



The Issaquah Schools Foundation believes that innovation is essential. As such, we provide funds to explore and implement new ideas in the classroom. Foundation grants transform these ideas into programs and solutions that can ultimately be implemented across the district, multiplying the benefits to students for years to come.

Grants are available to all teachers, staff, and administrators in the Issaquah School District. Parents are welcome to write a grant on behalf of a teacher or staff member with approval.

Grants (also known as Teacher Grants) include 2 levels: Classroom Enrichment & Kateri Brow

- **Classroom Enrichment Grants (<\$3000)** traditionally centered around enhancing the learning environment of classrooms, libraries, resource centers etc.
- **Kateri Brow – Big Idea Grants (\$3001-\$10,000)** intended to fund programs responding to a compelling need that reflects innovation in education.

The Foundation is looking to fund ideas that:

- **Show innovation in teaching.** New ideas on how to reach students most effectively.
- **Pilot new ideas that are scalable.** They may benefit a limited number of students to start, but if the idea works well, can be expanded to benefit multiple schools.
- **Offer equity to our district.** Not every school has the same level of PTA support, so we want to be sure all students are getting similar opportunities at each building.
- **Clearly articulate impact.** Grant can show clear impact it will have on students and/or teachers using measurable outcomes.

Funding Options

While seeking to fund innovation, the Foundation also functions as a district safety net if other funding is not available. *If a request is for a single classroom at a single school and is less scalable and/or innovative, we ask that you seek funding from the building budget and/or school PTA first.* If that funding is not available and the principal is supportive, then it would still be appropriate to submit the grant request to the Foundation.

Grant Approval

All grant requests must be approved by a school principal or director at the district level. Be sure your principal or district director has carefully considered other budget options. If you work in a specialty group, be sure your ISD director has approved your grant application. *All grants are reviewed by district leadership before proceeding through the judging rubric.* Approved grants are to be spent in the fiscal year (Sept – Aug) that they are awarded.

Grant application details

Grants for the **2021-2022 school year** will open in October and close **November 21 at 11:59pm**. A grant workshop for grant seekers will be offered in October. Further details, the grant judging rubric, and links to the online grant applications are located at: <https://isfdn.org/grants>

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