

Congratulations to the 2023–2024 APSF Classroom Grant Recipients!

Albany Options School

Ecospheres

Science students will be creating self-sustaining ecospheres using jars and materials from the outdoors. Students will be able to see the microorganisms that live in their ecospheres using microscopes that integrate with their Chromebooks. Grant funds will purchase the jars and microscopes.

Strengths-Based School Project

CliftonStrengths for Schools reports help students identify their strengths and connect these abilities to the way they learn, interact socially, and accomplish goals. Grant funds will cover teacher training in using CliftonStrengths assessments, student assessment codes, and books.

Calapooia Middle School

Attendance Incentives Program

Calapooia will continue the Attendance Incentive Program that began in 2022–23. The attendance rate at the end of the year was higher than in 2021–22. The program emphasizes relationships with students and families as well as rewards for improved attendance. Grant funds will purchase incentive rewards for the students.

Musical Instruments

The band program at Calapooia has grown from around 60 kids last year to almost 100 this year. The school needs new instruments to replace old ones that are no longer usable as well as to accommodate the current number of students. Almost 90% of students borrow instruments from the school because their families can't afford to rent them privately. Grant funds will purchase new instruments to allow more kids to participate in band.

Reflective Instruction

Grant funds will purchase a swivel camera so that teachers can record themselves teaching. This allows teachers to watch and analyze their own instruction and make adjustments to improve teaching.

Finding Nemo Jr.

Grant funds will support the school musical Finding Nemo Jr. Middle school students will be directly involved in performing and running the show. High school students will help backstage and with technical aspects of the performance. Grant funds will help cover expenses including set materials, costumes, and licensing fees.

Positive Behavior Interventions and Rewards

Calapooia uses their incentive program to reward students for good attendance, maintaining at least a 3.5 GPA, and having two or fewer minor behavior referrals. Grant funding will purchase prizes for students who make positive choices.

iPad and Thermal Imaging for Science

Grant funds will purchase an iPad and FLIR thermal camera for 6th and 8th grade science classes. Students will use the iPad to film projects involving force and motion. The FLIR thermal imaging adapter attaches to the iPad and displays the infrared spectrum. This helps students better visualize the electromagnetic spectrum.

Positive Impacts on Student Mental Health

This project will use a variety of materials to help students better manage their emotions and cope with mental illnesses. Grant funds will purchase items such as sensory bins, fidgets, and flexible seating.

Level Up Rewards

Grant funds will purchase incentives for students who use the iReady learning program. iReady is an adaptive reading program that helps kids improve from whatever level they currently are. Incentives will encourage students to meet their goals during the year.

Calapooia Soccer Club

The Calapooia soccer club meets twice a week. It provides the participants with a fun and safe environment for getting exercise and building relationships. Grant funds will purchase equipment like balls, goals, and numbered pinnies.

F.A.C.T.

Tutoring Incentives

FACT has established an after-school tutoring program for students living in unstable housing and in foster care. The sessions provide educational support and mentoring as well as a snack and transportation home. Grant funds will purchase rewards for students when they meet personal goals like improving their grades or passing a test.

Lafayette Elementary

Sensory Corner

Many students aren't able to respond properly to sensory information due to improper control of their neurological systems. Evidence-based practices use sensory interventions to improve regulation and promote positive behavior. Grant funds will purchase materials including an activity wall, sensory tent, and a liquid activity center.

Attendance Incentive Program

This program will purchase incentives to reward students for good attendance. Staff will check in with students to set goals for increasing days at school and reducing unexcused tardies and absences.

Sensory and Calming Tools

In Title I schools like Lafayette, many students have experienced trauma. Grant funds will purchase items like an egg chair, weighted stuffed animals, A Little SPOT of Emotional Regulation, and A Little SPOT of Feelings. These items will help create a safe and calm space for students to learn to cope with trauma and stress.

Musical Instruments

Lafayette doesn't have a music teacher or program. Grant funds will purchase recorders for each 3rd grade student. Classroom teachers will teach basic songs on the recorder and give students the opportunity to make music.

Liberty Elementary

Bike Desks for Body/Brain

Grant funds will purchase four EXERPEUTIC 2500 3-Way Adjustable Desk Recumbent Exercise Bikes. These will complement the other alternative workstations in the

classroom. They give students the opportunity for physical activity while learning, which research shows is beneficial for information processing.

