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2024-2025 Grants

\$19,043 total funding for 11 grants to teachers in Charlottesville and Albemarle Public Schools

LEVEL 1 PROJECTS

Sensory/Emotional Regulation Space for All

PreK through fourth grade students build the skills they need to be more successful in school and in life when they gain access to an inclusive and accessible sensory/emotional regulation space at their school.

Lauren Mackey and Desiree Conner, Greenbrier Elementary School

\$750.00

Everybody Plays: The Adapted Toy Lending Library

Children with severe physical disabilities can join in the fun as they check out, take home, and play with adapted toys borrowed from a toy lending library,

Christy Herring and Gay Singletary, Jackson-Via Elementary School

\$739.00

Making Math Visual

Sixth grade students gain access to individual sets of math manipulatives to create visual representations of the math content they learn

Maggie Pfuntner, Walker Upper Elementary School

\$511.00

In The Beginning - Creating Sketchbooks for Year-Long Exploration of the Design Process

High school art class students learn about bookbinding as an artistic process as they design, create, and use their own personalized sketchbooks for planning, practicing, and experimenting with their art throughout the school year.

Katie McKinley, Albemarle High School

\$750.00

Sensory Play Experience

An outdoor sensory courtyard provides a supportive and enriching learning environment for Early Childhood Special Education preschool students to explore and engage their senses in a natural environment.

Reannan Ledford, Broadus Wood Elementary School

\$750.00

Sustainability Change Agents: Students Working Together to Compost, Recycle and Reduce Energy Usage at our School

Students in grades K-5 make positive contributions to our local community and demonstrate responsible citizenship by taking care of our planet and becoming environmental stewards as they learn and practice composting, recycling, and energy usage reduction at their school.

Mary Maher Morales, Mountain View Elementary School

\$741.00

Trails of Learning

Middle school students work together to create and maintain a trail system on school property that will benefit the entire school community as they learn from, create in, and enjoy the benefits of the natural environment outside their school doors.

Eric Painter, Walton Middle School

\$730.00

LEVEL 2 PROJECTS

iPads to Accelerate English Acquisition

Elementary level English learners use iPads, the Google Translate app, and the conversation tool to quickly translate lesson material to their first language so they can read and understand it better, and then have the opportunity to speak and share what they know with others.

Sydney Buppert and Leslie Scally, Johnson Elementary School

\$2,280

Robotics Revolution: Igniting Passion and Building Tomorrow's Innovators

A modernized, inclusive, and robust robotics program offers middle schoolers an engaging opportunity to develop and nurture a passion for STEM.

Jonathan Wamsley, Lakeside Middle School

\$3,200

Reading Rainbow Room

An elementary school's literacy room is reimaged to incorporate student-centered, creative games, activities, and decoding books into the learning environment, allowing PreK through fifth graders engaging opportunities to practice and solidify foundational reading skills.

Shanta Christina James, Mountain View Elementary School

\$4,370

Co-Designing Outdoor Spaces to Enhance Social and Emotional Learning

Elementary students in the behavioral special education program learn how to identify new playground features that meet their social and emotional needs, and then work together with community partners to build and install their selected designs at their school.

Misty Campbell, Red Hill Elementary School

\$4,222