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2025-2026 Grants

\$11,395 total funding for 5 grants awarded to Charlottesville and Albemarle Public School Teachers

LEVEL 1 PROJECTS

Battle of the Books: Building Voices Through Literature

Seventh grade students participate in a team-based, literacy-rich tournament where students collaboratively analyze diverse novels, apply critical thinking, and compete through games that celebrate comprehension, voice, and student choice.

Cianna Washburg, Buford Middle School

\$750.00

Authentic Field Research Experiences for Environmental Science Students

High School AP Environmental Science students use compact field research kits to collect and analyze data as they learn about and take action to improve their own local environment.

Erikka Goff, Monticello High School

\$745.00

LEVEL 2 PROJECTS

3D Design: Pottery and Sculpture

High school Visual Arts students integrate three-dimensional design into their artistic practice as they explore creative possibilities in clay and experiment with innovative forms, materials, and concepts.

Samantha Pagni, Charlottesville High School

\$4,927

Seeing the Invisible: Bringing Particle Physics to Life through Cloud Chambers

High school Physics students “see the invisible” as they observe real subatomic particles in action using cloud chambers, transforming radiation from abstract concepts to observable experiences.

Andrew Manning, Charlottesville High School

\$3,473

Biography Bookologists

Third, fourth, and fifth grade students become book critics as they evaluate biographies from their school library collection, published prior to the twenty-first century, and curate a list of recommended replacement biographies.

Angie Foreman, Stone-Robinson Elementary School

\$1,500