Collaboration, SEL Activities, and Support Materials

Grant funds will purchase games that help students develop skills in working together, learning to win and lose appropriately, taking turns, and following directions. Funds will also purchase personal whiteboards that students can use for activities like reviewing math and writing sentences.

Math Intervention

Math instruction in the Resource Room is challenging because each student has very different abilities and needs. Grant funds will purchase the Math to Mastery program. The teacher can use the materials to create independent tasks, give students opportunities to practice their skills, and collect data on student achievement.

P.E. Equipment - Foam Paddles

Foam paddles are used for a P.E. unit that includes pickleball and tennis. Regular paddles made from hard plastic are unsafe for grade school students. Foam paddles will allow all students to participate safely.

Meadow Ridge Elementary

Class Library Books

Grant funds will help provide books for a classroom library in each classroom at Meadow Ridge. Classroom libraries give students access to books at their reading level, helping them successfully practice their reading skills.

Zones of Regulation Tools and Stories

Since the COVID-related educational disruptions, many students come to school without coping, regulation, and social skills. Meadow Ridge uses Zones of Regulation lessons in each classroom. Grant funds will buy new lessons for older grades to avoid repetition and additional scenario practice and games for all levels. Practicing these skills helps students stay in class with fewer behavior interventions.

Climbing Ropes and Ladders for the Gym

Grant funds will purchase wall-mounted climbing ropes and rope ladders. Climbing activities will help students improve their gross motor skills, helping students meet the K-3 P.E. standards.

Fine Motor and Science Supplies for Resource Room

Grant funds will purchase Montessori-inspired colors, shapes, counting, and fine motor tools to promote math and writing skills. Students in the Resource Room need additional help with hand strengthening to develop the fine motor skills for writing. Montessori tools help students learn with kinesthetic techniques.

First Grade Genius Hour

First grade teachers will integrate a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) hour once a week. Grant funds will buy supplies for projects in each area. This project builds on the success of last year's grant-supported Genius Hour STEAM activities.

Social Skills

Social skills classes help students who need extra support in various areas of behavior. Grant funds will help purchase materials including the Social Detective and Super Flex Series, We Thinkers! Bundle, and magnetic mini tile art kits. The teacher will work with the Dean of Students and Assistant Principal to identify students for the classes and put them into grade-level groups.

Garden Project

Meadow Ridge is developing a large garden for the school. Grant funds will purchase supplies like wheelbarrows, pots, shovels, seeds, and soil.

Team Games Equipment for P.E.

Grant funds will purchase additional equipment for team games in P.E. This will allow all students to participate at once instead of needing to wait for a turn with the equipment. Keeping all students active and engaged improves learning and behavior outcomes.

School Store Project

Grant funds will purchase rewards for good behavior and academic performance.

Musical Instruments

Grant funds will purchase a set of soprano glockenspiel xylophones and tom floor hand drums for the music classroom. This gives students more opportunities to make music together.

Functional Skills Classroom and P.E.

Functional Skills students need adaptive P.E. equipment that lets them participate safely in physical activities. Grant funds will purchase equipment like Little Tikes basketball hoops, trampolines, a tunnel tent, and balls. The equipment will benefit students at Meadow Ridge and Lafayette.

Fine Motor Supports

Grant funds will purchase items to support the fine motor needs of special education students. The tools will help students develop hand strength and prewriting skills. Materials include triangle pencils, snap and learn letters, pencil grips, and fun erasers.

Memorial Middle School

Library Books (STEM, Art, Poetry, and Chess)

Students have asked the Library Manager for books relating to math and kid-accessible science as well as basic “how-to” art books. Grant funds will purchase books in math, engineering, physics, biology, chemistry, and forensics, “maker space” related books, and poetry collections. Funds will also be used to purchase books about chess at the request of students in the Chess Club.

Math, Art, and Manipulatives

Grant funds will purchase materials for hands-on math activities, like geometric stars and pi-based artworks.

Vital Organ-Shaped Table: Next Level Reading and Math Support

Grant funds will purchase a kidney-shaped table. This shape allows for closer interaction between the teacher and students. It provides a dedicated space for specific activities that minimizes distractions.

