

2014-2015 Educational Grant Application

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Name of Grant	Growing Leaders in Allen ISD
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Campus	Ford Middle School
Other Campus	Roundtree, Chandler, Curtis, Marion, Olson, Reed, Ereckson, Boyd
Curriculum Area	Other (See Other Curriculum)
Other Curriculum	Extra Curricular
Grade Level(s)	6-8
Students Impacted	250-300
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Project Purpose	<p>Allen ISD began utilizing the Turning Boys to Men and Girls Break Away Programs at the upper elementary and middle school levels several years ago. The mission of the Turning Boys to Men Empowerment Program and Girls Break Away Leadership Academy is to inspire students to be self-confident, courageous and compassionate leaders in their communities. The students are taught to make a positive impact on their surroundings.</p> <p>The students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Learn how to make positive choicesBe provided opportunities to learn and develop leadership skillsBe prepared for future leadership positionsEncouraged to maintain successful academic performanceStrive for positive personal growth
Project Description	<p>The Turning Boys to Men and Girls Break Away groups have many facets. Small group training occurs once or twice a month, each campus arranging the schedule best suited for their students. The training is before or after school and consists of a snack and drink and an activity and/or lesson. The lessons and activities cover a variety of topics from leadership and communication skills to building positive character. Groups decide on and implement a community service project each year. A variety of responsibilities are</p>

taken on by various groups including teacher assistance in the classroom to community presentations about the program. In the fall the groups attend a ropes course field trip to enhance their leadership and team building skills outside the classroom. In the spring the middle school groups attend a college visit to inspire their hopes and dreams of higher education as well as highlight how higher education is attainable. The elementary school groups visit the Allen High School facilities and discover programs and opportunities available to them at the high school level. In choosing group members, the elementary schools look for students who have potential leadership skills, maybe at risk of not graduating and would benefit from more direction and positive role models to encourage the students development. There is large percentage of students from single parent families and or financial difficulty. These students then continue in the program through middle school. Students learn about character and build self-confidence to assist them in their decision making process and leadership abilities.

Allen ISD Goals/TEKS

These programs support all TEKS across all content areas. Students are required to maintain academic eligibility and appropriate behavior to participate on the field trips and remain a member of the team.

Measurements

Measurements utilized include evaluating the groups' graduation rates, school attendance and academic records.

Teaching Methods

Sponsors utilize a variety of teaching methods to impart knowledge to the students. These methods include modeling, group work, discussions, presentations by community members, field trips and use of technology to name a few. Students, in many instances, are the leaders in the group working with the sponsors to present a topic or demonstrate a specific skill. They have the opportunity to utilize their leadership skills and direct the group throughout the year.

Timeline for Project

The groups will start meeting in mid-September 2014 and continue throughout the 2014-2015 school year. The ropes course will be scheduled for late October or early November 2014. The college and Allen HS field trips will be scheduled for January or February 2015.

Curriculum/System Support

The Turning Boys to Men and Girls Break Away programs train students in making positive decisions and exhibiting leadership skills to encourage other students to do the same. All Allen ISD schools benefit when students making positive decisions in the classrooms and take care of their responsibilities. Students in the program are encouraged to be positive role models and supporters of their fellow students. These attributes enhance the learning environment across the district.

Additional Comments

This program is designed to help students strive to fulfill their potential and make a positive impact on the world around them. We appreciate your support of our students by helping to fund this program.

Instructional Supplies or Resources

N/A

Supplies Budget	0
Technology	N/A
Technology Budget	0
Staff Training / Staff Development	N/A
Training Budget	0
Transportation/Field Trip	Ropes course \$3900 Transportation \$1200 College Visit \$780 Transportation \$720 Allen HS Visit \$600 Transportation \$270
Transportation Budget	7470
Other	Snacks for meetings \$1560
Other Budget	1560
Total Budget	9030
Additional Funds	N/A