



2026-2027 School-Wide Grant Program

ELIGIBILITY, GUIDELINES, AND INSTRUCTIONS

Applications due Sunday, September 27, 2026

Amount of Grants

Principals may apply for up to \$10,000. *It's possible that you may receive less than the amount requested. We try to fully fund every proposal we receive, but on occasion we may offer 75% funding for a proposal.*

Eligibility

Only **PUSD principals** may apply for a School-Wide Grant. **NEW: PUSD's Director of Early Childhood Education** may also apply on behalf of all of PUSD's Children's Centers. *Other certificated staff should instead apply for a Teacher Grant, available at pased.org/teachers.*

School-Wide Grants are limited to **one per school**. If a principal oversees multiple schools, they can apply separately for each of their schools.

Principals who received a grant in previous years are eligible to apply again if they have completed their project and submitted all required reports.

Grant Guidelines

- Projects must be student-centered, directly benefit students, and enhance & improve student outcomes.
- Grants can either support new projects or expand existing programs.
- Equipment funded by the grant must clearly relate to the proposed project/program, and becomes property of PEF (not the grant recipient, school, or PUSD).
- **Technology:** Confirm any **Apps/Websites** you plan to use on [LearnPlatform](https://learnplatform.org) to make sure they are approved for school use by PUSD ITS. **Devices** purchased with this grant will not be supported by ITS, and may not be able to connect with PUSD networks and apps.
- **Projects must be completed by the end of the school year.** Grant recipients are required to submit an Impact Report upon completion of the project.
- PEF funds cannot be used to take the place of available PUSD funds/equipment.
- The following is **not eligible for funding**:
 - Field trips, bus transportation, and student entry fees.
Field Trip Grants are available year-round. Learn more at pased.org/fieldtrips
 - Conferences or travel
 - Consultants (e.g., hiring artists to visit your classroom)

How to Apply

- Review the grantwriting tips found at pased.org/teachers.
- Apply online at pased.org/teachers. Select the **School-Wide application**, not the Teacher Grant application.
- **Submission Deadline:** Sunday, September 27, 2026. ***Late applications won't be reviewed.***
- Applications submitted by the deadline will be acknowledged by email. Please contact us if you do not receive a confirmation email.

Selection Process and Criteria

Applications are first screened by PEF staff to ensure they are complete and meet the eligibility requirements. If there's an issue with your application, we will contact you.

A selection committee then reviews all eligible applications. Each application is scored **0 to 100** and ranked based on the following criteria:

I. Enhances and Improves Student Academic Outcomes (0-80 points)

All of the following:

- Engages students as active participants in the learning process.
- Encourages specific improvement in students' academic & social/emotional skills.
- Promotes students' desire to learn and create.
- Includes well-defined outcomes.

II. Long-Term Impact (0-10 points)

At least one of the following:

- Builds capacity with lasting equipment, supplies, and resources.
- Impacts students beyond a single classroom, such as through involvement of a team of teachers.
- Contributes toward the knowledge and practice of effective instructional strategies.
- Introduces an innovative teaching strategy.

III. Relevant Budget (0-10 Points)

- Budget is relevant, is appropriate, and directly supports the proposal.

Based on available funding, only the highest-scoring proposals will be funded.

Final Decisions

- All applicants will be notified by email no later than Friday before Thanksgiving break.
- Don't buy anything for your project until we tell you that your proposal will be funded.
- You may not submit any invoices or receipts dated before the approval notification.

Questions?

For more information, please contact us at pefteachergrants@pased.org or (626) 396-3625.

NEW: You can also stop by our **virtual office hours** to ask questions and get feedback. Visit pased.org/teachers for the link. Drop in anytime between 3:30–4:30pm on Thursdays.