NORTH EAST EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION



NEEF Student Impact Grant Training: Making the Impossible Possible!





Mission:

Financially support teachers in bringing creative, groundbreaking, non-traditional resources and activities to North East ISD students









Our Impact:

- **$3,825,855.47 in Student Impact Grants awarded**
- September 2026: **Over $354K Awarded**
- **30% increase from previous year**









Process for Grant Selection & Awards

- **Grant Submission Window: November 9, 2026-March 1, 2027…** ***3 Applications per campus can be submitted!***
- **April: NEISD Executive Staff Vets and Approves Applications for NEEF Grants Committee Selection**
- **May-June: NEEF Grants Committee Selects Grant Recipients**
- **Grant Awards: August-September**









Grant Criteria: Projects Should!

- Align with NEEF Grant Mission & District/Campus Initiatives
- Align with district curriculum and TEKS
- Items for purchase must be under the NEISD Approved Vendors' List
- Enhance students' learning environment
- Benefit students and campus for more than 3 years









Grant Criteria: Projects Should Not!
Will Not be Recommended for Approval:

- Chromebooks, iPads, printers, or technology used for *traditional purposes* or to increase the overall number of devices.
- Stipends, salaries, field trips, teacher workshops/training
- Maintenance, updates, or replacement classroom furniture, musical intstraments, books, and other resources *traditionally funded by district*.
- Curriculum, Test prep materials
- Consumables (food, candy, drinks, memberships, workbooks, printer ink, anything single use
- Subscriptions, products, and technology that require an annual license









Be Prepared!

Research and make sure grant proposal is within NEISD department guidelines:

Will the grant require any physical construction or buidling improvments?

- ***Digging or trenching***
- ***New plumbing or plumbing upgrades***
- ***Electrical upgrades***
- ***Landscaping***
- ***New custodial installations (shelves, greenhouses, fences, etc.)***
- ***ADA compliance modifications***
- ***Other construction or remodeling***

****If yes to any, please contact Jorge Cabello, Exec. Director Construction Management for guidance and approval: 210-407-0453 jcabel@neisd.net***

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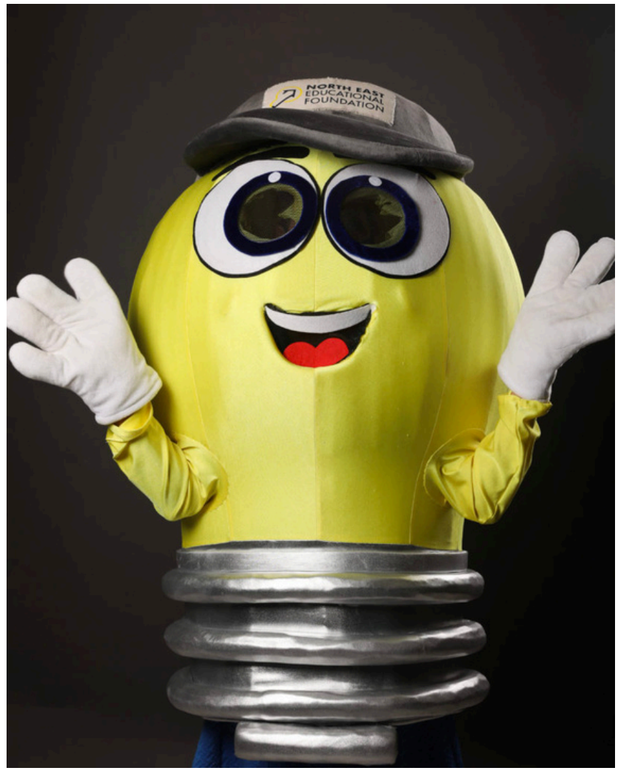
Research and make sure grant proposal is within NEISD department guidelines:

- *Community garden and mural projects must comply with the CS Regulation Facility Standards. Please review these standards for specific guidelines and allowable costs before submitting your application.*

- *If seeking to purchase* **books or library media** *with grant funds, please contact* **Christina Reyna, Director of Library Services**, *to ensure purchases are approved under new state and federal guidelines.* **creyna5@neisd.net**