MMS Health Class Food Days

Grant funds will help provide monthly healthy snacks for 7th and 8th grade students in Health class. Students have the opportunity to try new foods and learn about healthy food choices.

Alt Ed Urban Biodiversity Project

The middle school alt ed program is housed in a modular building outside of Memorial

Middle School. The alt ed program has partnered with Linn Soil and Water Conservation District and GAPS to identify areas for native landscape renovation. Alt ed students are participating as part of their science curriculum. Grant funds will help purchase native trees and shrubs as well as pipes and other supplies.

Alt Ed - Hands-On, Free-Choice Learning

The middle school alt ed program supports students who struggle in a general education setting. These students need hands-on, interactive, and exploratory learning opportunities. The number of students in the program has doubled this year, leaving a lack of materials for hands-on learning. Grant funds will purchase materials including Apintronics, a magnetic marble run, and Turing Tumble.

Student Store Incentives

Grant funds will purchase items for the student store, which provides rewards for students for good behavior.

North Albany Elementary

Empowering Young Mathematicians

Grant funds will purchase the Bridges Math Intervention program. This hands-on, engaging approach provides extra support for kids who struggle in math.

OMSI Labs - Investigating Chemistry and Jolts, Volts, and Wires

Grant funds will help bring two OMSI labs to the 5th grade classrooms at North Albany. These presentations support the Mystery Science units and Next Generation Science standards.

North Albany Middle School

SCOPE Magazine

SCOPE magazine will supplement the district English and Language Arts curriculum. Each issue has articles and skill-building activities at a variety of levels. Grant funds will pay the subscription fee.

Flexible Seating for Reading Intervention

Grant funds will help provide flexible seating options for reading intervention classes, including bean bag chairs, yoga ball chairs, and floor cushions. This will provide a more welcoming environment for students and help them focus better in the classroom.

Grill and Equipment for Foods Class

Grant funds will purchase a propane grill and supplies for the Foods class. Students will learn grilling techniques and safety. They will learn to grill foods grown in the school garden, like peppers and eggplant. The grill will benefit students in the Foods and Gardening class over the course of several years.

Middle School Bicycle Maintenance Course (CTE) Expansion

This grant supports a new STEAM and CTE-focused elective course that introduces students to mechanical design and repair via bicycles. Students will learn to repair donated bikes that will be donated back to the community. Grant funds will purchase equipment and supplies like bicycle pumps, repair kits, repair stands, and tire repair kits.

Oak Elementary

Enhancing Student Engagement Through Student Productions and Performances

Grant funds will purchase sound equipment and a projector for the stage at Oak Elementary. The equipment includes microphones, microphone stands, speakers, and a short throw projector.

Pollinator Garden

Grant funds will support two pollinator gardens, including the purchase of soil amendments, trellises, bird feeders, a bee house, a hose, and plant starts. Books on pollinators will also be purchased to help students learn about plant life cycles and the importance of pollinators.

P.E. Unit Expansions

Grant funds will purchase more equipment for P.E. units on sports like boxing, gymnastics, and rock climbing. Additional equipment will allow more students to participate at a time in these popular units and experience a wider variety of techniques.

Oak Grove Elementary

Mice for Chromebooks

Using a Chromebook is necessary for all subject areas in 3rd grade. The level of fine motor skills most 3rd graders have makes using the Chromebook touchpad difficult. Grant funds will purchase mice, allowing students to be more confident and successful when using their Chromebooks.

Periwinkle Elementary

Speech-Language Therapy Materials

Speech-language pathologists help students speak more clearly and effectively. Grant funds will purchase evidence-based speech materials, like speech sound cards and flavored tongue depressors.

Math Intervention and Center Materials

Grant funds will purchase materials for small groups and interventions in math. These materials provide hands-on, effective activities that will provide extra support for students not yet meeting the common core math standards as well as extend the learning of students currently meeting the standards.

Board Games

After the educational disruptions caused by the COVID pandemic, students who missed out on preschool and early learning struggle with basic skills like working cooperatively and taking turns. Grant funds will purchase a variety of board games for 2nd grade students. In addition to social skills, games provide opportunities to practice skills in areas like math, reading, and spelling.

