

Preston County School Technology Integration Mini-Grant Program Guidelines

Preston County Schools are committed to enhancing technology learning opportunities for district students. To promote technology integration and innovation, Preston County Schools will be awarding technology-based mini grants. District classroom teachers may request up to \$5,000 for hardware, such as digital or video cameras, interactive whiteboards, interactive response systems, tablets, e-readers, document cameras, etc.... In addition, applicants may also request the purchase of software, technology curriculum, or to seek needed technology-related professional development.

Teachers can request technology for themselves only and are asked to not apply on behalf of colleagues in their school. This will allow the review committee to assess how the individual applicant will utilize the technology as well as their experience using the technology. However, consideration will be made to the grant request's potential to positively impact the school as a whole. Teachers may share the technology when they are not using it themselves. However, it is primarily for their use.

This mini-grant will offer a maximum award of up to \$5,000; however, requests are permitted for under the \$5,000 threshold. Total program awards budget is \$10,000 for the 2017-18 school year. However, this budget can be expanded or retracted based on the quality of the submitted proposals. If you are requesting multiple numbers of the same technology, please be specific in the application on why you need this exact amount (i.e., why do you need 10 iPod Touches? Or, 3 iPads?). Please be aware that teacher applicants with the greatest need for the requested technology will be the highest priority for support. If you already have the technology in your classroom but want more of it, be very descriptive in your answers as to why you need the additional technology and how it will make a positive impact in teaching and learning in your classroom. Provide examples of how the technology will be integrated into your lessons and units as well.

Please do not send more than 4 completed pages, including the application questions. Provide examples on how you will utilize the technology, your school/district support, and your technology experience, but be concise.

Please complete the application and submit via email by 5:00 PM on Friday, November 17, 2017. Please email one PDF attachment and include your full name in the PDF title. Late applications will not be accepted and all applicants will receive a confirmation email upon submission of their applications.

If you are a grant recipient, the teacher will possess the awarded technology and it should be used primarily by the teacher grant recipient at their school. Following awarding of the grant, the committee will assess and work with the recipient to ensure that the grant is being implemented in a timely manner. If the teacher recipient leaves the school district, the technology stays with the district. Equipment can move with grant recipients who move from one district school to another.

If you have additional questions, please email Brad Martin @ brrmarti@k12.wv.us or Darla Moyers @ darla.moyers@k12.wv.us.