- *Be sure all vendors used for purchasing items are on the NEISD Approved Vendors* **list.**

- **I understand that the requested grant amount is based on the provided itemized quote and represents the maximum funding provided. Should the project be awarded, NEEF cannot provide additional funds to cover budget variations or cost increases due to inflation.**



https://northeastfoundation.org/grants/

BRAINSTORMING TIPS

- DISCUSS IDEAS WITH YOUR COLLEAGUES AND PRINCIPAL
- CONDUCT A SWOT (**Strengths, *Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats***) ANALYSIS

WRITING TIPS

- EMPHASIZE ENHANCED LEARNING FOR STUDENTS
- ESTIMATE THE ACTUAL NUMBER O F STUDENTS SERVED

  DONOT USE ENTIRESCHOOLENROLLMENT IF ONLY STUDENTS IN A SPECIFICCLASSROOMWILL BE IMPACTED
- ENSURE GRANT RESPONSES ARE C OMPLETE AND CONCISE
- PROVIDE SPECIFIC DETAILS A BOUT OUTCOME AND IMPACT
- MAKE A STRONG TIE TO CURRICULUM & TEKS
- BE ILLUSTRATIVE – TELL YOUR STORY!

SUBMISSION TIPS

- ENSURE VENDOR APPROVAL FOR MATERIALS AND INCLUDE SHIPPING COSTS
- INCLUDE YOUR COMMUNITY! SUPPORT GRANT REQUEST WITH OUTSIDE FUNDING OR DONATIONS.
- BE SURE TO LIST CO APPLICANTS AND STATE IF GRANT IS DISTRICT OR CAMPUS .

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHOCANAPPLYFORANEEFGRANT?
NEISD teachers, coaches, librarians, principals, District Coordinators, and Directors are eligible to apply for a NEEF Grant.

I APPLIED LAST YEAR. CAN I APPLY AGAIN THIS YEAR?
Yes! Applicants can revise and resubmit a previous application. If an applicant was awarded a previous grant, they are eligible to apply for a current grant.

HOW LONG SHOULD I SPEND ON THE APPLICATION?
There is no recommended time for completing a grant request. Applicants should answer all questions thoroughly, thoughtfully, and briefly.

DO YOU AWARD PARTIAL FUNDING FOR GRANTS?
Yes, NEEF frequently awards partial funding for many grants! Typically, there is over $1million requested and we are only able to fund a fraction of those requests.

CAN I WORK WITH ANOTHER TEACHER ON THE GRANT APPLICATION?
Yes! Don't workalone.Find the best writeron your staff, the best proofreader, and work together on the grant application.

IS THERE A MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF FUNDS I CAN REQUEST?
Thereis nolimittohowmuchmoneyapplicantscan request.

WHEN WILL I BE NOTIFIED IF MY GRANT REQUEST IS APPROVED?
Grant award will occur August-September 2027.Once grant funding is distributed, every grant applicant will receive an approval or denial letter.

IF AWARDED, WILL GRANT FUNDS ROLL OVER TO THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR IF ALL MONEY IS NOT USED?
No, allawardedmonies mustbe spentby April1,2028. Any unused funds will be returned to NEEF.

Tell a Compelling Story

- Use vivid, emotional storytelling to engage reviewers.
- Share a personal experience or student need that inspired the project.
- Example: “A struggling student’s spark during a hands-on activity showed me the need for innovative tools.”
- Tip: Make it relatable—connect to student impact and NEEF’s mission.
- Avoid generic statements; be specific and authentic.