South Albany High School

P.E. Equipment for High School Student Leaders

Grant funds will purchase equipment for games and activities like dodgeball, cardio drumming, kickball, and juggling. At the end of the semester, students will visit local elementary schools to participate in the same games with the younger kids. The high school students will benefit from fun physical activities as well as from serving as role models.

Shot Die Kit and Anvil for Jewelry Making

Grant funds will purchase shot dies and an anvil for the Jewelry Making class. This equipment will let students create three-dimensional details on their jewelry pieces. Students can expand their techniques while working with metals like brass, copper, and sterling silver.

German Easy Reader Books

Reading helps students develop language proficiency. Grant funds will purchase easy

reader books for students in the second, third, and fourth-year German classes. These books complement the existing curriculum and contribute to learning about German culture.

SAHS Mental Health Counseling Rooms

This project will improve the space used for mental health counseling at South Albany. Mental health providers from multiple agencies come to the school to provide services. Grant funds will help make the counseling rooms more welcoming with items such as comfortable furniture, adjustable lighting, plants, rugs, and other decor.

Red Cross AED Training Devices

Grant funds will purchase AED training devices for Health 2 - Responding to Emergencies classes. The additional devices will allow each student in the class to use their own, which will improve the learning experience.

Theater Arts Supplies

The Theater Department at South Albany puts on three productions each year. Grant funds will help purchase building supplies for the Technical Theater class to build sets for the plays. Funds will also help purchase other supplies and licensing for the theater productions.

Dr. Gottlieb's Classroom Library

Grant funds will purchase books for a classroom library. This gives students access to books the teacher knows they will enjoy. Having books readily available means students are more likely to read.

Laptop for Recording, Writing, and Teaching Music

Grant funds will purchase a MacBook Pro to replace the current laptop that is 8 years old. The Choir Department uses the laptop to write and record music, edit recorded tracks, and edit audition videos in addition to regular instructional use.

iPad

Grant funds will purchase an iPad so the teacher doesn't need to use their personal device when teaching.

South Shore Elementary

Cellos for the South Shore Cello Class

Grant funds will support the continued growth of the South Shore Cello Class with two additional cellos.

Sunrise Elementary

Schoolwide PBIS Incentives

Grant funds will purchase incentives to reward correct behavior. This will improve the learning environment for all students.

Kinesthetic Classroom

Research has shown the positive effects of movement on learning and health. This project will let students incorporate movement in the classroom. Grant funds will purchase a variety of equipment, including a stationary pedal desk and yoga mats.

SEL Books and Calming Tools

Grant funds will purchase additional books dealing with emotional understanding for the counseling library. Funds will also be used to buy fidgets, manipulatives, and other calming tools. These help students with emotional regulation.

Welcoming Students with ASD into the School Setting

Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder have a range of challenges in a school setting. This grant will provide sensory items, sight word flashcards, puzzles, and other materials. These materials will help students develop communication skills and emotional regulation while providing enjoyable sensory experiences.

Rental Store

Grant funds will help create a rental store, where students can check out reward items when they exhibit positive behaviors.

Library Books

Grant funds will purchase new books for the school library. Priorities include STEM books, books completing series, updating topics, and replacing worn out books.

Classroom Supplies

Grant funds will purchase binders and section dividers to help 5th graders prepare for middle school. Students will use the binders to keep track of their assignments. The grant will also buy art supplies to give students more opportunities to develop their art techniques.

Adaptive P.E. Equipment

Standard P.E. equipment is often not well-suited for use by children with special needs. Grant funds will purchase P.E. equipment for special ed students, like low basketball hoops and tactile balls.

Tangent Elementary

Mileage Club

Research shows that a Mileage Club running club improves student attendance, increases motivation, and benefits academic performance. This grant will pay for a Mileage Club subscription for Tangent Elementary.

Social Emotional Learning Enrichment

This project will provide various materials to further develop social-emotional learning at Tangent Elementary. Grant funds will purchase extensions for the Zones of Regulation curriculum as well as materials like SEL books and board games.

Film Team

This project will create a 5th grade news team that will make and send out a monthly news video to the school. Grant funds will purchase technology including an iPad, iPad tripod, microphones, and a green screen.

Social-Emotional Learning Book Collection

Grant funds will purchase a collection of books on social-emotional learning for the library at Tangent Elementary.

