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### **Lindale ISD Education Foundation Awards nearly \$50,000 in Classroom Grants**

The Lindale ISD Education Foundation has awarded \$49,212.09 to Lindale ISD teachers. The money will be used to purchase new and innovative tools for classrooms. Funds provided by the Foundation will directly benefit students in the Lindale Independent School District and will make a positive difference for them.

"The Lindale ISD Education Foundation is proud to announce the following recipients of this year's Education Foundation grants," said Courtney Sanguinetti, Executive Director of the Lindale ISD Education Foundation. "The outstanding teachers of Lindale ISD work tirelessly to enrich our children's education everyday. With the awarding of these grants, they will enhance our children's future. I praise and give thanks to the community, businesses and individual donors that join us in this vital endeavor for our children's future!"

The teachers are notified that they are awarded their grants and receive funds by a surprise Grant Patrol through school hallways. The Lindale High School Star Steppers, cheerleaders, mascots, donors, administrators and volunteers loudly parade through the campuses, giving away money for several innovative projects.

"This is the best time of the year for the Lindale Education Foundation," said Sanguinetti. "Our board members and volunteers work extremely hard throughout the year to raise enough funds to be able to give like we do. To see it all pay off with the excitement of the students and teachers is definitely our reward. We are so thankful for the teachers who applied for these new learning tools and we are excited to see them in action."



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The Lindale ISD Education Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) organization that provides funds for classroom projects and programs not funded or under-funded by the district's operating budget. The foundation is supported through donations from individuals, businesses and corporations.

"We are so thankful for our donors and the Lindale community who make all of this possible," said Sanguinetti. "These students deserve a chance to excel beyond the classroom and the projects funded by the Education Foundation help to do just that. Our teachers' dedication to our kids and school district is what makes LISD one of the best."

The Education Foundation began awarding grants in November 2009. Since the first grant cycle, the Foundation has awarded nearly \$600,000 to LISD classrooms for hundreds of projects.

Grant applications are submitted to the foundation by LISD teachers and aides for projects or programs that go above the day-to-day curriculum and offer students an enriched and unique learning experience. Projects selected for funding are rated on a number of criteria including the innovation of the project.

**Spring 2026 projects receiving funds include:**

**Education Foundation grant for \$739.19 to fund "Sublimation Station"**

**The purpose of this grant is to provide 11-12th grade students with materials needed for the CTE department's newly approved Pathway for Printing and Imaging. The students will create projects that they have designed in the Lindale ISD print shop with real-world processes.**

**Grant by Neda Morrow and Tommy Mallory**



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### **Education Foundation grant for \$5,000 to fund "Building a Common Language"**

**The purpose of this grant is to implement the 7 Mindsets curriculum at EJ Moss Intermediate to support student mental health, stress management, and social emotional development. Campus counselors will facilitate structured guidance lessons using the 7 Mindsets. Newsletters will also be sent home to parents so the learning can be reinforced at home.**

**Grant by Christy Clouse, Summer French, and Sunny Murphy**

### **Education Foundation grant for \$3,700 to fund "Precision Builds"**

**The purpose of this grant is to implement a CNC machine to support instruction in two high school engineering courses and the robotics team serving students in grades 9th-12th. Students will design, prototype, and fabricate precision components using industry-standard processes, strengthening engineering, manufacturing, and career-readiness skills.**

**Grant by Duane Walton**

### **Education Foundation grant for \$9,300 to fund "Pen to Purpose"**

**The purpose of this grant is to provide a famous author visit to strengthen writing skills and build confidence at both the elementary and secondary levels. For 2nd graders, the visit will introduce the art of the writing process in an engaging, hands-on way, helping students become excited and confident in their abilities. For juniors, the purpose is to provide direct instruction in crafting effective college and scholarship essays, equipping them with the essential skills needed as they begin preparing applications.**

**Grant by Kaela Deslatte and Tracie Rand**



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### **Education Foundation grant for \$550 to fund "Game Based Learning"**

**The purpose of this grant is to provide STAAR equipped games to 6th graders to boost engagement and motivation by providing active learning with immediate feedback. Math can be very theoretical. Games turn ideas like fractions, ratios, or algebra into action, visuals, and decisions.**

**Grant by Kimberly Allen**

### **Education Foundation grant for \$681.87 to fund "Organizational Storage"**

**The purpose of this grant is to remove unnecessary obstacles from junior high SPED students' daily routines. Providing classroom storage for all supplies and materials needed for their class allows students to leave and retrieve necessary materials daily, without the worry of losing or misplacing items outside of class. This also allows the teacher to teach the students organizational skills.**

**Grant by Ken Fifer**

### **Education Foundation grant for \$2,399 to fund "Building Thinkers, One Brick at a Time"**

**The purpose of this grant is to bring hands-on, engaging STEM learning into 4th grade science classrooms using LEGO Science Kits. Students will use the kits to complete structured engineering and science challenges.**