Highlight Innovation

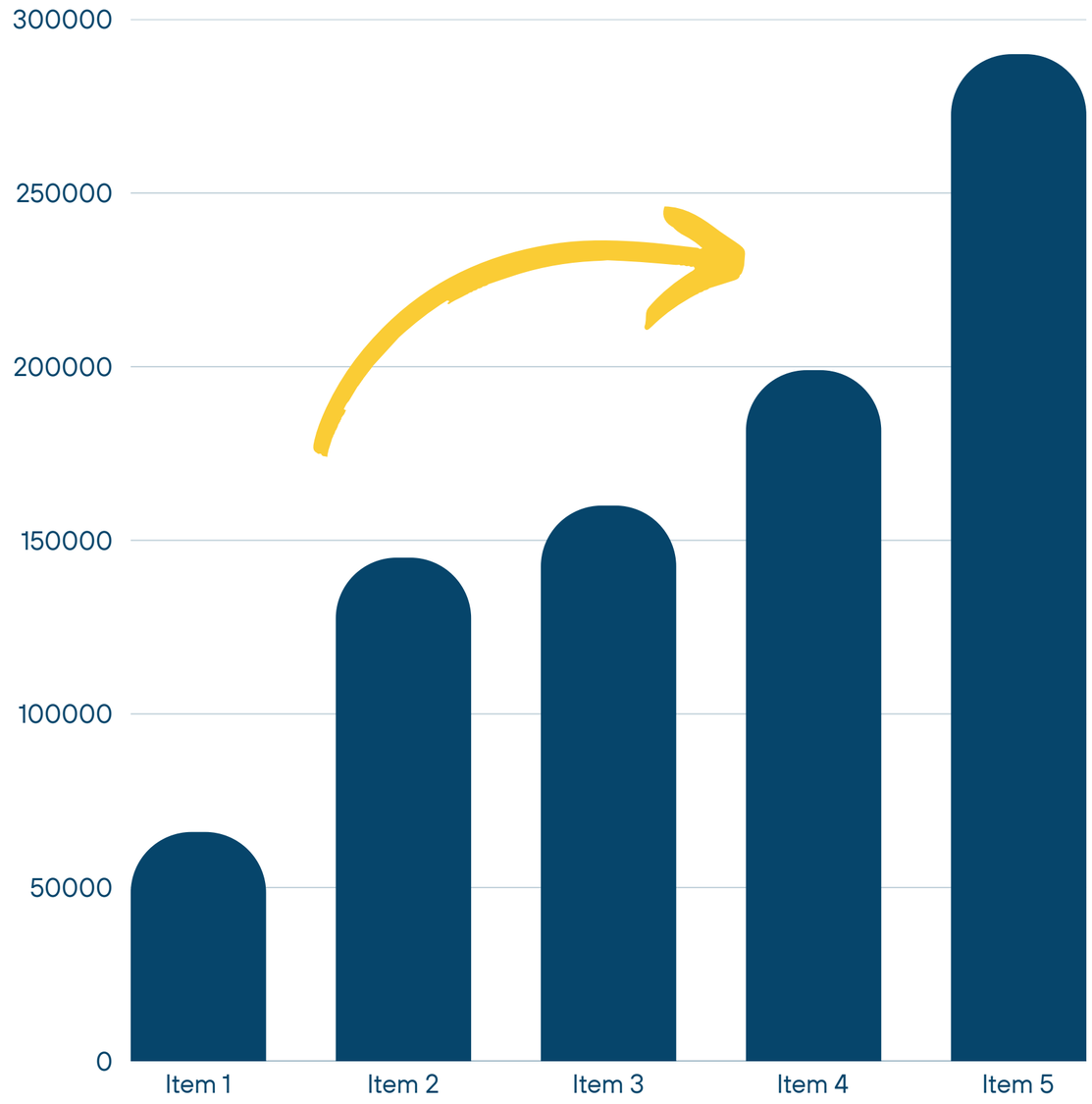
- Clearly define what's new or unique about your project for your campus.
- Link to specific district/campus goals (e.g., STEM, equity).
- Example: "Using AR tools for math is novel for our campus and aligns with NEISD's tech integration goal."
- Tip: Avoid vague claims—provide concrete details.
- Reviewers prioritize groundbreaking, non-traditional ideas that are not funded by NEISD or part of the traditional curriculum



Maximize Impact and Sustainability

- Show large student reach (e.g., multiple grades, years).
- Detail long-term use without ongoing costs (no subscriptions).
- Example: “Tools will serve 500 students annually for 5 years via shared campus access.”
- Tip: Quantify impact (numbers, years); explain maintenance plan.
- Collaborate across departments for broader reach





Example:

Need: Middle school students across grades 6-8 exhibit reduced focus and physical engagement, with 65% reporting restlessness during extended classroom periods due to limited opportunities for active learning, based on recent teacher observations.

