



Foundation Spring 2022 Awarded Grants

With community support, the Forest Hills Public Schools Foundation helps fund excellence in education by supporting identified needs of the school district. The FHPS Foundation helps support key educational initiatives that are vital in equipping students with the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to build meaningful and productive lives. Together with our community, we are cultivating possibility, enriching our educational system, and building a strong future. The Foundation's board of trustees provides governance and oversight to grant proposals, Foundation initiatives, and much more. It is a 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit organization registered in the State of Michigan. The Foundation awards individual staff grants two times each year, once during the fall and another during the spring. Listed below are the spring 2022 awarded grants, totaling over \$107,500.

Recipient Name	School/Building	Project Name/Description	Approved Amount
Kimberly Anderson	Central High	Goalfix Eyeshades (Allows students to experience deafness and blindness which helps build empathy in the American Sign Language class.)	\$ 321
Jacob Kelly	Northern High	XP-Pen Drawing Monitor (Drawing monitors allow to easily show work by hand in a digital environment. These drawing monitors provide a writable surface that makes teaching more effective.)	\$ 530
Nicole Deckrow	Eastern High	Hawk Teams/Take the Lead/Career Counseling Resources (Hawk Teams will work together and race to unlock clues to decode how to solve the escape boxes. Working together these teams help build awareness, problem-solving, communication, and relationship skills.)	\$ 568
Kristin Green, Lisa Pacillo, Pamela Stegink, Natalie Bice	Collins	Math Fact Fluency (3 rd -grade math games. Math fact fluency is important, and when just beginning to learn multiplication and division facts it can be overwhelming. These games will help students solve more complex math problems quickly.)	\$ 838
Emily Hanlon	Knapp Forest	Recreational Reading in the Resource Room (Purchase of engaging texts that capture the interest of upper-elementary school students.)	\$ 1,076
Pamela Stegink	Collins	Ramped Up Interactive Read Aloud Book Sets (Purchase of books featured in the "Ramped Up Read Alouds" taken from the district's professional learning by Maria Walther and resources to enhance our interactive read alouds.)	\$ 1,457

Nick Biondo	Northern Hills Middle	NHMS Tchoukball Equipment (NHMS PE program introducing and allowing students to participate in a newer game that is played worldwide - Tchoukball.)	\$ 1,500
Laura Morin	Thornapple	Guided Reading Leveled Texts (Funds to purchase leveled books to meet all readers at their level in 1st grade. This helps purchase multiple copies of books/texts sets.)	\$ 1,589
Mitchell Mox	Meadow Brook	Decodable Sets of High-Leverage Phonics Books for Small Group Instruction (For 2nd grade, highly engaging decodable texts to share in small groups.)	\$ 2,000
Lana Tran, Beth Ewing, Ryan Culey, Thresa Clark	Knapp Forest	Books, Books, Books (Allows 1 st -grade teachers to purchase leveled books to meet all readers' needs.)	\$ 2,000
Gabriela Tobar, Jeannette Bunda, Shannon Castro, Katy Salter	Ada Vista	Spanish Decodable Books for Early Readers (Purchase of decodable books for early language readers. Finding easy phonetic books for kindergarteners can be difficult. These books will allow students to use decoding skills, which is the foundation of reading.)	\$ 2,746
Matt Tracey	Northern High	FarmBot Express v1.1 - Drag and Drop Farming (Farming tool that utilizes computer programming and CAD knowledge to design, build and manage a small plot of farmland. It is internet connected and robot controlled by open-source programming that allows users to "drag and drop" plants into a garden. Students will design the garden bed, assemble the framework, motors, belts, pulleys and a Raspberry Pi 3 computer as well as design customize and print 3D farming tools to maximize crop yield.)	\$ 2,839
Erin Gauthier, Hayley Leuze	Eastern Middle	Modified Seating (Alternative seating for students with autism.)	\$ 3,500
Eldina Sales	Meadow Brook	Graphic Novels (Funds to purchase graphic novels for four 3 rd -grade classrooms.)	\$ 4,000
Meghan Davis	Meadow Brook	Flexible Seating Teaching Zone (A teaching zone in the front of this special education room will allow more time to build classroom community, work on social skills, and improve instruction as the students will not have to try to pick up their chairs to move to the front of the room. Some students are unable to move their own furniture due to differing physical abilities.)	\$ 4,476

David Howard	Northern High	Live From FHN (5 new camera kits including, microphones and all the equipment for video production and film making for the video broadcasting program. Current equipment is low and not high enough quality to do the work that needs to be done.)	\$ 4,495
Amy Burton-Major, Stacy Redmond	Central Woodlands	6th Grade Reading Units of Study Student Texts (Two of the 6 th -grade Teachers College Reading and Writing Project Units of Study are "book club" units. This year, every 6 th -grade student will need a nonfiction book and a fantasy book to participate in each unit. Currently there are 226 students and the need is for 552 student books.)	\$ 5,225
Megan Ayars	Goodwillie	Books for Our Beautiful People (Funds to purchase and replace well-loved books and cultivate new current/relevant titles for students to enjoy. Classroom libraries are the only libraries at Goodwillie and each day starts with at least 30 minutes of reading.)	\$ 5,678
Jeff Manders	Central High	FHC Media Camcorders (8 new video camcorders including storage bags, batteries, chargers, and memory cards. These will replace aging and now often malfunctioning camcorders. These will be used by media communication and film project courses.)	\$ 6,000
Beth Dondit	Goodwillie	Snug as a Bug (Replacement of 52, 20-year-old, sleeping bags used for the culmination of the spring camping trip for all Goodwillie 6th graders backpacking the dunes along lake Michigan's shoreline in May.)	\$ 6,900
Rob Miedema	Central High	FHC CNC Machine (Industrial technology department requests a new CNC machine and this machine has a 3-axis router controlled by a computer with design software. Students are taught how to design graphic images, project profile shapes, and a large variety of operations that will be cut out of wood.)	\$ 10,940
Adam Zavislak	Northern Hills Middle	VEX IQ Applied STEM Learning (Two large classroom bundles of the VEX IQ robotic kits. They allow students to easily build precise robots with various sensors. Students can watch the computer codes come alive on a physical robot as they apply key STEM skills.)	\$ 14,994
Eddie Ostipow	Northern High	FH Northern Fitness Grant (Upgrade from 25-year-old equipment. New varsity half-racks and portable benches will be used inside, and old equipment outside, as a growing number of PE classes and student athletes want to train year-round. This will accommodate those growing numbers and improve safety.)	\$ 23,994