



Science and Technology Grant Awarded to Erin Schofield by Senator Leticia Van de Putte in 2009.

- 2009-2010 San Antonio Foundation for Excellence in Education.
 - Awarded: \$2,214.00.
 - Project Name: Science and Technology: A Video Journey of Discovery
 - Project Summary: Students will create video on materials covering the 7th and 8th grade Science concepts that need to be reinforced and/or re-taught to help increase TAKS scores, as well as, create videos on concepts covering the 8th grade Technology Assessment.



Public Charter School Start Up Grant Awarded to Rhodes Middle School
Made possible by the dedicated efforts of their grant writing team

- 2010-2011 TEA 2011-2012 Public Charter School Start-Up Grant.
 - Awarded : \$500,000.00.
 - Project Name: Rhodes Technology and Media Charter School
 - Project Summary: Rhodes Technology and Media Charter School strives to improve and strengthen the academic performance of each one of our students by incorporating technology throughout our curriculum and across disciplines. As an internal charter school specializing in the area of technology, our goal is to have technology at the foundation of our teachings, but also to prepare our students for an awaiting world that embraces technology in a multitude of ways. We strongly believe that students deserve and are entitled to every opportunity to leave with the essential knowledge and skills necessary to further their education. As the world changes and becomes more heavily reliant on technology as a means to an end, we feel that providing classrooms that bring together standard teachings, technology and real world applications would best prepare them for the awaiting higher levels of education and future careers.

Top Ten Tips on Grant Writing

According to Erin Schofield

1. First and foremost, you must be dedicated to putting in extra hours off the clock.
2. Organize yourself from the beginning. Create a binder or folder on your desktop solely for your Grant application. Also, back up all files and emails relating to the grant.
3. If you are writing a grant as a team, have a team leader. This may not necessarily be the department chair, but someone who is the most organized and detail-oriented person.
4. Follow all instructions in the application exactly as stated and meet all deadlines for submissions!
5. Get the support of your administration, fellow faculty, and parents.
6. Enlist the help of the people on your campus that may be willing to help you gather necessary data and information. For example, the CIC or counselor may be able to provide you with past TAKS data.
7. Utilize the resources at your disposal. The San Antonio ISD Grant Office (226-0088) is very helpful in explaining areas of applications that you may have difficulty with.
8. Focus your grant on the students and if at all possible, tie your goals to the TEKS and/or increasing TAKS scores.
9. Use facts. Use numbers. Many people will try to “tug on the heart strings” of the people reading the applications. You definitely want to be passionate, however, someone with a realistic plan and is also passionate will stand a better chance at success.
10. Ask for a second set of eyes to go over your completed application. As you work with the application you may lose objectivity, therefore, an impartial “judge” may be able to help with rewording paragraphs or letting you know that you have lost focus or the main idea of your proposal.