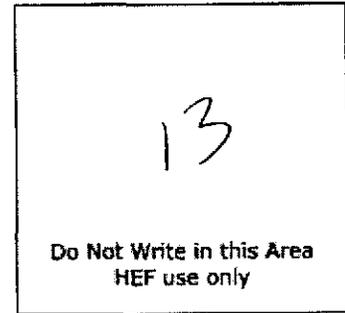**HEF** Holdenville Education Foundation
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Grants to Teachers Application Form

*Please use a typewriter or word processor to complete the application.
Submit in the format listed below.*

Date: March 28, 2020

Grant Title: **"Chromebooks WILL make us SHINE!"**

School: Ethel Reed Elementary

Grade Level(s): 3rd Grade

Content Area: All Areas

Total Dollar Amount Requested: $6,150 $2,050

1. **What is the major educational need this grant addresses? Please give grade level and academic area.**

    The use of technology in the classroom today is an advantage to students both now and in the future. This proposal specifically focuses on the students' ability to use a computer, or laptop to aid in their learning experiences. Using a laptop in the classroom will provide the students with the skills needed to succeed in our technologically advanced world. The use of the laptops will also ensure that the students are equipped to take state testing online. Many surrounding schools are already equipped with multiple computer labs as well as a one to one ratio for student laptops. Students with this type of technology access are excelling. One computer lab for the entire school does not provide 3rd grade students with enough time to prepare for the state test.

    The Chromebooks will be used in **ALL** academic areas including; math, reading, language arts, spelling, social studies, and science. The students need experience with computers; they need to know how to maneuver through them, they need to know how to use the internet to learn and cooperate with each other. The state is now requiring students to take the state mandated tests on a computer. Students **MUST** be prepared for this, in order to succeed.

    State tests will **now** require students to type a written response using a keyboard. This is a huge undertaking for students who have no prior typing experience. The practice

that laptops would provide can ensure that students are prepared for testing requirements. The laptops will also give students more independence as they learn.

This year, while preparing for state testing, we encountered many problems with creating a schedule that would allow us to get all testing complete. We have whole class testing, small group testing, and individual tests that all have to be administered roughly in the same state testing window. The state testing window has dramatically decreased and schools are now expected to complete **ALL** testing within a few weeks. This results in undue stress to both teachers and students. Having access to laptops would ensure that students have the best chance at successfully completing the test, in a less chaotic manner. We strive for a calm testing and classroom environment. By not having adequate technology, our school learning environment is affected.

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

Laptops would be used within the entire Third Grade level. Each class has approximately twenty or more students per year. With 4 grade levels that is 80 students. They will also be used for tutoring. Right now there are over twenty students in afterschool tutoring. Also, every grade level beneath the third grade will get the opportunity to use these laptops as they move up to Third Grade. This year Reed Elementary has 455 students, all of those students will have the ability to use these laptops to improve their learning experience.

3. **Describe your grant including methods, materials and objectives. Foundation grants are intended to fund a creative teaching plan, so if equipment or materials are requested it should be clearly stated as to why these are an integral part of the plan.**

Laptops would provide endless opportunities for students. This technology would be used for classroom lessons, enrichment projects, remediation and fulfilling state testing requirements. Laptops will be used to increase the students' knowledge in computers and the internet. The students will learn how to complete research projects and work together in groups, which would help increase social skills. Laptops are an essential asset in preparing students for state testing. Third grade students are now required to complete online testing instead of traditional paper pencil. The lack of resources make it challenging to complete testing in the testing window provided by the state. The more comfortable students are on laptops, the better they will perform on state testing. Tutoring is a tool used to ensure students are receiving remediation needed for mastering required state standards. We would use the laptops for tutoring students as well, to give them continued practice with fundamentals of using laptops, as well as reinforcing skills that will be crucial in promoting success in school and in life. Laptops will be shared and used throughout the day by each classroom, during Walk To Read, during tutoring, and during test preparation time. Laptops are essential in providing a rich learning environment for our students.

4. **Give a time schedule of implementation.**

    The laptops will be utilized August 2020.

5. **Detail your budget request. Include specific information about kinds of materials and equipment needed, sources of supply, and costs (including shipping and handling). If possible, list alternatives if full funding is not available.**

HP Chromebook 11 G6 EE 11.6" LCD Chromebook @ $179 x 30 = $5,370
Academic Chrome OS Management Service License @ $26.00 x 30 = $780.00

Shipping & Handling = FREE!

Total = $6,150

If full funding is unavailable for this grant, any amount would be greatly appreciated and will impact student learning.

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

    Methods that will be used to determine whether the grant was successful are teacher developed checklists and student data collected throughout the school year.

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