Book Club

Students have two 30-minute opportunities for reading enrichment or intervention. Grant funds will purchase books and their companion guides to give students more choices and higher-level texts. Tangent is hoping to build on their success last year moving students who were reading at below grade level up to grade level.

Timber Ridge School

Leadership Camcorder and Microphone

This grant will fund a camcorder and microphone for use making schoolwide video announcements, in media classes, and for the Sources of Strength program. A higher quality camcorder will enable the creation of more engaging videos and help students learn video production techniques.

Makers Lab Print Shop

The Makers Lab class has acquired a fabric printer and an embroidery machine. Grant funds will purchase ink and t-shirts for a unit on marketing and brand development. Students will create their own t-shirts and embroidery patches.

Poster Printer for Makers Lab

This grant will purchase a poster printer for the Makers Lab. This will enable students to print copies of their work from units like architecture, computer-aided drafting, and marketing. They can better display and share their work.

West Albany High School

Sensory Bins

The Child Development program at West Albany uses sensory bins as part of the preschool curriculum. Grant funds will expand the amount and type of fillers and accessories used for the bins. This will give the children a more enriching experience.

STEM Materials

The Child Development program incorporates STEAM concepts into the preschool curriculum. Grant funds will purchase additional materials so that more children can participate in the activities. Materials include Kids K'nex, Magnatiles, Grid Blocks, and Science Lab activity sets.

TI-84 Plus Graphing Calculators

Students in Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus, and AP Statistics are required to use a TI-84 Plus Graphing Calculator. The teacher used to have a classroom set of these calculators for students to check out if they couldn't purchase their own. Over time the calculators were broken or weren't returned. Since COVID, teachers can't ask students to pay for

calculators that become broken or missing. Grant funds will purchase a new set of calculators for students to check out when needed.

Physical Education Lifelong Recreational Games

This grant will purchase new equipment for the P.E. classes at West Albany, including the adaptive classes. The equipment will include badminton, pickleball, corn hole, and table tennis. These are lifelong activities the students can pursue.

Classroom Calculators

Grant funds will purchase a classroom set of scientific calculators for students to use while in math class. A high percentage of students in these classes are re-taking math and don't have adequate support in their lives to be sure they have the resources they need to be successful.

Oregon All-State Honor Band Fees

All-State Honor Band is made up of students who audition and are selected to play with other top musicians from around Oregon. They work with a professional conductor in Eugene for three days and perform a final concert at the Hult Center. Grant funds will pay the audition fees so that any interested students can have the opportunity to audition regardless of their ability to pay.

The New York Times Upfront Magazine Subscription

"Upfront" is a student magazine published by the New York Times. It helps students develop media literacy skills while engaging with current events. Grant funds will pay for a year's subscription for two classes.

Pocket Translator

The English Language Development program has more and more students whose primary language is something other than Spanish. Grant funds will purchase two Pocketaalk translators to help these students communicate with their teachers when translation services aren't available.

La Biblioteca de Maestra Timm (Maestra Timm's Classroom Library of Books in Spanish)

Grant funds will purchase Spanish-language books at an appropriate level for Spanish 1 and 2 classes. Students will write short book reviews and give star ratings to increase engagement with the books.

Le Jour de cuisine “Food Day”

Grant funds will help purchase French foods for “Food Day” for the students in French language classes. Students will try the foods and give their opinions in French as a way to learn more about French culture.

Under Desk Bike Pedal Exerciser

Grant funds will purchase two under-the-desk bike machines for students on the autism spectrum (ASD) in the Social Learning Center. Movement while learning helps these students improve behavior and performance on classwork.

Continuation of Stress Management and Relaxation

The Stress Management and Relaxation class has seen strong enrollment since its creation several years ago. It helps give students healthy coping strategies. Grant funds will purchase supplies like yoga mats, paint, paintbrushes, and manipulatives.

Classroom Set of Scientific Calculators

Grant funds will purchase a set of TI-30a calculators for a freshman science classroom. The calculators will be available for students to use during the class.

District Administration

New Teacher Mentors Assistance in Setting Up Individual and Classroom Rewards Systems

The New Teacher Mentor team is working with teachers to implement positive feedback systems in their classrooms. Grant funds will help purchase incentives for the teachers to use with their students.

