

# Mini-Grant Stats

## 2016-17 Mini-Grant Program At a Glance

The Grand Island Public Schools Foundation awards mini-grants in two rounds on an annual basis. Mini-grants are designed to fund educational opportunities for students that are not available through the school district's general budget.

**\$20,097** Mini-grants Awarded

**23** Mini-grant Projects Funded

**9,801** GIPS Students Benefited

Since 2004:

**\$192,428** Mini-grants Awarded

**228** Mini-grant Projects Funded

**38,631** GIPS Students Benefited



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**For the 2016-2017 school year,** 23 grants totaling \$20,097 were awarded through the mini-grant process. Grants range from \$109 to \$2,000. All of the districts' 9,801 students will benefit from a classroom mini-grant this school year.



**Round One grant winners, grant amounts, and project titles were:**

**Success Academy**

\$787  
Catherine Breuer  
"Living Classroom"

**Early Learning Center**

\$2,000  
Mary Beth Hubl and Peggy McManaman  
"Dolls with Special Needs for Preschoolers"

**Grand Island Senior High**

\$1,100  
Christine Kier  
"Shakespeare is Alive and Relevant!"

**Wasmer Elementary**

\$148  
Tausha Lee, Ashlee Nuss, and Brenda Cochran  
"Breakout EDU"

**Starr Elementary**

\$200  
Jennifer Manivong, Hannah Gloe, and Alison Zitterkopf  
"Engaging Learners with 21st Century Experiences"

**Success Academy**

\$500  
Angela Runquist  
"Skills Academy Sensory Room Expansion"

**Stolley Park Elementary**

\$414  
Catherine Schmaderer and Cara Kuhl  
"Breaking Out of the Traditional Classroom: Real World Problem Solving"

**Wasmer Elementary**

\$750  
Melissa Sears  
"United We Read"

**Grand Island Senior High**

\$200  
Kandi Young  
"Building Math Ego through Legos"

**GIPS District**

\$1,545 + \$1,500 Wells Fargo Grant  
Katie Ramsey  
"See the Day Become Night"

**Round Two grant winners, grant amounts, and project titles were:**

**Starr Elementary**

\$510  
Alicia Glaser  
"Drum to the Rhythm of Life"

**Knickrehm Elementary**

\$510  
Alicia Glaser  
"Feel the Rhythm Drumming in Our Hearts"

**Jefferson Elementary**

\$678  
Amy Hanna, Ashley Collins and Kayla Stutzman  
"Making Memories and Connections in 3rd Grade"

**Westridge Middle School**

\$814  
Ashley Hilger, Loria Lei Thunker and Gay Correll  
"Westridge Students attend Flowers for Algernon"

**Walnut Middle School**

\$850  
Jill Kimbrough  
"Computer Science Comes to Life!"

**Westridge Middle School**

\$911  
Gina Lamm  
"MinecraftEdu"

**Success Academy**

\$456  
Julie Markvicka  
"Sewing at Success"

**Walnut Middle School**

\$2,000  
Benjamin Marten and Rene Ekhooff  
"Walnut Solar 4-wheeler"

**Success Academy**

\$1,400  
Justin Miller  
"Lego Robotics Project"

**Barr Middle School**

\$220  
Amanda Rood, Kim Wagner, Michelle Kunze and Tamara Williams  
"Breaking Into Problem Solving!"

**Walnut Middle School**

\$1,406  
Blake Teichmeier and Paul Walkowiak  
"Go Pro or Go Home!"

**Westridge Middle School**

\$109  
Mindy Weaver  
"Break Out of the Boring: Using Breakout Boxes to Strengthen Problem Solving Skills"

**Jefferson Elementary**

\$2,000  
Jason Zelasney, Shane Campbell, John Faxon and Matt LaCompte  
"Jefferson All-Star Gentlemen"



The 2016-2017 Classroom Mini-grant fund was established via the "Add it Up to Opportunity!" Staff and Board fund drive and the "Tradition of Excellence" Community Campaign held during the past 12 months.



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