

2014-2015 Educational Grant Application

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Name of Grant	Fishing for All
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Campus	Lowery Freshman Center
Curriculum Area	Physical Education
Grade Level(s)	9-12
Students Impacted	600
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Project Purpose	<p>High school students in the State of Texas are required to complete two (2) semesters of physical education credits in order to graduate. Students may meet this requirement through athletics, general PE classes, Escadrille, Tallenettes, and some other class options. Over the years, teachers and coaches have noted that some students are uncomfortable with all of these options and end up in general physical education- but do not benefit from the class and are not engaged in the educational experience. Often these students do not easily fit into any "school group" and struggle with self-esteem issues along with peer pressure. There is a need for these students to have another option for physical education credit or an elective credit which will engage them physically and mentally in a positive environment.</p> <p>Allen Independent School District targeted these students with the introduction of "Outdoor Adventures Education" classes beginning in the 2011-2012 school year on the Lowery Freshman Center Campus. Outdoor Adventures Education is a TEA approved curriculum that has proven successful in 190 school districts in Texas.</p> <p>With the support of a Foundation for Allen Schools grant for Outdoor Adventures Education, Lowery Freshman Center will be able to better meet the Allen ISD goal/mission of providing "every school, every day, and every child with engaging school work." Outdoor Adventures Education will help to provide this for a student's PE credits or an elective credit toward graduation along with exposure to nature and</p>

to the skills that many urban/suburban students do not receive from their families.

Our program has grown from 111 students in 2011-2012 school year to 512 students in the 2013-2014 school year. The need for more equipment is necessary for us to be able to continue to be successful!

Project Description

Working with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Beginning Angler program the need for more fishing equipment is needed. When we started the program in 2011 we did not anticipate jumping up to almost 600 students in our program by 2014. Fishing poles and reels, baits, and tackle box kits are in great need at this time! The students will benefit by learning about styles of fishing, types of rods, reels, knots, baits, lures, fresh and saltwater fish, and aquatic habitats.

Allen ISD Goals/TEKS

The AISD TEKS/Goals that this project supports are the TEKS for the Texas Parks and Wildlife angler program within the curriculum of the Outdoor Adventures program along with the goals of the Angling Program providing the opportunity for any student to become involved in a program representing Allen ISD.

Measurements

The course itself will be implemented just as any other course is implemented with a syllabus giving the overview of the entire semester. The course work is developed through the TEKS that dictate the elements which must be taught and mastered by each student. Quizzes and Tests will determine knowledge and skills developed and acquired to achieve success within the program. The elements of the course are structured to insure safety and the understanding of the safety needs of each person within the program. Through the growth of the course and the development of the programs within the program the evaluation process become simple. Seeing students getting excited about learning is the ultimate goal and to see them experience success while learning only enables the program to develop and grow. The curriculum that is in place is growing daily to add new features and the opportunity like our new Outdoor Adventures II course.

Teaching Methods

Teaching methods will include small and large group instruction in the classroom and outside; field trips, guest speakers, and sportsmen and sportswomen; evaluation of student learning through teacher observation, testing of gained knowledge and skills, and acquiring certifications. Student and parent surveys will be conducted twice during the course of the 2013-2014 school year.

Timeline for Project

We would like to have funding for the 2014-2015 school season.

Curriculum/System Support

The Allen ISD Goal is to provide every student, every day, every opportunity to become engaged in a fulfilling and rewarding educational experience. The Outdoor Adventures program is a perfect fit. This course not only reaches the student who has the opportunity to participate in the many co and extra curricular activities that Allen ISD offers but it is designed for all students to have the opportunity to achieve success and be recognized for their achievements. The atmosphere of the course is to show that anyone can

	participate in anything that they set their mind to with guidance and encouragement to perform to the best of their individual abilities.
Additional Comments	Thank you for your support.
Instructional Supplies or Resources	20 rod and reel fishing combo kits x \$18.00= \$360 25 Fly Fishing Rod combos kits x \$19.00 = \$475.00 30 panfish tackle box kits x \$8.00 = \$240.00 60 fish baits x \$3.00 = \$180.00
Supplies Budget	\$1255.00
Technology	n/a
Technology Budget	n/a
Staff Training / Staff Development	n/a
Training Budget	n/a
Transportation/Field Trip	n/a
Transportation Budget	n/a
Other	n/a
Other Budget	N/A
Total Budget	\$1255.00
Additional Funds	n/a