



# General Classroom Grant Program Information

**Program Goal:** The Classroom Grant Program seeks to reward CCS teachers who are innovative in their approach to teaching by providing resources not available through normal school funding.

## Grant Eligibility

Grants must directly impact students' learning and serve pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade population in Cabarrus County Schools. Preference is given to staff involved in curriculum delivery. Individuals or teams of teachers may apply.

## Grants Available

The following two grants are available currently from the Cabarrus County Education Foundation:

1. **Early Childhood – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers Classroom Grant** funds special opportunities up to \$500 that encompass innovation and creativity in the classroom.
2. **David Fitts Community Service Classroom Grant** funds one special opportunity up to \$1,000 that encompasses innovation, creativity, sustainability, and alignment with Cabarrus County School goals and curriculum standards while also giving back to the Cabarrus community. This grant is available to staff at the following schools: Patriots Elementary, Pitts School Road Elementary, R. Brown McAllister Elementary, Rocky River Elementary, Weddington Hills Elementary, Wolf Meadow Elementary, CC Griffin Middle, JN Fries Middle, Winkler Middle, Central Cabarrus HS, and Jay M. Robinson High.

## Grant Process

Applications for the upcoming fall are released in the Spring of the previous year. Applications will generally be due around mid-September – please check the application for the exact due date. No late applications will be accepted. Notifications are sent to all lead applicants in mid-late October. Monies are presented at the Grants Reception held in early November.

## Grant Requirements

1. All funds must be used during the current school year. Grant funds are made payable to the school and are given at the grant reception.
2. For each grant funded, teachers must meet the following requirements to be considered for funding the following year:
  - Submit pictures and/or video that represents the grant in action.
  - Submit a final report.
  - Acknowledge CCEF classroom grant awards in notice to parents of children who will benefit and submit a copy of communication.
  - Must schedule a classroom observation (if requested) with the Cabarrus County Education Foundation to see the grant in action.

### **Grant Guidelines**

- If you are requesting equipment or technology, be sure to have a creative project to correspond with the items requested.
- Grants funds may be used to purchase materials and items from any source. Use of “State Contract” is not necessary.
- Keep in mind that if you receive a grant and then transfer to another CCS school, your principal will have the discretion to decide if equipment purchased with your grant remains with the school or you.

### **Grant Evaluation**

Grants are reviewed by the selection committee which may be comprised of the following: Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, Director of Career Technical Instruction, Director of High School Education, Director of Middle School Education – AIG, Director of Elementary Education, Director of Exceptional Children, other CCS Staff, Education Foundation board members and community members.

Each application will be reviewed, considering the following criteria:

1. Measurability
2. Creativity/Innovation
3. Cost/Impact
4. Sustainability
5. Alignment with CCS Goals

You may receive full or partial funding if your grant is selected.