

SAND SPRINGS SCHOOLS EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.

SCHOOL SITE GRANT

The School Site Grants Program has been established by the Sand Springs Public School Foundation for the support of school wide projects initiated by principals. All principals within the Sand Springs Public School system are eligible to apply.

Principals can address their school's academic, attendance, community relations, or school climate problems that are of too large a scope for the Grants-to-Teachers Program to effect. The principal of a school is in a special position to assess the needs of that school. The School Site Grants Program offers an administrator and an assisting project team the opportunity to put ideas into action that meet these needs. Perhaps most importantly, a grant provides the funds needed to carry out a project above and beyond the regular curriculum or operating budget when funding from other sources is unavailable.

To be eligible for grant assistance, principals must assemble a team to develop a project proposal. Members of the principal's project team may be anyone connected with or interested in the school and able to assist with the implementation of the project, such as vice-principals, faculty, staff, students, parents, or other community members.

The principal and project team will identify a special problem, opportunity, or circumstance confronting their school, and develop a creative plan to deal with that issue. Topic areas that might be addressed include academic improvement, school/community relations, school unity and spirit, student behavior, school government, intergroup relations, attendance, leadership, teacher training and classroom management.

The School Site Grants Program Committee will attempt to maintain a flexible posture regarding its proposal review criteria. Priority consideration will be given to projects that reflect the school board's priorities and increase school/community or school-to-school interaction. Proposals, which address the district four-year improvement plan and annual assessments, will also be given priority consideration. A successful proposal might deal with a problem that cannot be addressed using school or district funds, attempt a new solution to a long standing problem, or be able to serve as a model for other schools. Project teams are encouraged to think about the long-range impact and potential of their program and about developing and using human, rather than material, resources to solve a problem.

The principal and project team must complete a brief application describing their proposed project, presenting a budget and stating what they hope to accomplish. Application forms are available from and must be submitted to: Sand Springs Public School Foundation, School Site Grants Program Committee. Grants are awarded twice a year at the beginning of each semester.

If a proposal is approved, the principal will receive a check in the amount of the grant. **At the conclusion of the project, the principal and team will be responsible for providing financial accounting and a final project report to the Sand Springs Public School Foundation.**