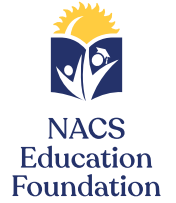


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Application Rubric

Project Name

Applicant Name



	Exceptional	Strong	Meets Expectations	Limited	Insufficient
Project Description & Student Engagement Max Points: 10	9–10 Points: Project is exceptionally clear, specific and realistic. Implementation is well developed. Provides compelling opportunities for active participation, curiosity, excitement and engagement.	7–8 Points: Project and implementation are clearly described. Strong potential for meaningful student participation and engagement.	5–6 Points: Project is understandable and feasible but some details are generalized. Student engagement is present but may rely primarily on typical instructional practices.	3–4 Points: Project or implementation lacks clarity. Connection to meaningful student engagement is weak or insufficiently developed.	0–2 Points: Project is unclear, unrealistic or substantially incomplete, with little evidence of how students will meaningfully engage.
Standards & Curriculum Alignment: Max Points: 4	4 Points: Clear, meaningful and specific connection to Indiana Academic Standards and curriculum. Project meaningfully enhances standards-based learning.	3 Points: Clear connection to appropriate standards and curriculum, although explanation may lack some specificity.	2 Points: General curriculum connection is evident, but standards alignment is vague or minimally explained.	1 Points: Limited or unclear connection to standards/curriculum.	0 Points: No meaningful standards or curriculum connection provided.
Demonstrated Need / Funding Gap Max Points: 4	4 Points: Compelling, specific need is clearly established. Applicant clearly explains why existing resources or typical school/classroom funding cannot adequately meet the need.	3 Points: Clear need and reasonable funding gap are demonstrated.	2 Points: A need is identified, but the funding gap or limitations of existing resources are only generally explained.	1 Points: Need is weak, unclear or minimally supported.	0 Points: No meaningful need or funding gap is demonstrated.
Innovation & Opportunity Max Points: 5	5 Points: Creates a highly distinctive, creative or expanded learning opportunity students would not typically experience.	4 Points: Provides a strong enhancement or new opportunity beyond typical classroom experiences.	3 Points: Adds meaningful value to student learning but is more of an enhancement to existing/typical instruction than a distinctly innovative opportunity.	1–2 Points: Primarily supports routine instruction or replaces/supplements standard classroom resources with limited expansion of student opportunity.	0 Points: No clear additional or innovative learning opportunity is demonstrated
Student Impact & Measuring Success Max Points: 4	4 Points: Clearly identifies meaningful anticipated student benefits and specific, appropriate indicators for determining whether the project succeeds.	3 Points: Student benefits are clear and reasonable measures of success are identified.	2 Points: Student benefits are evident, but anticipated outcomes or measures of success are broad/general.	1 Points: Student impact is weakly described or measurement is unclear.	0 points: No meaningful student impact or method for evaluating success is provided.
Stewardship & Broader Value Max Points: 3	3 Points: Excellent use of Foundation resources considering cost, number of students served, durability, longevity, sharing/expansion potential and budget quality.	2 Points: Good overall value with reasonable reach, longevity and budget. Some potential for continued or broader use.	1 Points: Provides value but has limited reach, longevity, sharing potential and/or budget detail.		0 Points: Significant concerns regarding budget, sustainability, reach or responsible use of Foundation funding.

Essential Question:

How will this investment empower an educator to be more effective, impactful, and successful in supporting students?

	Maximum Points	Points Awarded	Evaluator Comments
Project Description & Student Engagement	10 points		
Standards & Curriculum Alignment:	4 points		
Demonstrate Need / Funding Gap	4 points		
Innovation & Opportunity	5 points		
Student Impact & Measuring Success	4 points		
Stewardship & Broader Value	3 points		

Recommendations

- ____ 24-30 points: Highly Recommend for approval
- ____ 18-23 points: Recommend for approval if funding allows
- ____ 0 -17 points: Not recommended for approval at this time.