Grant Writing Tips

* Don’t get discouraged if you write a good grant , and it isn’t funded. Use what you have written and apply for a grant from another agency. Each agency has a different priority for funding.
* Follow grant directions carefully.
* Ideas should be innovative, creative solutions and educational. You should ask for items that the funding organization values; i.e., NapaLearns – Technology & Creativity
* Clearly explain benefit for students. Can a reader understand the request?
* Cite research.
* Proofread!!!
* Detailed budget. Includes tax, shipping, etc.

Most important factors:

* Creative, catchy title. See examples below.
  + Sandy Explorations: Building a Creative Learning Environment
  + Creating Visually Powerful Teaching and Learning Environments
  + Whiteboard Wizards
* Don’t write a grant for your students only. It is best to share the materials/equipment with multiple classrooms. The more students in which the grant serves, the more likely you’ll receive the grant.
* Matching funds will help.
* Write thank you notes when receiving grant funding.

“Buzz” Words/Topics Today:

* Support of low income student. Educational opportunities.
* Support of minority student.
* Equity and Diversity
* Innovation
* 21st Century Learning – 4 C’s – communication, collaboration, critical thinking, creativity
* Cooperative Learning and Collaboration
* The ARTS!!/Arts Integration
* Artist residency
* Technology
* Math and Science
* Student Exhibitions to demonstrate learning
* Assessments/Rubrics/Student Reflection
* Student Portfolios
* Project Based Learning
* Inquiry Based Learning
* Differentiated Instruction
* Enrichment – Challenging advanced learners
* PLC’s Professional Learning Communities – Collaborate with teachers on implementation.
* Parent Involvement
* Best Practices

Grant Opportunities

Napa Previous Due Dates

Education Foundation March

Gasser Foundation September

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society December

Community Projects

Target – Field Trips, The Arts

Donors Choose

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