Common Core with Chromebooks

Collaborative Classroom Grant Application

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Application Form

Report Fields

Project Name*
Name of Project

Common Core with Chromebooks

Amount Requested
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$3,500.00

Grade Level
Program Area of Request

Middle School (7-8)

Primary Subject Area
Please choose the primary subject area.

Language Arts

School
Please select your school.

Will James Middle School

Applicants*
Please list the educators collaborating on this grant.

Michaela Johnson
Becky Hatler

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

280

Project Cost
What is the total cost of your project?

9,970

Statement of Need

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

Our school, Will James Middle School, currently has 680 students attending in grades 6-8. We teach 8th grade English to over 280 students alone. With the transition to the Common Core Curriculum, we have found that we lack the technology necessary to effectively teach the skills that our students are required to know. While a great deal of our curriculum focuses on reading and language, an even greater portion of it focuses on writing and speaking in conjunction with technology! Our students are required to know how to write argumentative, expository, and narrative essays. They must be proficient at using technology to produce and publish their writing as well as conduct research projects and integrate multimedia and visual displays into presentations. Our school currently has 2 mobile labs, as well as a Library Lab available for use. Unfortunately, the mobile labs are five years old, and are starting to show their wear and age. Also, with a school of 680 students, it is often difficult to find a extended period of time that they are available for our students.

Our English department would also be able to use the Chromebook lab to provide our students access to free online programs such as Newsela.com. This particular program allows students the opportunity to read non-fiction current event articles on science, money, law, health and arts. After reading an article, students are then tested on their comprehension and understanding of the material. Teachers are then provided with instant information on their students progress. This aligns with Common Core, as 75% of what our students are reading needs to be non-fiction.

In addition to Newsela, or students would have daily access to other programs such as Whyville, Book Adventure, Bookwink, Read Print and Book Builder. These programs in particular encourage students to read and write every day!

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 our Common Core with Chromebooks project is to allow our students the opportunity to implement and support the skills they learn in the classroom using technology. This aligns with School District 2's goal of using technology within the classroom and the Common Core ELA requirements.

Project Description

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

The materials needed to implement our project and to meet our goals is the purchase of a Chrome Book mobile lab of 30 computers.

Professional Development

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

At this time, we are not including any professional development into our plan.

Project Timeline

When will you implement your project?

We will implement our project by fall of 2014.

Plan for Evaluation

How will you evaluate student outcomes for your project?

We would be able to evaluate the success of our project by the use of the Smarter Balance Assessment. Our students would have almost one year of having the computers available to them on a daily bases before we establish a baseline with Smarter Balance scores in the spring of 2015. We would then compare our students scores from 2015 to 2016. We are confident that we will see an increase in their writing and reading scores with the implementation of our project.

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.

30 Chromebooks @ $279 each	$8,370
Chrome Book Mobile Cart	1,600
Total Cost	9,970

We are hoping that part of our technology budget can be used to help offset the total cost of our mobile lab. If funding is not available, we will purchase as many Chrome Books with the money from our grant and add to it each year.

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.

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Attachment 2

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Attachment 3

File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads

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