

## PPSD Cares: Classroom Boost Grants for Teachers, 2021

The new Classroom Boost Grants for Teachers are designed to help teachers put innovative ideas into action, from classroom projects to guest speakers to field trips. Up to \$5,000 per application is available to help fund classroom activities that support one of the following aims:

- Encouraging deeper learning in a subject area, with the goal of improving academic outcomes.
- Honoring cultural diversity in the classroom, with the goal of nurturing inclusion and identity.
- Embedding social emotional learning into the school day, with the goal of building a culture of empathy, self-management and team building.

Teachers may also work together and submit grants as a team of up to five members, with grants of up to \$25,000 (\$5K per team member).

These efforts are more urgent now that we must recovery learning lost during the pandemic. They are also aligned with the ground-breaking work of the community-designed Turnaround Action Plan, which sets clear expectations for district transformation in the areas of Excellence in Learning, Engaged Communities and World-Class Talent.

### Application

[The Classroom Boost application is online at https://forms.gle/5AYdJmwV8XMfdTgS9](https://forms.gle/5AYdJmwV8XMfdTgS9)

To apply, teachers must provide the following:

1. Details of your proposal, including a timeline of specific actions steps you will use to implement your idea.
2. A list of requested purchases and estimated costs. (Note: Purchases must follow PPSD's procurement processes. If you are recommending a particular vendor, service or speaker, please provide additional information on why this is should be a sole source purchase.)
3. The goal you are addressing and how your strategy will influence this goal. For example, a social studies teacher who wishes to host a visit from an actor who performs as an historic figure should explain how this is encouraging deeper learning in students to support a specific unit. Will they be writing responses? Produce their own reenactments to be performed in class?
4. A statement specifically linking the request to the Turnaround Action Plan, available at [4pvdkids.com](http://4pvdkids.com).
5. Indicators or metrics to determine if the strategy is producing results. Please include the number of students you believe your grant will impact.

### Scoring

Grants will be scored by committee on the following areas:

- Innovation—How will your strategy make a difference? Is it an idea that others can model?
- Alignment--How does the plan align with one or more of the goals articulated in the Turnaround Action Plan?
- Implementation—Is the plan actionable?
- Impact—How will you be able to measure the positive consequences of your work?

All grants must be approved by the school principal before submission.

Grants will be awarded based on ranked scores, with the goal of distributing grants equally among elementary, middle and high schools.

### Deadlines

- Applications are due by 6 p.m. on May 11, 2021.
- Awards will be announced in June.

Funds will be available by July 1, 2021 and must be expended by September 1, 2022.

### Questions?

Please email [ppsdcares@ppsd.org](mailto:ppsdcares@ppsd.org) with any questions. Answers to emails received by April 26, 2021 will be shared with all teachers by close of business on April 29, 2021.

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