please enter your team leader (main contact) first, and include all teachers/staff involved in the grant that you would like to be recognized during Grant Patrol. Please check the spelling and email address for each name you list. Up to 12 teachers can be listed.
***NOTE:** An individual teacher or group of same teachers may NOT apply for multiple grants of the same level in the same application cycle.

Teacher Applying

Lead Teacher Name:*

Campus Name:*

Teacher Email Address:*

Enter a valid email address.

Would you like to add another teacher?*

Choosing Your Project

- **Be creative & innovative**
 - *If it has been implemented at another campus, tell us why it's innovative for your campus. If a grant has been successful, it's a positive that you want it, too!
- **How many students does it impact vs. the amount invested?**
- **Think about collaborating with another dept. or grade level. *i.e. project involving high school & elementary students***



Chemistry Road Show

This grant was a collaboration between the high school Chemistry AP students and 1st grade students. Chemistry students put together a “road show” of science experiments to show 1st graders.

It was informational and entertaining for the younger students, but it also taught the older students how to communicate effectively to a younger audience and get them excited about SCIENCE!

***Now a yearly program of the EF!**





Engineering Production Lab

Teachers from all 3 middle schools requested two CNC (computer numerical control) machines for each school in order to engage students in the Engineering Design Process and afford students experience and immediate feedback using technology that will bridge current learning to future technology use.

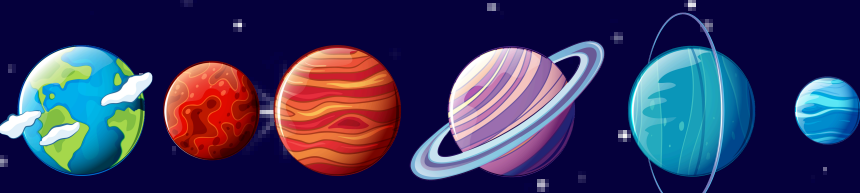
Choosing Your Project cont.

- Sustainability is valued but not a requirement.
 - *i.e.* field trips, salaries, food & general consumables are NOT funded!
- Use new technology, educational vendors to help you generate new ideas.
- Talk to your principal about your idea before starting your application.



Engaged in Learning: Student-Run Print Shop

The High School Graphic Design teachers wrote a grant to create student-run print shops at their schools. Students work with clients to take orders and create the finished products.



Grant Overview



1. **Grant Name** – Be Creative! (but don't use your campus name in the title)
2. **Description** – keep it short & to the point.
3. **Amount Requested** – make sure your amount matches your budget sheet.
4. **Previously funded** – has this grant been funded before? *Our board often wants to repeat successful grants at other campuses.



Cardboard Creativity

Two years ago, the high school and intermediate schools wrote a grant for Chomp Saws, cardboard cutters that are safe and easy to use.

Based on their success, three elementaries wrote a multi-campus grant the following year as well as a middle school. Kids of all ages can cut cardboard and build puppets, props and other projects.

2. Grant Overview

Fields marked with * are required

Grant Information - we DO NOT fund consumables, individual classroom field trips or salaries.

Type of Grant*

- ☐ Club Sponsor (\$1,000 max)
- ☐ Classroom Teacher (\$3,000 max)
- ☐ Department (\$10,000 max)
- ☐ Campus (\$15,000 max)
- ☐ Multi Campus (\$20,000 max)
- ☐ District Wide (no minimum or maximum)

What grades are affected by this grant? Select all that apply.*

- ☐ Headstart & Pre-K
- ☐ Kindergarten
- ☐ 1st Grade
- ☐ 2nd Grade
- ☐ 3rd Grade
- ☐ 4th Grade
- ☐ 5th Grade
- ☐ 6th Grade
- ☐ 7th Grade
- ☐ 8th Grade
- ☐ 9th Grade
- ☐ 10th Grade
- ☐ 11th Grade

Schools affected by your grant: Select all that apply.*

- ☐ District-wide
- ☐ A&M Consol HS
- ☐ College Station HS
- ☐ College View HS
- ☐ AMCMS
- ☐ CSMS
- ☐ Wellborn MS
- ☐ Cypress Grove Int.
- ☐ Oakwood Int.
- ☐ Pecan Trail Int.
- ☐ College Hills
- ☐ Creek View
- ☐ Forest Ridge
- ☐ Greens Prairie
- ☐ Pebble Creek
- ☐ River Bend
- ☐ Rock Prairie
- ☐ South Knoll
- ☐ Southwood Valley
- ☐ Spring Creek

Grant Overview

Grant Overview Continued...

