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TEXARKANA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION
AWARDS TEXARKANA ISD TEACHERS
WITH \$22, 298 IN INNOVATIVE PROGRAM GRANTS

Texarkana, TX – As part of their continued effort to enrich and maximize educational opportunities for students, Texarkana Public Schools Foundation awarded 50 Innovative Educator Grants to TISD teachers for a total of \$22,298. Grant monies will be used to assist teachers in developing innovative and imaginative instructional programs which promote student achievement and advance new approaches to teaching.



The Texarkana Public Schools Foundation was established in 2003 by a group of citizens dedicated to enriching and maximizing the educational opportunities for students and staff at TISD through funding that is not available from local, state or federal sources. Through community support, the foundation works toward building a legacy of excellence in education, ensuring that every child and teacher has the tools necessary for success. To date, the Texarkana Public Schools Foundation has awarded approximately \$200,000 in grants to district teachers.

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Teachers receiving Innovative Educator Grants, along with program name are:

Brittany Adcock - "Creating and Sharing our Digital Portfolios"
Miriam Ballard - "Apple TV"
Manuel Castano - "We Learn by Doing"
Kelly Cordray - "Whisper your Way to Improved Reading"
Angela Coston - "Deeping Reading Comprehension through Spanish Novels"
Samuel Coston - "iPad Education"
Kacey Davis - "I Can't Sit Still! I'm in Pre-K"
Blanca De La Fuente - "Read, Read, Read!"
Shauna Denson - "What's In Your Tool Box?"
Christin Dickens - "Stupendous Stations"
Kim Downs - "Technology Stations in the Collaborative Classroom"
Elizabeth Ann Duke - "Speech Buddies"
Sonya Freeze - "Leadership Day"
Summer Gibson - "Wiggle While You Work"
Therisa Gray & Carlos Gorostiza - "Bridging the Special Education Gap through Technology"
Beth Greening - "Critique Yourself"
Lori Hambleton - "Balance for Focus"
Lindy Hatridge - "Stability Ball Implementation"
Senitha Hodge - "I'm in Charge of Me"
Joya Holden - "Learning & Growing Through Powerful Literature"
Ruth Ellen Hopper - "Tiger Tiles"
Amy Kyles - "Mini iPads Equal Maximum Learning"
Stefanie Laird - "Practice Makes Awesome!"
Brandi Langford - "Can You Hear Me Now?"
Kristen Larey - "Tech Savvy"
Liliana Luna - "Ready, Set, Let's Read!"
Brandy Lynn - "Science to the Max!"
Rita Martin - "Roller Coaster Engineering"
Pat Mazer - "Science to the Max!"
Tamara McGraw - "Growing Great Learners"
Sara Molchany - "iPad Minis Equal Maximum Learning"
Esmeralda Montiel Contreras - "Science to the Max!"
Pamela Nickelberry - "Money Sense with Cents"
Patti O'Bannon - "Teaching our Digital Natives"
Jacquelyn Osborne - "Bouncing for Focus"
Maria Othman - "Apple iPad Air Imagine Learning"
Stephanie Parker - "Evidence, Research, Assessments, Oh My!"
Julie Patterson - "Grab Your Passport: Explore the World"
Jenny Rankin - "It's Library Station Time!"
Martha Sanchez - "Science to the Max!"
Val Shoulders - "iPad Education"
Jennifer Singleton - "Multiplication Population"
Daniela Tirrito - "Science to the Max!"
Michelle Turner - "Cruising to Success"
Nathan Upchurch - "Magnetizing Minds to Earth Science"
Carolyn Vernon - "Virtual Fieldtrips to France & Beyond"
Kiaundra Walker - "It's Okay to Wiggle"
Magan Wisdom - "Step Back to Step Up"
Elodia Witterstaetter - "Bilingual Books"

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Texarkana Public Schools Foundation Board Members Darrah McGuire and Christy Paddock award \$22,298 in Innovative Grant funds to fifty TISD teachers.