



2010 – 2011 Endowment Fund Grants

K-8 Literacy, \$6,700 for professional development of the \$100,928 grant

Support of the ongoing district literacy initiative, completing book purchases and teacher support in the elementary grades and expanding the program into the Middle School.

SNAP, \$11,895

Continued funding for this successful summer four-week academic program to help ESL and at-risk students retain and boost necessary skills for the upcoming year. The program runs from 9am to 3pm with 3 teachers, four days per week. The program budget is also supported by Title 1 and 3 funding.

Family Technology, \$3,254

Each elementary school will offer 2 evening technology sessions designed to facilitate learning experiences for students with their parents. Families will engage in hands-on technology experiences through curriculum-related instructional offerings.

Data Collection Technology, \$31,188

Implement the use of Vernier probe technology and electronic balances in science classrooms at the middle school. Data collection technology will be integrated into both the physical and life science classes – it has been used successfully in the earth science classrooms. This technology enhancement will free class time for students to engage in higher-order thinking skills such as analysis, synthesis and evaluation.

Ni Hao, Mandarin for 6th Graders, \$13,676

Mandarin Chinese will be offered to 6th graders, when world language options are available. Students will be able to continue Mandarin instruction through high school.

Biotech Equipment, \$8,021

Purchase equipment to engage students in lab techniques relating to DNA and biotechnologies.