Grant Title (DO NOT disclose your campus or mascot name) *

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Provide a summary statement for this grant. (ie: Art and Chemistry teachers will collaborate to teach students about chemical reactions within the ceramic glaze process.) (DO NOT disclose your campus or mascot in this summary) *

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Grant Overview (cont'd)

\$ Amount Requested (Fill in both dollars and cents. This amount must match your budget sheet)*

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Main Applicable Content Area (only check the most important subject affected)*

- ☐ English/Language Arts
- ☐ Mathematics
- ☐ Science
- ☐ Social Studies
- ☐ Advanced Academics/GT
- ☐ Athletics/PE/Health/Wellness
- ☐ Bilingual/ESL/LOTE
- ☐ Career & Technical Education
- ☐ Fine Arts
- ☐ Flexible Seating
- ☐ Headstart / Pre-Kindergarten
- ☐ Outdoor Classroom or Garden
- ☐ Special Education
- ☐ Other

Does your grant include a technology purchase?*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Estimated Number of Participating Students*

0

Estimated Number of Participating Teachers*

0

Estimated Number of Participating Parents or Volunteers (if applicable)

0

Has this grant ever been funded before? (this could be at your own campus or another CSISD campus)*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No or I don't know

The Proposal

- What is the current issue or area of improvement are you trying to address?
- How does this grant fulfill that need?
- What are the objectives you hope to accomplish?
Provide a snapshot!
- What time during the school day will your grant be implemented?





Epic Tales

Fifth Grade Social Studies teachers wrote a grant for graphic-style novels for an innovative way to read about history. These books engaged their students in new and exciting ways.

3. Grant Proposal

Fields marked with * are required

Grant Proposal - Describe your grant

What is the current issue/area of improvement that you feel should be addressed with your grant?

How does this grant help fulfill that need?

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Grant Description: Please answer the following questions:

1. What items will be purchased with the grant funds? (ie. laptops, manipulatives, books, ipads, software, etc.)
2. Who will conduct the project? (ie. Math Teachers; Do NOT list any individual teachers' names OR your campus name)
3. Who will be impacted?
4. What are the goals and learning objectives?
5. What activities will engage and motivate learning?*

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What time during the school day will this grant be implemented (ie. Instructional time, Recess time, etc.)? *

- ☐ Instructional Time
- ☐ Recess Time
- ☐ Other

If your grant will be implemented during instructional time, during which subject will your grant occur?*

- ☐ English
- ☐ Math
- ☐ Science

Grant Proposal

Innovation

Why do you believe this grant is innovative?

THIS IS IMPORTANT!



Rigamajigs

Rigamajigs are giant erector-type building sets that have allowed students at Creek View Elementary to become creative thinkers while building projects.

Students in all grade levels were given a task or problem to solve and worked collaboratively to construct their ideas!

It was so popular, additional pieces were requested the next year!



Grant Proposal Continued...

In a few sentences, tell us HOW the items will be used in this grant (this gives our evaluators a "snapshot" of your grant). *

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Why do you feel that this grant is innovative on your campus? (Please don't list your campus name in the answer) *

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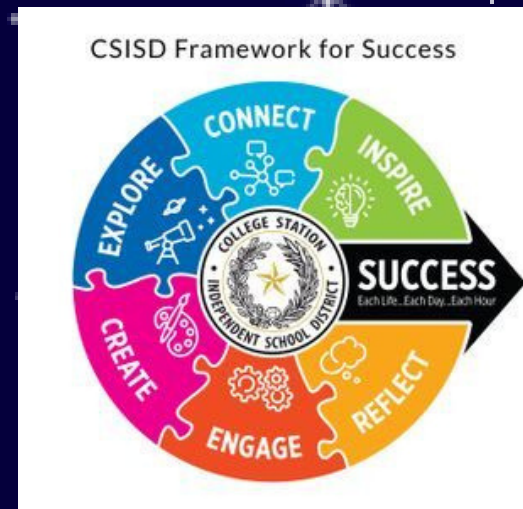
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TEKS Requirement & Strategic Plan

- Which TEKS does this grant service?
- List the TEKS by number and include student expectation statement.
- Does your grant support the CSISD Strategic Plan & Goals?
- List which strategic goal(s) your grant supports.



TEKS Requirement*

-Which TEKS does this grant service?

