



Excellence in Education — Spring 2026 Grant Guidelines

Timeline:

- Submit online at www.ExinEd.org
- Portal opening date:** February 9th, 2026
- Deadline:** March 30, 2026
- Grant money formally accepted by the TTUSD School Board during the August board meeting
- Money available for grant purchases around the end of August/beginning of September
- Questions? Contact your site liaison or the Foundation at exed@ttcf.net

Who Can Apply:

- TTUSD staff
- Parents (must co-write with a staff member)

Approval Process:

- School site administrator must approve all grants.
- Site Council reviews and ranks all applications.
- Excellence in Education Allocation Committee reviews and recommends grants.
- Full Excellence in Education Board votes on final awards.

Grant Review Criteria:

- Clear project goal and student impact.
- Direct student engagement.
- Sustainable beyond initial funding.
- Broad or meaningful impact.
- Supports Common Core or TTUSD priorities.
- Has measurable success indicators.
- Consumables (e.g., FOSS kits, art supplies, subscriptions) allowed — up to \$500 per class.
- Technology:
 - No classroom sets of iPads/laptops.
 - Hardware that supports a specific program may be considered
 - Software funded for up to 3 years.



Grants we Generally Do NOT Fund:

- Extracurricular activities
- Field trips
- Individual student scholarships
- Salaries, stipends, or service payments
- Reimbursement requests
- Grants not ranked by the school site council
- Travel expenses
- Playground structures
- Basic classroom furniture (desks, chairs)
- Teacher training/certification

After Approval:

Once grants are awarded:

- Funding will be sent to TTUSD's business office for disbursement.
 - Grant recipients have until the end of TTUSD's fiscal year to spend the funds.
 - Requests for time extensions must be submitted in writing to Excellence in Education for approval.
- All grants become the property of TTUSD and the awarded site.
- If a grant recipient leaves a site or transfers to another site, the grant remains at the originally awarded site unless EEF has granted permission stating otherwise.
- If a grant is not utilized or the funds are not fully spent, the funds are returned to Excellence in Education for future grants.

Other Funding Sources to explore:

- School site funds
- PTA/PTO
- [Truckee Optimist Club](#)
- [Rotary Club of Truckee](#)
- [Rotary Club of Tahoe City](#)