

2005 WISD Education Foundation Grants

Grant Title	Campus	Funded	Amount Funded	Summary
Reach to the Stars: A Multicultural Musical Adventure with Students of Special Needs	Austin Elementary	Yes	\$ 3,240.00	This program provides special needs students with the necessary tools to actively participate in music class. These students are severely physically impaired and require constant one to one assistance in all areas. With this project, these students will have the opportunity to explore music from various cultures through use of cultural instruments, special accommodations and peer interaction.
Essential Skills Classroom Software	Martin Elementary	Yes	\$ 4,224.00	This is a computer-literacy software program that will be used with all kindergarten and first grade students who are emerging, developing, and developed readers. The students will be able to practice skills, set goals, and record achievements with the used of diagnostic reports. Students will strengthen their word recognition, comprehension, and spelling skills.
A "Study Island" Paradise	Hall Middle School	Yes	\$ 4,844.00	"Study Island" is an online skills enhancement program that provides students with opportunities to strengthen skills in math, reading, social studies, and science. The instructional program is web-based, interactive, and self-paced. Students receive immediate feedback on their progress. Data are compiled and available to teachers targeting individual and group strengths/weaknesses. Because this is a web-based program, it can be accessed at home or at the public library allowing for practice outside the school setting. Although the application requested funding for only one content area, the committee, with the approval of the campus principal, extended the funding amount to cover all pertinent content areas.
Island Oasis to a TAKS Vacation	Tison Middle School	Yes	\$ 4,844.00	See above program description. All Tison students will benefit from this web based technology. By funding both Tison and Hall's grant application for Study Island, all 7th and 8th grade students will have the opportunity to strengthen their academic learning.

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Black Warrior Creek Education Trail	Spice Program	Yes	\$ 4,963.00	SPICE (Support Program for Intervention Change and Education) students will design and construct an educational trail at Black Warrior Creek and in the process, rebuild the Japanese Garden at that location. Learning stations and signs will be added to the trail. SPICE students will be involved in the ongoing maintenance of this project.
Seussical the Musical - A Tison Reussical Musical Fine Arts Project	Tison Middle School	Yes	\$ 2,500.00	Additional pieces will be added to the basic UIL stage set funded by the Foundation last year. These pieces will allow additional stage design for the UIL One Act Play, Holiday play, spring play, talent show, and other productions. Funding will also purchase the rights to perform a musical. Students in drama class, band, choir, and art will be included in this project.
Hall's Guys and Dolls Fine Arts Project	Hall Middle School	Yes	\$ 2,500.00	See above program description. Hall students will have the opportunity to participate in the musical "Guys and Dolls" Students in drama class, band, choir, and art will be involved in this project.
Digital Duplication: Providing Training for Teachers and Technology Portfolios for Students	Technology Dept.	Yes	\$ 895.00	The technology department will record and duplicate district-created training materials to provide the opportunity for WISD staff to train at a self-paced rate. This program also makes possible a multi-campus shared library of successful interactive lesson plans created by teachers. Student projects can also be collected, stored, and duplicated to create a technology portfolio.
The Whodunit Code: Unraveling History's Mysteries	Tison Middle School	Yes	\$ 2,859.00	Students will use information learned about a given time in Texas or U. S. history to write an original story containing a mystery to be solved. Selected stories and scripts will then be videotaped and edited. Video clips will be presented to the student body using television sets and in-school cable. All students will use deductive reasoning and higher order thinking skills to solve each of the three mysteries in a "mini-series".
Step-by-Step to Success	Seguin Elementary	Yes	\$ 2,843.00	First grade ESL students will use leveled readers, audio read-along kits, and computer software in Spanish and English to establish a step-by-step acceleration of academic learning. The goals are to stimulate learning in each child, improve oral language skills, build vocabulary, and build comprehension. The materials will also be available to English speaking students who wish to acquire Spanish as an enrichment.

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The Seguin Writing Project	Seguin Elementary	Yes	\$ 918.00	The Seguin Writing Project is a writing workshop held in the fall, winter, and spring for fourth grade students. This workshop offers an intensive and unique writing experience enabling students to practice and perfect their writing skills in an innovative format. The goal is to instill in students a confidence in writing.
The Case of the Elusive Verbiage	Tison Middle School	Yes	\$ 691.00	The purpose of this project is to provide students with the words they need to express themselves or to understand the literature they read by using a systematic program that will enable each student to progress at an individual rate. Vocabulary books, flashcards, and vocabulary cartoons will be used giving students a visual image to go with each word.
Reading is Essential/Leyendo es Necesario	Seguin Elementary	Yes	\$ 4,996.00	The goal is this grant is to increase the reading fluency of our kindergarten students. Both English and Spanish books will be provided. Students will work in pairs and with timers to increase their reading fluency.
Read it Forward!	Hall and Tison Middle Schools	Yes	\$ 1,152.00	This program is a community-wide reading program aimed at the 7th and 8th grade students in our district. Books will be "left" at various locations with a note inside that will explain the program, ask students to read the book, and then ask them to pass it forward. It will also explain how students can log on to a web site to comment on the book and track the particular book they have read. The ultimate goal of this program is to create a dialogue amongst students about books and instill a love of reading.
Reading Around the Town	Ikard Elementary	Yes	\$ 3,113.00	Research indicates that a child's reading comprehension and success are improved if they can make connections to their own personal experiences. This project will allow students to read about their community and then reinforce that learning with an educational trip to a business in Weatherford. The program primarily involves kindergarten students and uses volunteers within our community.
Read, Accelerate, Graduate!	PASS	Yes	\$ 1,431.00	This project provides students with reading pens that actually read text aloud to students. Many at-risk students do not read on grade level or struggle with comprehension. These pens can provide additional support for auditory and tactile learners and will allow for an accelerated pace that is vital to student success at the PASS campus.

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Autonomous Erudition = Independent Learning	Seguin Elementary	Yes	\$ 2,361.00	Increasing word base and vocabulary skills is the goal of this project for second grade students. Building this base is the foundation for every student's education. Students will participate in word labs, experiments, and investigations through the use of a thesaurus, dictionary, games, and flash cards.
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