

PCO Teacher Grant Program

True to the PCO's mission of enriching the educational experience of our students and our interest in supporting your efforts in the classroom, our 2009/2010 budget includes a line item for Teacher Grants. If you have an idea for using a grant for your class, grade, or larger group of our students, we invite you to complete and submit the attached application. We have a total of \$3,500 budgeted for this program for this school year.

Completed applications are due by Wednesday **March 10, 2010** and should be sent to one of our Grant Committee Chairs - Vanessa Jolie (via K-S Andrew). Applications submitted early are appreciated!

All applications must meet the mandatory requirements listed below in order to be considered. Applications that meet the requirements will undergo a further review and grading by our Grant Committee based on how they incorporate each of the desired components listed below. The total points scored (up to 100) will be that application's "grade". An application's grade is not the final determinant but rather a factor to consider as the Committee deliberates on its own and then with the Head of School and/or Assistant Head of School. All applicants will be informed in writing of the results of their application no later than **April 5, 2010**.

Mandatory Requirements for all Applications

- Must relate to our Core Knowledge Curriculum unless specifically needed for MCAS testing and/or compliance with Massachusetts Frameworks.
- Must not be something that fits more appropriately under a classroom or other existing school budget.
- Must include:
 1. An evaluation plan for determining the effectiveness of an awarded grant
 2. A detailed budget
 3. Information on how partial funding would affect the ability to further pursue the application
 4. Must obtain signatures of support from any other teacher that ultimately would be impacted by your grant program.
 5. Must obtain a signature of approval from the Head of School prior to submitting the proposal to the Grant Committee.

Desired Components of all Applications

- Uses innovative teaching methods or resources to provide an enriching experience for students. (0-30 points)
- Has an engaging, student-centered component that promotes active learning and student creativity. (0 – 20 points)
- Supports more than one learning style (ex: auditory, visual &/or kinesthetic) among students. (0 – 10 points)

- Promotes cooperation and sharing of ideas among colleagues and school community. (0-15 points)
5 points awarded for each group included in this “sharing.” The groups are 1) fellow grade or subject matter teacher(s); 2) additional teachers at BFCCPS and/or teachers outside of BFCCPS; and 3) BFCCPS parents.
- Number of students impacted. (0-10 points)
10: Impacts the whole student body
7: Impacts up to or close to half of the student body
5: Impacts one class or grade of students
3: Impacts a subset of students in a class
- The continuing impact of this application on student achievement through the years. (0-10 points)
10: Impact is expected for the foreseeable future
5: Impact is expected for several years
3: Impact is for current year only
- Application supports student achievement in area(s) deemed a priority by our Head of School. (0-5 points)

Should you have any questions on this program, please do not hesitate to contact one of our Grant Committee Chairs:

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On behalf of the entire PCO Board, we hope you are enjoying a wonderful school year and look forward to receiving your applications for our Teacher Grants Program!

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2009/2010 Teacher Grants Program Application Form

Please use the electronic version of this form (also located on our school website) whenever possible. This will allow you to insert as much information within each section as you need to adequately describe your proposal and insure that all the required information has been provided. Additional materials can be attached to this application form. When completed, please print, sign, obtain HOS approval and submit this application to one of the PCO Grant Committee Chairs (Vanessa Jolie via K-S Andrew) by Wednesday March 10, 2010.

All faculty members (classroom teachers, specialists, and staff), as individuals or as part of a group, are eligible to apply as long as direct impact upon students can be demonstrated. These funds are available to use for developing ideas and providing materials that will enrich the educational experience of our students.

1. Name of Applicant(s):

2. Detailed Description of Proposed Grant Program:

(Be sure to describe how it supports our Core Curriculum; if it includes any innovative teaching methods or resources that will provide an enriching experience for students; if it has an engaging, student centered component that promotes active learning and student creativity; if it supports more than one learning style (i.e., auditory, tactile/kinesthetic, and/or visual); etc.)

3. Describe how this application promotes cooperation and sharing of ideas among colleagues and the school community, if it does.

9. Describe how your grant program would be affected if only partial funding was available.

10. Indicate support by other teachers that ultimately would be impacted by your grant program by obtaining their signatures here:

Signature of Applicant(s):

_____ **Date:** _____

_____ **Date:** _____

Approval by Head Of School:

_____ **Date:** _____