-List the TEKS by number and include student expectation statement

If this is not applicable to your grant, please put "n/a"

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Does your grant support the CSISD Strategic Plan & Goals?*

☐ Yes

☐ No

Evaluation & Follow-Up Plan

-What measurements (ie. standardized test scores, pre-and post-tests, lab reports, projects, summaries, demonstrations, journal entries, oral/written/digital presentations, etc.) will be used to determine if each goal has been met and what students have learned?*

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Grant Proposal Continued...

Community Involvement

(Optional!)

Will the grant involve outside community members?



Examples:

- PTO matching funding
- Volunteers from the community



Outdoor Oasis

This grant was for an outdoor learning space that would be available for multiple classes and grade levels.

As the school began this project, they realized they needed help and two different community businesses volunteered to assist with the construction of the space.



Grant Proposal Continued...

Optional: does this grant involve outside community members? You will not be penalized for answering "no".

☐ Yes

☐ No

Optional: Is this project sustainable (ie. can this be carried on from year to year)? You will not be penalized for answering "no."

☐ Yes, this grant can continue year after year with the current grant.

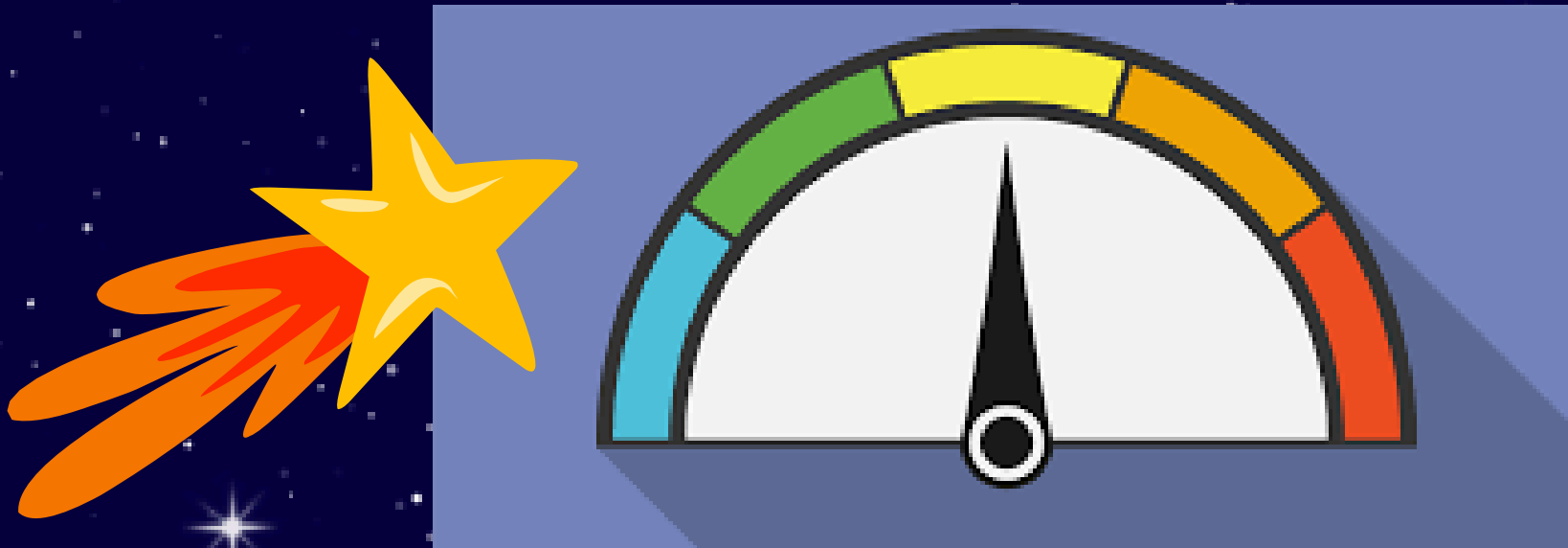
☐ Yes, the majority of this grant can continue with additional partial funding.

☐ No, this grant is limited to one school year.

☐ No, I would need more funding to continue this grant.

Evaluation & Follow-up

- Indicate how you will show the project was successful.
- Set criteria (Does not have to be test scores, can be testimonials, feedback from students, parents etc.)



Supporting Information



- Video—upload using Google drive explaining your grant request (2 minutes or less, do not show your face or say your name or school)



- Link to a video or picture
- Research that backs your grant
- Justification for resources



Supporting Documents

4. Supporting Documents (optional)

Documents (websites, pictures, video link)

WEBSITES: Are there any website links you would like to share to support your application? This is a great way for the evaluators to see what items you are requesting or to get more information about your grant vision.

