



Durand Area Schools Educational Foundation Mini Grant Selection Criteria

All proposals for funding will be reviewed by a Grant Selection Committee of at least three individuals. Recommendations from the Grant Selection Committee will come before the board of Durand Area Schools Educational Foundation for final approval. The Foundation reserves the right to fund or reject proposals based on impact, available funding, proposed outcomes or for other reasons deemed significant by the Foundation board.

The primary criterion for dispersing grants will be high-quality educational content and the impact on students. The project must promote advancement of skills or knowledge and add depth to educational programming.

Requirements include:

- Completed Application and agreement to adhere to Grant Proposal Guidelines
- Application must include implementation timetable and detailed budget.
- Qualified applicants include district employees and other individuals working with recognized district student groups.
- A district employee must oversee the project including a final evaluation report. Failure to submit a final evaluation report may result in elimination from future grants.
- Grant recipients must agree to acknowledge the support of Durand Area Schools Educational Foundation in any printed materials or presentations.
- Projects must delineate clear, well-defined goals and educational values.
- Grant requests require pre-approval from Building Administrator (classroom, school-wide and field trips) or Athletic Director (sport camps and athletic activities),

Factors that may influence funding:

- Involve teams of teachers or collaborative groups
- Consider the needs of all learners
- Promote creativity and multidisciplinary learning
- Exemplify creativity and innovation in teaching and learning
- Projects should demonstrate sustainability, where applicable.

Special circumstances:

- The Foundation will not typically fund books, supplies, equipment, professional development substitute teachers or transportation unless part of an approved project.

- In the event that a grant recipient transfers to another school within the district, the teacher may transfer the grant program to the transfer school, provided the transfer is to a compatible grade level. If the transferring teacher is part of a group grant, the grant will remain at the school awarded the grant, Disputes regarding transfer of a grant may be resolved by the Foundation board.
- A teacher can receive multiple individual grants for the same funding period.
- Applicants can reapply during the next funding cycle.
- If an applicant is unable to administer the approved funds for any reason, the grant recipient will return all allocated funds to the Foundation.
- The Foundation must approve any amendments to the original grant/budget/ timeline. Amendment requests can be mailed to the Durand Educational Foundation, P.O. Box 124, Durand, MI 48429 or sent via inter-school mail to Durand Administration Building, c/o DAS Educational Foundation.