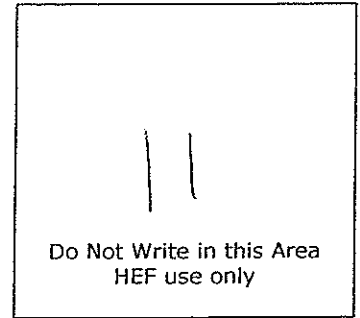


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Grants to Teachers Application Form

Date: March 31st, 2011

Grant Title: "Taking Teaching to the Next Level"

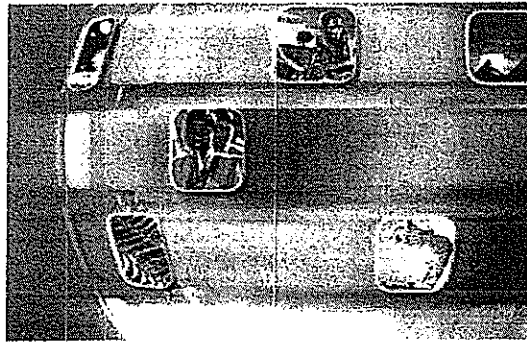
School: Thomas Middle School

Grade Level(s): 4th-7th

Content Area(s): All Subjects

Total Dollar
Amt. Requested: \$1570

"Taking Teaching to the Next Level"



1. What is the major educational need this grant addresses?

Captivating our students in this ever-changing technological world is a continual challenge in today's classroom. Yet it is a huge factor in how well our children learn and retain the information presented to them. United Streaming is a program that bridges this gap. The expansive program takes teaching to the next level by providing us, as educators, with the vibrant, compelling digital media we need to connect with today's student.

United Streaming is unique in that it focuses on students at all levels. The media reaches students with exceptional capabilities, assists the learning of those on level, and provides accommodations for students who need another source to grasp a given concept. Because of the generosity of your organization, we have successfully incorporated this technology into our classrooms and have become accustomed to using it to bring our presentations to "life". We believe allowing us to continue using the program will impact our students learning in a positive way for years to come. Therefore, we are asking the HEF for the funds to renew our yearly subscription of United Streaming.

2. Approximately how many pupils will be affected by this project, both directly and indirectly?

The projected enrollment at Thomas Middle School for the 2011-2012 school year is 300. All of these students would have the opportunity to utilize this technology and use the enrichment they receive from the program for years to come.

3. Describe your grant using methods, materials, and objectives.

United Streaming is the most comprehensive digital teaching resource available today. The program meets the need to incorporate technology while presenting material that will increase student understanding in any given subject. It is broken down by curricula area. These areas include: math, language arts, science, social studies, careers, health, visual and performing arts, world languages, and teaching practices. The variety of such a distribution speaks for itself. United Streaming includes more than 5,600 full-length videos, over 45,000 content-specific clips, 27,000 encyclopedia articles, 1,500 pre-made quizzes, as well as, math explanations, writing prompts, clip art, and much more. All of these items can be directly tied to our state and national standards.

It is continually challenging for a teacher to find different ways to know how to present a skill in a manner that all students will benefit from. For many students, it seems unclear why they need to learn a specific objective. Utilizing United Streaming provides digital teaching resources to expand student understanding by giving them another perspective on any given skill making it possible to connect objectives with realistic experiences and situations.

In conclusion, incorporating United Streaming into our curriculum leads to successfully mastering objectives no matter the type or level of the learner. We believe students grasping concepts and having a deeper understanding of the subject areas makes funding this grant worthwhile.

4. Give a schedule of implementation.

As soon as the funds became available, the program subscription would be renewed for the 2011-2012 school year and continue to be used in its current capacity without interruption.

5. Detail your budget requested.

One-year Subscription: \$1570

(No shipping and handling is necessary. This site is available online and has a yearly renewable subscription.)

6. What methods will be used for measuring the stated objectives or what definite evaluations will you make to determine whether the grant was successful? (Please be specific)

The success of the grant can be determined by students at all levels becoming more self-sufficient learners. In addition, success can also be measured by core test scores improving, students enjoying learning, and an increased number of PASS Skills being met due to the continued implementation of the program.