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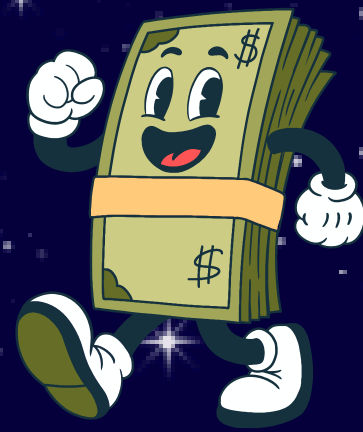
PICTURES: Are there any supporting documents or images that you would like to include with your application? Please upload below. This is a great way for evaluators to see what items you are requesting.



Click to upload or drag and drop

VIDEO: If you would like to create a video describing your grant, you can upload it to Google drive and then share the link to that video below. Make sure you choose "anyone with the link can view" as the setting for your Google video so we can see it. The video should be 2 minutes or less and cannot show your face since this is a blind evaluation process. Feel free to describe your project, show your computer screen or show pictures that will help "sell" your grant idea.

Budget Sheet



1. Develop a clear, realistic budget.
2. Get quote using Helpdesk app (if Technology grant).
3. Download Excel Budget Sheet inside application
4. Provide details of what is being purchased and save it as a PDF; then re-upload it in the application.
5. **MUST USE APPROVED VENDORS – Danielle Cellini**
(CSISD Approved Vendors)
6. Don't forget to include shipping or labor cost, if applicable and we are tax exempt.
7. Keep in mind the student to budget ratio. If you are requesting \$5,000, how many students will be served?
8. Partially funded grants could occur.

Grant Budget

Download Proposed Budget Sheet by clicking [here](#).

Please attach your completed Proposed Budget Sheet as a pdf file. You will need to save your Excel budget file as a pdf. Do NOT attach your technology quote as your budget sheet. Fill out our budget sheet instead.*



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PDF

Does the total amount on your Budget sheet match the \$ Amount Requested on Page 1?*

☐ Yes

Are your vendors "Approved Vendors"? To see a complete list of approved vendors, click [here](#). Please note that there are multiple tabs on this file. If you have questions about vendors or purchasing items for your grant, please contact Danielle Cellini or Jennifer Byroad at 979-764-5408.*

☐ Yes

☐ No

Is additional funding from outside sources (ie. PTO, outside sponsors, etc.) required to complete this grant? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Would you accept partial funding of this grant? If we could only partially fund this grant, please list the items in order of need/importance to your grant.*

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Is this grant a multi-campus grant?*

☐ Yes

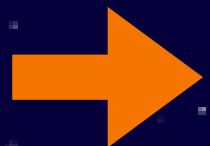
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Grant Budget

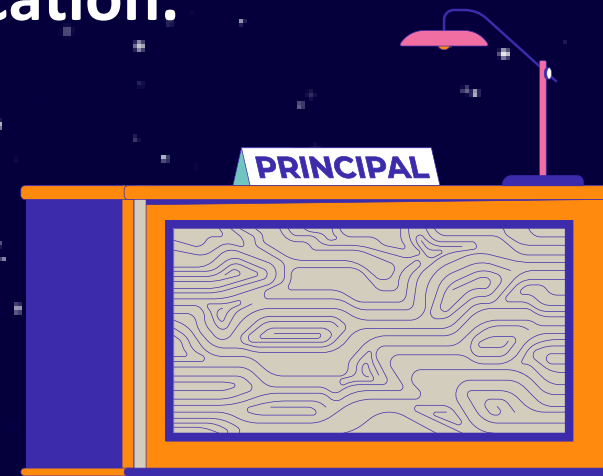
Principal Approval

***NEW Step this year!**

1. You must have principal approval (signed and uploaded into your application).
2. Download form from the grant application.
3. Fill out basic information and then take to your principal and have them sign off on your grant idea.
4. Re-upload the form into your grant application.



Reminder: Do this step in advance!



New Principal Approval

6. Approvals

Fields marked with * are required

Principal Approval

 ***NEW REQUIRED STEP FOR 2026:** Principal Review & Approval

Grant applications must be reviewed and signed by your Principal prior to submission. Please allow sufficient time to complete this step before submitting your application.

1. Download and fill out the Principal Grant Review & Approval form from our website [here](#).
2. Obtain your Principal's signature approving the grant application.
3. Upload the signed form directly to your application in the designated area below.

Note: Signature pages must be submitted within the application portal. Submissions sent via email or interoffice mail will not be accepted.

