



The Strick Dalton Innovation Classroom Grant

The Cabarrus Education Foundation proudly supports an innovative grant for teachers in honor of Strick Dalton, who attended, taught, and ultimately led various schools of Cabarrus County for over 30 years. The ***Strick Dalton Innovation Classroom Grant*** will be awarded to the teacher with the most innovative project, a core focus of Strick during his professional career.

Strick Dalton was a product of Cabarrus County Schools from the beginning, attending Odell Elementary and graduating from Northwest Cabarrus High School as Senior Class President in 1970. He began his teaching career at Harrisburg School and soon moved to Hartsell Middle School. There he taught Social Studies in “Dalton’s Dungeon”, an invigorating classroom located in the basement of the school which was highly revered by his students. Mr. Dalton ultimately left behind his love of history and coaching sports to serve in administration roles within Cabarrus County Schools, as both an assistant principal and a principal across the county. Strick’s innovative spark, along with his unique dedication to students, teachers and staff, helped lead the way at Northwest Cabarrus Middle School, Odell Elementary School, the Performance Learning Center, and finally Royal Oaks Elementary School. After a brief retirement, Mr. Dalton decided to return to the classroom for nine more years, most of which were at Concord Middle School, where his journey came full circle by creatively teaching Social Studies to middle school students.

The family of Strick Dalton is honored to continue his legacy in Cabarrus County Schools by supporting the ***Strick Dalton Innovation Classroom Grant*** for teachers striving to make a difference in the lives of students.

CCEF's STRICK DALTON INNOVATION CLASSROOM GRANT

DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR GRANT SUBMISSION: 3:00pm on **NOVEMBER 1, 2024**

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 the pre-K through 12th grade population in Cabarrus County Schools. Preference is given to staff involved in curriculum delivery.
- Preference for projects from Concord Middle, Harrisburg Elementary, Northwest Cabarrus Middle, Odell Elementary, Odell Primary, Performance Learning Center, and Royal Oaks schools may be used as a distinguisher between equal projects.

CCEF Grants Available

For the 2024-2025 school year, the *Strick Dalton Innovation Classroom Grant* will fund one special opportunity up to \$1,000 for the most innovative and creative application.

Grant Requirements

1. All funds must be used during the 2024-2025 school year. The grant recipient will be announced in mid-November with funds made payable to the school.
2. Submit pictures and/or video that represents the grant in action.
3. Submit a final report by May 10, 2025.
4. Acknowledge CCEF classroom grant awards in notice to parents of children who will benefit and submit a copy of communication to CCEF.
5. Schedule a classroom grant observation (as requested) with the Cabarrus County Education Foundation to see the grant in action by notifying the Executive Director two weeks in advance.

Grant Expectations

1. When posting announcements regarding CCEF classroom grant awards on social media posts, please remember to tag CCEF and capture it to send in an email to CCEF.



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Grant Guidelines

- If you are requesting equipment or technology, you must include a creative project to correspond with the items requested. Although you may use the equipment for multiple projects, select one notable project to highlight for the grant application.
- Grant funds may be used to purchase materials/items from any source. Use of “State Contract” is not required.
- Keep in mind that if you receive a grant and then transfer to another CCS school, your principal has the discretion to decide if equipment purchased with the grant remains with the school or you.

Application Procedures

1. Grant applications must be complete and received at the Foundation no later than **3:00pm** on November 1, 2024.
2. All questions on the application must be answered **and have the signature of the principal** to be considered complete.
3. Submit application via email, mail, CCS Courier, or delivered to Amy Gough via:
Email: Amy.gough@cabarrus.k12.nc.us
Mailing Address: Cabarrus County Education Foundation, PO Box 388, Concord, NC 28026
CCS Courier: Cabarrus County Education Foundation – The Glenn Center
4. To assist in the selection process, we reserve the right to ask for a 15-minute virtual interview. You will be notified through email.

Application Guidelines

- Applications **MUST** be legible and easy to understand. Please proofread.
- Applications that are detailed and well-written are more likely to be funded.
- Please avoid the use of acronyms or write out the acronym in parenthesis after its first use.

Grant Evaluation

- Grants are reviewed by the selection committee which may be comprised of the following: Chief Academic Officer, Chief Innovation and Technology Officer, Assistant Superintendents of Elementary, Middle and High School, Director of Career Technical Instruction, Director of Exceptional Children, other CCS Staff, Education Foundation board members and community members.
- Each application will be evaluated on the criteria outlined in the attached rubric.

Grant Awards

The grant recipient will be notified by the end of November. Grant monies will be written to the school and presented at the school.

Questions or Further Information

Contact Amy Gough at amy.gough@cabarrus.k12.nc.us or 704.260.5608.