

The Fargo Public Schools Development Foundation mission is to partner with the Fargo Public Schools, their alumni, and the greater community to enhance and enrich learning experiences to maximize student potential.

GRANT GUIDELINES

- Applicants must be Fargo Public School District employees. This may be a single teacher, a group of teachers/staff, or administrators.
- Principals or building leaders need to be consulted about the grant application to avoid duplication and to assure that the project cost cannot be funded from the regular school budget.
- Grants are public information and are available for all donors to read.
- There is no limit to the number of grants awarded to a program or building in a year.
- Equipment purchased with Foundation grant monies is owned by the District and stays at the school where the grant originated.
- **Grant applications requesting technology equipment must be compatible with the district technology plan and must be approved by the technology department prior to submitting the application. Contact the Help Desk at 446-1090 to consult on software and electronic equipment.**

Priority consideration will be given to proposals:

1. Providing students with an enriched or enhanced learning experience.
2. Focus on Fargo Public Schools Strategic Initiatives 1 and/or 2. (See below)
3. Having the potential for both short-term and long-term educational impact.
4. Showing creativity and innovation in their approach to education and educational goals.
5. Collaborative in nature and funding. The Foundation may match funds from other organizations. School wide or district wide collaboration and sharing are encouraged.

Considerations for grants **WILL NOT** normally be given to projects:

1. Funded through district, state or federal funds.
 2. Provided through the Fargo Public School District.
 3. Viewed as ineffective or not efficient use of Foundation funds.
 4. Lack an educational content or purpose.
 5. Funded continuously for three years.
- The Foundation may request additional information in evaluating grants.
 - Transportation costs will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
 - The Foundation will no longer be able to fund furniture, ball chairs, carpet, lunches or T-shirts.
 - The Foundation cannot fund salaries or the purchase of gift cards for reimbursement.
 - A designated Grant Committee will review all applications and make final approval decisions.
 - Grantees must submit a final evaluation report.

Fargo Public Schools Development Foundation should be acknowledged in media or other outlets for any funding that is provided.

The Foundation Grant application process will focus on providing educational projects that support Fargo Public Schools Strategic Initiative 1 and 2. The following is a brief summary of the initiatives and a link to the District's strategic plan.

<http://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/StrategicPlan>

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE 1 Student Achievement & Growth- Fargo Public Schools students will meet or exceed individual learning goals toward the achievement of district standards and benchmarks for academic proficiency in all content areas. This is accomplished through the use of Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), focusing on creating students who are lifelong learners. Fargo Public Schools provides a standards-based education, utilizing the North Dakota State Standards and 21st Century skills. Fargo Public Schools provides ongoing system-wide practices to ensure the highest possible student achievement in both academic and behavioral pursuits.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE 2 STEAM – Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics- Fargo Public Schools enhances student experiences by ensuring that every student has the opportunity to engage in a well-rounded education. Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) are essential core curriculums. Breakthrough thinking and creative innovation are the pillars of a STEAM related philosophy. STEAM emphasizes the 21st Century skills that are critical to our students' future.

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