

Active Learning with Activotes

Collaborative Classroom Grant Application

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Application Form

Report Fields

Project Name*

Name of Project

Active Learning with Activotes

Amount Requested

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\$2,798.00

Grade Level

Program Area of Request

Primary (K-3)

Primary Subject Area

Please choose the primary subject area.

Technology

School

Please select your school.

Meadowlark Elementary

Applicants*

Please list the educators collaborating on this grant.

Mrs. Selleck
Mrs. Dunbar
Miss LeVeaux
Miss Holland

Number of Students Served

Please enter the number of students that will be served by this grant.

80

Project Cost

What is the total cost of your project?

2798

Statement of Need

Please describe the need for this project. For example, how will this project impact student learning?

Imagine not one kindergarten classroom, but four kindergarten classrooms (Mrs. Selleck, Mrs. Dunbar, Miss LeVeaux, and Miss Holland's classes) going paperless with Activotes (a quick response system). When you have Activotes in your classroom, every student has a voice without interruptions. It's a fast, effective way to assess the entire class as individuals. Teachers can get immediate feedback which can guide them in their teaching, give them a direction on what they need to reteach, where they need to go, tell which students need extra help and can be placed in interventions, plus it drives the curriculum.

Two sets of Activotes can be shared among four teachers and registered to over 80 students. Our goal is to place each Unit Test and each Quarterly Benchmark test in Lead 21 on ActivInspire. (The teachers applying for this grant all have ActivInspire on their computers and are now seeking the knowledge in using the program with Activotes.) If you look at placing the Lead 21 Unit Tests and the Quarterly Benchmarks on ActivInspire and administer them with Activotes, you have just saved the printing costs of 8,000 to 10,000 sheets for 80 students. We plan to use the Activotes for Language Art activities, math, etc.

The knowledge it gives the teachers is endless. We now have a record showing the progress of each student, what we need to reteach, which students need to be placed in an intervention, etc.

Let's look at another huge factor...TIME. It can take four-20 minute sessions to administer a Unit Test (one 20 minute session per reading group), and it can take four days to administer the four parts of the test. That's 320 minutes, and that doesn't include the time the teacher spends recording the answers and each child's progress. With Activotes, a Unit Test could take 30 to 40 minutes and the progress reports are generated in the Activote program (which tells you how each student did on each question). Now the teacher can spend more time teaching instead of assessing.

As you can see, Activotes will definitely impact all student learning!

Primary Goal

Please describe the primary goal of the project and how it blends with School District 2 goals and curriculum.

The primary goal of the "Active Learning with Activotes" is to save money with printing costs, give individual assessments that match the Common Core Standards, administer Unit Tests and Quarterly Benchmarks with Lead 21 (our new reading series) and to give each teacher the valuable teaching time to teach effectively and meet the needs of all students.

Project Description

Briefly identify the major activities and materials involved in your project.

The materials involved in Active Learning with Activotes consists of two kits of Activotes with 24 hand-held quick response devices and an Activote Hub for \$1,399.00 each, totaling \$2,798.00.

Professional Development

If your project includes professional development how will it improve student performance?

NA

Project Timeline

When will you implement your project?

We plan to implement the program as soon as possible and are now in the process of learning "how to make a flipchart" with ActivInspire and how to administer activities, tests, etc., with Activotes. It is our goal to have the Unit Tests and Quarterly Benchmarks available for the 2014-2015 school year.

Plan for Evaluation

How will you evaluate student outcomes for your project?

We will evaluate the program by looking at student progress and achievement through Activotes in the Common Core Standards and in Lead 21.

Project Budget

Please explain how the funds from this grant will be spent to support your project goal. You can either type or upload a project budget to show how funds will be used. Please identify other funding sources if applicable.

The funds for "Active Learning with Activotes" consists of two AV3KIT24AMEU ActiVote 24 handsets - ActivHub Included for 1,399.00, totaling \$2,798.00.

Supervisor Approval*

I have received approval from my supervisor to apply for this grant.

yes

Attachment 1

Please attach any photos, pages from catalogs, or other documents below. This is completely optional.

Attachment 2

Attachment 3

File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads