



**Grant Review Committee Recommendation to the Board of Directors  
Fall 2011 Grants**

Name of Grant	Campus	Teachers	Abstract	\$ Amount
Community Stewardship	Central Elementary	Bettie Busby Mary Ann Gregg Crissie Kovar Tana Hoelscher Shirley Miller	Data shows that if individuals understand the importance of their community, it's resources, and the public services available, they will grow up to participate and be good stewards of their community, it's resources, and it's public services. Because Mabank I.S.D.'s student population is 60% economically disadvantaged, we want to level the playing field by providing early opportunities for Kindergarten students to learn about Mabank's federally funded services like the Post Office and the Waste Water Treatment Plant. We want our students to perhaps be the first ones in their family to visit a bank, visit a nursing home or an Arboretum. We want to help our students break the cycle of poverty by showing them how a community functions and showing the job opportunities that exist.	\$500
Hands-On Math Lab	Central Elementary	Rachel Stokes Joanie Mason	These funds will be used to help build a hands-on math lab that all K-4 <sup>th</sup> grade classes will visit for a 45 minute class each week. The lab is in need of grade level appropriate games that are aligned to the state standards, cardstock to make games and activities that we have already created, and shelves on which to keep some of the games and activities. For a cost of about \$2 per student involved, you could help us create a math lab with activities that align to state mathematics standards and that help boost the math self-esteem and confidence of over 450 students.	\$1,000.00
Apples for the Student	Central Elementary	Nancy Manning Christine Grasser Leslie Ward	As teachers, our job is to make information accessible to students. The information is at our fingertips and students can get it without us if they really desire to do so. We need to teach them how to find the information and the true capabilities of the devices they have access to in this day and age. The movement toward free flowing, global education is not going to go away; we must embrace the conveniences and challenges of breaking technologies. iPads can be used to knock down walls and introduce our students to a world they might not see.	\$1,972.50

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MIS INFORMATION	Mabank Intermediate	Christopher Evans	Our students are constantly evolving and are becoming more technology dependent to prosper in our digital world. To better-prepare them this grant is requesting funds to establish a small production studio. This studio will be used to produce various media products to be shared with the campus, district, and community. The skills developed through this endeavor will not only increase their digital prowess, but disseminate throughout the rest of their studies. This project will not only prepare the students for upper grades, but lay the foundation for skills needed in college and beyond.	\$1,500.00
Kindle the Flame for the Love of Reading	Mabank Intermediate	Cheryl Pickens Melissa Smith Andrea Wallace Jamie Dozier Erin York Julie Sparkman Candice Lawrence	The Intermediate Reading Department would like to include the use of Kindles in the classroom to move the best of traditional teaching methods into the age of technology, to reduce our carbon footprint, but most importantly to engage the struggling readers in order to close the gap on reading deficits.	\$2,494.08
SMART Table Interactive Learning Center	Lakeview Elementary	Charity Groom Kathy Reynolds Windy Preston Sue Hutcheson Karli Sutton	The SMART Table would provide students with the opportunity to develop problem-solving skills by enabling to work together, face to face, to complete the problem solving and consensus building activities. It would increase flexibility, both in terms of content and teaching delivery providing multiple ways for students to learn content and keep them engaged. The problem solving would increase fluency in students at risk of failing state assessments and help us build mastery to the optimum level of commended status for others.	\$5,000.00
Webcasting	Lakeview Elementary	Windy Preston	Webcasting is a wonderfully innovative and effective avenue for exciting students about learning. This approach to learning involves multiple schools and therefore promotes student engagement which translates into great gain in knowledge through the information presented. This technique may be used across the curriculum and with all grade levels.	\$388.99
Campus Wide Educational Garden	Lakeview Elementary	Laurie Reeve Amanda Boss Julie Levitt Sandy Chasteen Michelle Mesa Sydney Lyndamood	We would like to see an educational garden on our campus that will encompass all subjects areas with the "hands on" approach to learning which research shows is the highest level of learning. Children would be able to actually "participate" in their learning which assures mastery of many skills. This would also be a permanent fixture for students to use for many learning activities for years to come.	\$1,650.00

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College Visions Program	Mabank High School	Kathy Norman Patricia Riley Gaye Stegman	Mabank ISD wants to increase the number of graduates who attend college after high school, particularly first generation college students who may not have the support or encouragement at home to pursue their college dreams. While our counseling center provides a full suite of services to assist students, growing class sizes, complicated admission procedures, and perceived financial barriers are some of the stumbling blocks our students face. This grant proposal would fund campus visits for students and parents, provide for a community mentor program, and supply access to technology that simplifies the college search, application, and funding process for all students.	\$4,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ 19,005.57</b>