(To view the upload field below, select YES to the following question.)

Has your Principal approved this grant?*

Select an answer



Technology Approval



1. **Must have technology approval if your grant contains technology (i.e. iPads, computers or software)**
2. **Submit quote request using Helpdesk app.**
3. **Once you have a quote, download technology approval form from application and submit it to Director of Technology, David Hutchison: dhutchison@csisd.org by Weds., Sept. 24th.**
4. **He will return it to you digitally with signature.**
 - a. **Please give him at least one week turn around**
5. **Upload the signed form to your application online.**

Tech Approval

Technology Approval



Technology-Based Grants

Grant applications requesting technology items must request a Technology Quote and have a signed Technology Approval Form included with the application.

1. NEW STEP: Download and fill out the Technology Quote Request Form from our website [here](#).
2. Attach the Technology Quote Request form in the Help Desk app. To do that, open the Help Desk app and sign in and click "Create Ticket". Choose "Technology" and then "Quote Request." Fill out information and attach your Technology Quote Request form.
- NOTE: DO NOT email Technology directly for a quote; use the Help Desk app.
3. Once you get your quote back, fill out the Technology Approval Form, by clicking [here](#).
4. Email your Technology Approval Form and vendor quote you received from the Help Desk app to David Hutchison (dhutchison@csisd.org). Technology Approval Forms must be submitted NO LATER THAN Sept. 24th.
5. Once you receive the signed form back, upload your signed Technology Approval form and the vendor quote to your grant application.

Has Technology approved this grant? *

Select an answer



Attach your signed Technology Approval Form here. Do NOT attach your quote; attach the signed form from David Hutchison. *



[Click to upload](#) or drag and drop

Attach your vendor quote here if applicable.

Facilities Approval

1. Must have facilities approval if your grant pertains to anything to do with facilities (i.e. gardens, outdoor classrooms)



2. Download facility approval form from application and submit to Director of Facilities, Paul Buckner: pbuckner@csisd.org by **Weds., Sept. 24th**.

3. He will return it to you digitally with signature.
(Please give him at least one week turn around)

4. Upload the signed form to your application online.

Facilities Approval

Facilities Approval

Facility-Based Grants

Grant applications requiring any outdoor supplies and/or labor must have approval from the Facilities department.

1. Download and fill out the Facilities Approval Form by clicking [here](#).
2. Email your form to Paul Buckner (pbuckner@csisd.org) for approval. Facility Approval Forms must be submitted NO LATER THAN Sept. 24th.
3. Once you receive the signed form back from Paul Buckner, upload it to the Facilities Approval section of your grant application.

NOTE: Facilities can also help with quotes for supplies and often have better pricing options than what you could get on your own.

Has Facilities approved this grant? *

Select an answer



Criteria Sheet ...

What you're graded on?

1. Program Design & Innovation

2. How many students are impacted and can it be used from year to year?

3. Is the need compelling?

4. Budget – Is it reasonable?

Has it been padded?

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Example of Why A Grant is Not Funded

Funded:

Teacher requests a class set of iPads and explains how she will plan activities around using the iPads in group time and lists the apps and activities that will be used with these devices.



Not Funded:

Teacher requests a class set of iPads and explains that the school's current iPad supply is low and that the iPads won't load the software that she wants to utilize in her classroom.

While this is probably true, our evaluators want to hear more about HOW you plan to use them. How will they make learning fun and exciting?

Other Reasons Not Funded

- **Not directly related to learning** – i.e. outdoor tables & umbrellas, lighting for a cafeteria stage, a shed, cleaning supplies for student group
- **Consumables** but not tied directly to learning
- **Cost per student** was extremely high
- **No evidence for the benefits to students**
- **Field trip for one classroom** – (Education Foundation funds grade level trips outside this process)

Selection Process

- **Submit applications by 11:59 p.m. on Thurs., Oct. 1st through your online application on SmarterSelect.**
- **2 rounds of evaluations:**
 - **Curriculum Staff**
 - **EF Board Members**
- **Applications will either be approved, declined or partially funded.**
- **Applicants will be notified of decisions on November 17th during Grant Patrol.**

Final Thoughts

- Use clear, concise language
- The most important aspect of this project is how it will impact students of CSISD!
- Keep your audience in mind when writing
- Use test readers to review your application
- Avoid using unexplained acronyms
- If you have any further questions, please email Amy Heye at aheye@csisd.org

Questions?



Don't forget Grants
are due **October 1st!**