

Request for Funding

**Crystal City School District
1100 Mississippi Avenue
Crystal City, Missouri 63019**

Organizational History

The Crystal City School District is a K-12 district with an enrollment of 620 students. Excluding one K-8 district, it is the smallest district in Jefferson County. The local community has been stripped of any major businesses or industry making funding for the school district scarce. Enrollment numbers in the district have had a gradual decline over the past four years due to the construction of a high school which services students that formerly would have attended Crystal City High School. The district, through these obstacles, has maintained a high level of achievement.

2011-12 District Accomplishments

Efforts are made annually by the Crystal City School District to maintain, improve, and enhance the educational opportunities that are offered to their students. In alignment with the objectives of the district's Comprehensive School Improvement Plan, the grant funds will allow us to expand student/teacher usage of technology and assist students with college and career readiness. In the past year, we have installed 53 Promethean/Smart boards in classrooms and sponsored training for all district educators. In that same time period, we have increased test scores.

Through teacher testimony, it is shown that students are engaging and taking an ownership role in their learning. The utilization of this technology has enriched the students' learning each day not only as a whole group but also has taken teacher-guided instruction and broken it down into individual, interactive student learning. Students remain motivated in their instruction as this technology augments individualized instruction.

An important 21st century skill is collaboration. The interactive white boards put this skill into action more effectively. It allows students to experience their lessons in a manner that will transfer readily into their post-secondary education and career.

Community Needs Addressed by Project

Due to recent changes in the local, state, and national economies, it is imperative that the students of Crystal City School District be exposed to technologies. This exposure will prepare our students to be competitive in their post secondary education and workforce.

Benefactors/Geography

The target population of this grant request is Crystal City School District students in grades K-12. At present, that represents 620 students which live in the school district boundaries and/or pay tuition to attend Crystal City School District.

Planned Accomplishments

Twenty-first century learners require a different approach to engage in their education. It has been seen through the initial installation of 53 interactive white boards (Promethean and Smart), that students are reached and engaged in their learning. The installation of the final classrooms will ensure this advantage throughout the entire district. The reward of this grant will assist in accomplishing our goal of 100% saturation of this technology into our classrooms.

Implementation

The largest part of this project has been achieved through district funds. Through the grant of additional funds being requested in this application, the remaining boards will be purchased and installed. The district will continue its support and funding of educator professional development for implementation of the technology into the classroom.