**Grant by Becky Gano**



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**Education Foundation grant for \$1,400 to fund "Level the Playing Field"**

**The purpose of this grant is to create equitable learning opportunities for junior high students with dyslexia by ensuring that they have access to the tools needed to succeed at grade level and reach their full academic potential. Implementing reading pen technology will provide critical access to text, promote independent reading, and empower students to fully engage in classroom instruction.**

**Grant by Paige White and Ken Fifer**

**Education Foundation grant for \$2,068.99 to fund "Capture, Create, Communicate"**

**The purpose of this grant is to integrate high-quality visual media creation into our upper-level graphic design curriculum by purchasing a DSLR camera capable of both photography and videography along with essential accessories. These tools will be used for photoshoots, content creation, digital storytelling, visual portfolios, and multimedia projects that mirror real-world creative workflows.**

**Grant by Lindsay Kelly**

**Education Foundation grant for \$2,250 to fund "Access-ories"**

**The purpose of this grant is to provide accessories and tools to the learning lab at EJ Moss Intermediate. These tools will enhance learning and will deepen students' understanding and ability to retain and apply information.**

**Grant by Delayna Williams**

**Education Foundation grant for \$575 to fund "The Speech Cube Connection"**



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**The purpose of this grant is to provide the Lindale ISD Speech-Language Pathology team Speech Cube boxes. Each box provides research-based, theme aligned therapy materials developed by experienced pediatric SLPs. These resources support articulation, language development, and communication for students with speech and language needs.**

**Grant by Alicia Winkler and Allie Essman**

**Education Foundation grant for \$2,050 to fund "LJH Engineering Club"**

**The purpose of this grant is to support the Engineering Club at Lindale Junior High, which offers hands-on STEM learning through design challenges, robotics, and problem solving activities. Funds will be used to purchase essential STEM supplies which include building materials, robotic kits, and design tools.**

**Grant by Kelly Wishart**

**Education Foundation grant for \$1,858 to fund "Out of this World Learning"**

**The purpose of this grant is to provide an inflatable planetarium projection dome tent to the Special Programs department and to teachers who request it across the district. This interactive dome will provide students with hands-on, immersive learning experiences in astronomy, space science, and STEM concepts, while supporting sensory engagement, social skills, and curiosity.**

**Grant by Casey Wynne and Megan Stanley**

**Education Foundation grant for \$5,104.79 to fund "Leveling Up Instruction"**

**The purpose of this grant is to provide support for the 2026 Lindale ISD Summit which is a professional development conference designed to strengthen instruction across all grade**



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**levels. Summit will include sessions featuring research-based instructional strategies and hands-on activities designed to foster innovation and collaboration. More than 200 teachers are in attendance.**

**Grant by Kaela Deslatte and Tracie Rand**

**Education Foundation grant for \$435 to fund "Popcorn with a Purpose"**

**The purpose of this grant is to launch a student-run popcorn business in Lindale Junior High's self-contained classroom. This program will provide students with meaningful opportunities to learn functional academic, vocational, and social skills by preparing, packaging, and selling popcorn to school staff. It will help students build confidence and independence while providing a fun service that strengthens staff-student relationships.**

**Grant by Todd Snow**

**Education Foundation grant for \$979.04 to fund "Power of Play"**

**The purpose of this grant is to purchase a set of switch-adapted toys and corresponding adaptive switches for use in classrooms serving students with severe cognitive disabilities. These toys will provide opportunities for hands-on engagement, sensory stimulation, and meaningful participation in daily activities.**

**Grant by Casey Wynne**

**Education Foundation grant for \$1,274.80 to fund "Every Voice Counts"**

**The purpose of this grant is to strengthen the quality and effectiveness of speech-language therapy sessions by providing updated and engaging materials. Funds will be used to purchase articulation card decks, articulation/language development games, and hands-on manipulatives that align with evidence-based practices.**



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### **Grant by Macy Barnett**

**Education Foundation grant for \$1,000 to fund "Backpack Program"**

**The purpose of this grant is to provide additional funding needed to support Lindale ISD's Backpack Program. LISD partners with the East Texas Food Bank to provide take home backpacks of food for the weekend for students in need. This program helps families facing food insecurity by giving consistent meals on the weekends.**

### **Grant by Angela Cook**

**Education Foundation grant for \$4,168 to fund "Bringing Fairytale Magic to the Stage"**

**The purpose of this grant is to provide funds for the Lindale High School theatre production of Shrek Jr.**

### **Grant by Kari McKenzie**

**Education Foundation grant for \$5,399.46 to fund "Numworks Makes the Dream Work"**

**The purpose of this grant is to purchase advanced graphing calculators for daily upper level and advanced math classes at Lindale High School. These calculators will better prepare students for post secondary math classes.**

### **Grant by Brent Ricks**



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