

## 2014-2015 Educational Grant Application

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<b>Campus</b>	Reed Elementary School
<b>Curriculum Area</b>	Special Education
<b>Grade Level(s)</b>	k-5
<b>Students Impacted</b>	12
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<b>Project Purpose</b>	<p>Our DEAR class serves K-5 students who have special needs, some including, autism, Down syndrome, behavior issues etc. It can be difficult for some families to take their children out in social situations that they may not otherwise be able to participate in without the support of staff that works with the children on a daily basis. Each student has IEP goals, many of which include interacting with peers and learning appropriate behavior in various situations. Funds will be used to provide transportation costs, admission fees, and other costs, so that we can provide these opportunities to our students.</p>
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>Community based instruction is very important for our special needs population. While some of our students are exposed to many opportunities to enjoy the different field trips/moving about in the community, there sadly are some students that don't get the chance to do so for various reasons; i.e. costs, or it might be too difficult for the parents to take them out for fear of how their child or others may react, because of various behavior issues. Going with their teachers, volunteers and other familiar faces, gives the students a chance to acclimate to the community around them. (This is also a great opportunity for the parents to join in and have the support of the teachers/staff to help.) It is so important to give our students opportunities to explore the world outside of the classroom. The visual and tactile stimulations are crucial to our students' development. This will allow them opportunities for "hands-on" learning.</p>
<b>Allen ISD Goals/TEKS</b>	To take 6 trips which may include Fall (pumpkin patch)-

	<p>where they can choose their own pumpkin</p> <p>Holiday: Mall for puppet show and choosing what they will be eating in a food court environment</p> <p>Spring trips during STARR testing which will give our students the ability to be out and about instead of in the classroom while the school is testing. It is necessary for our students to have movement and some because of various reasons can be very loud, which will alleviate stress on the student to not be vocal, which for some, who are non-verbal, is the only way of communicating.</p>
<b>Measurements</b>	We will evaluate each student's participation during the field trip and measure that participation and progress towards their IEP goals. It will also allow us to return to the classroom and write (with symbol-based software) about what we did that day. We will also take photos of our trips which will help encourage speech, whether verbally or with tech devices, such as i-pads or talk boxes.
<b>Teaching Methods</b>	Learning by doing; modeling for students i.e., teaching/re-teaching proper interaction in public situations
<b>Timeline for Project</b>	Fall 2014 thru Spring 2015
<b>Curriculum/System Support</b>	Our students have IEP (Individual Education Program) goals that include behavior shaping and peer interaction. These experiences will give them the opportunity to apply the tools they are introduced to in the classroom, in real-world, social situations.
<b>Additional Comments</b>	We also explore options for free field trips. For example, Nickelrama (games) graciously offers us a free day of fun and social interaction one time a year.
<b>Instructional Supplies or Resources</b>	NA
<b>Supplies Budget</b>	NA
<b>Technology</b>	NA
<b>Technology Budget</b>	NA
<b>Staff Training / Staff Development</b>	na
<b>Training Budget</b>	NA
<b>Transportation/Field Trip</b>	Used for 6 field trips throughout the year
<b>Transportation Budget</b>	\$1200
<b>Other</b>	This will be used for transportation and admission costs
<b>Other Budget</b>	NA
<b>Total Budget</b>	NA
<b>Additional Funds</b>	NA

