

General Information

Grant Number	601
Project Title	Wiggle It Just a Little Bit
Please select the MAIN curriculum area your grant addresses.	Gifted & Talented
Does your grant have a technology component? (Will you have technology equipment, software, etc. in your budget?)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
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Campus	Vaughan Elementary
Main Subject	English/LA - Elementary
Grade(s)	<input type="text" value="4"/>
I have co-applicants.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social Media	
Please provide your work-related social media contact information.	
Facebook	
Twitter	@VaughanGate4th
Other (please specify)	

Describe details of the project

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Campus/Student Information	
Your campus:	Vaughan Elementary
Will other campus' be involved/impacted by this grant?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Your grade(s):	4
Will other grades be involved/impacted?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Project Purpose	
What is the problem, need, or opportunity that this grant will address? Explain what students will know and be able to do as a result of this project and/or how a problem will be addresses and/or how a situation improved because of the grant. (500 words or less.)	
<p>The GATE classroom is a busy place with lots of transition and moving parts. We are constantly engaging our students and have found that traditional seating does not work in our environment. As students are challenged, they feel the need to move, wiggle, or even stand. Heavy plastic chairs that are intended for sitting still are not best for all students. The gifted students in our GATE classes need to "Wiggle It Just a Little Bit." Hokki stools will provide an alternate seating option for students. These ergonomic stools are perfect for our rooms. They allow students to move while sitting still. The stools are lightweight and easy to move from one learning environment to another.</p>	
Project Description	
How will the project or program be implemented? Describe activities and tasks. Who is the target population and in what ways will they benefit? (500 words or less.)	

What does it really mean to teach in a GATE classroom? Many people think it is just adding fluff to an already rich curriculum, somewhat like adding gravy to potatoes. I would have to say that those people have not walked through the GATE program at Vaughan Elementary. In our program, we are teaching students from various cultures, various economic backgrounds, and with a wide variety of intellectual ability. This means that a GATE teacher must be on her toes at all times. Our classrooms are busy, our classrooms are noisy, and our classrooms ask why constantly. We set them up like that. We structure our rooms so that students can feel comfortable to take risks, make mistakes, and try again no matter what they are working on. My proposal of Hokki stools will allow for that next level of risk taking. Students are already free to choose their desk in the GATE room, and now they will be able to choose the seat that is most comfortable for their learning style. I will teach students how to learn responsibly in each of our seating options, and then they will be able to choose what best suits them. Having this freedom will make them comfortable in the classroom and allow them to take risks in their learning. In the GATE classroom, I want my students to ask questions about concepts that do not make sense, but I want them to go further than that. I want them to challenge thinking, form their own opinions, and make connections between topics. This can only be done when they are comfortable in their learning environment.

Project Summary

Provide a brief summary for use on the Foundation's website and social media. (2-3 brief sentences)

GATE students use ergonomic Hokki stools daily in order to "Wiggle It Just a Little Bit." These stools allow for flexible seating and easy movement around the classroom. Students and teachers agree this is the perfect answer for a busy classroom.

Allen ISD Goals/ TEKS

Which Allen ISD goals/TEKS does this project support? Provide only two or three examples.

As a GATE teacher, I feel that my number one goal is to transform the traditional classroom into an innovative learning experience that meets the needs of the individual learner. Flexible seating is one way that I can meet the needs of the individual learner in my room. Another AllenISD goal that I believe this proposal meets is the ability to transform the learning environment. Providing Hokki stools will allow students to be comfortable in their learning environment, which means they will then be more willing to take risks at being higher level problem solvers.

Measurement

What specific measurements will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the project? (500 words or less)

I plan to survey students at the beginning and the end of the year to see how they learn best. Students will be asked a series of questions to help me get to know them as individuals. The Hokki stools will be a part of this survey. I will also monitor the effectiveness throughout the year.

Teaching Methods

What teaching methods will be used to implement this project? (500 words or less.)

As with any new learning device, there will need to be rules established for how to sit and take care of our stools. This will be done at the beginning of the year and periodically as needed. Questions might arise between students as to why one child gets a stool and another does not. I will take this opportunity to discuss learning styles, learning environments, and how not everyone learns the same. Teaching Empathy for each other can be done through the use of flexible seating.

Timeline

What is the project timeline and the date of implementation?

Hokki stools will be used as soon as they can be purchased.

Curriculum/System Support

Explain how this idea or project enhances/supports Allen ISD curriculum or existing systems.

Currently the GATE classroom has desks that move freely. There is a need for seating that matches that freedom and flexibility.

Budget details

Budget Details ** All awarded funds will be available by September of the next school year.

Budget Item	Item Type	Unit Cost	Quantity	Total Cost
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18" Blue Hokki Stool- 24497-BL	Instructional Supplies or Resources	125.0	6	750.0
BUDGET TOTAL		750		
Are there any additional funds available for this grant? Campus or District Funds? PTA funds? Let us know if you have or will be seeking funds from other sources to help with this project.				
Additional funds?		<input checked="" type="radio"/>	No	
		<input type="radio"/>	Yes	

Signature page and principal contact

Principal Approval Required		
Please provide the Name and Email of your PRINCIPAL. (Not your name)		
First Name	Last Name	Email Address(Completed)
Honey	Gray	honey_gray@allenisd.org
Applicant Signature		
By entering my name below I signify that I understand that if I move within the District and have written the grant myself, I may take the grant with me to my school (as long as it is appropriate for my classes). If I have written the grant as part of a team, I will leave the grant behind with the team. If I leave AISD, I will leave the grant with the school for which I wrote the grant. As a condition of this grant, I will complete an evaluation form provided by the Foundation.		
Signature		Jennifer Lambert
Date		03/14/2017

Principal's approval form

I certify that this would be a good use of funds for our school and this grant supports the district goals and/or our campus improvement plans. **Do NOT include any identifiers, such as: campus name, your name, teachers name or mascot **
No actions possible.
Comments
Flexible seating has proven effective in many classrooms. It is logical that students who are constantly moving around a small classroom, working in groups, and needing more opportunity to 'wiggle' would benefit from this type of seating.

History and final disposition of application

State Change History	
State Change	***** 03/14/2017 12:43:36 Submitted
State Change	***** 03/14/2017 14:11:12 Accepted
Grant Status	
Grant Awarded	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Award Amount	750