Goal with Objective: By the end of the 2026-2027 school year, establish "Kinesthetic Learning Stations" with five durable, modular movement stations to engage 600+ middle school students daily, improving focus by 25% (measured via teacher assessments) and sustaining use for 5+ years through shared campus access without ongoing costs.



Determining Cost and Supplies

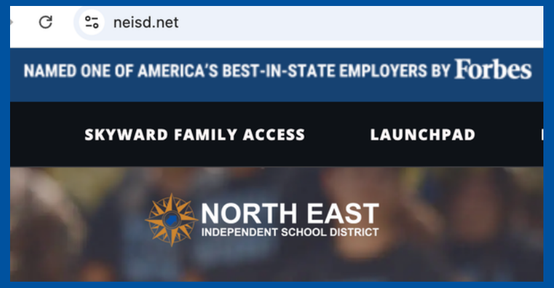
- Items for purchase must be from an approved vendor.
  - NEISD Approved Vendor List
  - For new vendors, contact NEISD Procurement @ 210-407-0175
- Itemize costs; total request = sum of items. INCLUDE SHIPPING IN TOTAL COST.
- Specify partial funding impacts.
- Sustainability: Explain long-term maintenance (no subscriptions).
- The requested grant amount is based on the provided itemized quote and represents the maximum funding provided. Should the project be awarded, NEEF cannot provide additional funds to cover budget variations or cost increases due to inflation.

Item	Vendor	Quantity	Unit Price	Shipping	Total
Tool	District Vendor	10	$50	$120	$500



Where Do I Apply?

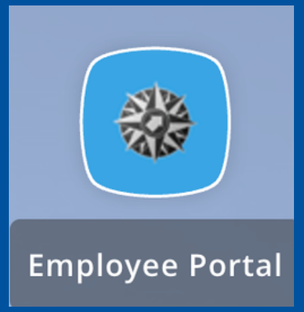
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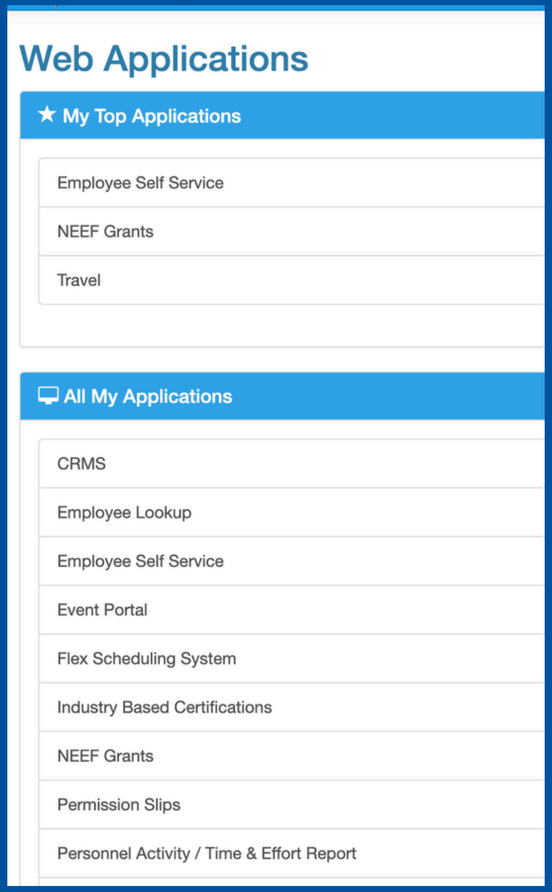
2) Click on Employee Web Links Folder



3) Click on Employee Portal



4) Left Tab, NEEF Grants





Thank you!



We can't wait to see your innovative ideas come to life!



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