



Foundation Grants Awarded in the Fall of 2023

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 fall 2023 awarded grants, totaling just over \$57,000. For more information about the Foundation, visit www.fhpsf.org.

Grant Recipient	School or Building	Project Name/Description	Approved Amount
Shantel VanderGalien	Ada Elementary	<u>Patterns of Power Plus: Supporting Our Super Star 3rd and 4th Grade Writers</u> - Purchase of 2 classroom sets of Patterns of Power Plus. This is a curricular resource that is engaging research-based, and aligned to writing standards.	\$ 1,316.00
Jon Gregory	All High Schools	<u>T-Shirt Cannons</u> - Purchase of 3 T-shirt launchers. The launchers can be used at assemblies, game, etc..to assist in building school culture and climate.	\$ 2,517.00
Jaye Jelier, Soo Schab	Central High School	<u>Michigan, Great Lakes State</u> - Purchase of hand crafted posters to create a display area for new nonfiction books based on Michigan.	\$ 350.00

Kimberly Anderson	Central High School	<u>Deaf Blind Sensory Materials</u> - Purchase of new materials that would add to the learning experience for the students and enhance their experiences as a person who is deaf/blind.	\$ 500.00
Kori Quinn	Central Middle School	<u>Headphones for Sensory Support</u> - Purchase of 8 headphone sets for students with sensory issues or learning accommodations.	\$ 250.00
David Albert	Central Middle School	<u>CMS Planer Grant</u> - Purchase of a benchtop planer to decrease bottleneck of students waiting to use in Industrial Arts Woodshop and Advanced Woodshop and Manufacturing courses.	\$ 825.00
Michele Wallace	Central Middle School	<u>We're Listening</u> - Purchase of 30 headsets for listening to audiobooks as well as student created podcasts	\$ 405.00
Ann Hall	Central Middle School	<u>Enhancing Writing Across the Curriculum by Utilizing the DBQ Project</u> - Purchase of teacher's binders with content. The DBQ Project contains compelling questions that students must answer in an argumentative essay. Students support their thesis statements by synthesizing primary and secondary sources in their essays. Teachers serve as facilitators and teach students how to analyze primary and secondary sources which are supplied by the DBQ Project.	\$ 848.00
Avery Barry	Central Middle School	<u>Visualizing the Nervous System</u> - Purchase supplies from the Backyard Brains line from Ward Science. The three main products that would be purchased are the Human to Human Interface, the Claw Bundle, and How Your Brain Works nervous system experiment book.	\$ 3,362.00
Stacy Steensma	Central Middle/High School	<u>Yoga for Life</u> - Purchase of Yoga equipment for classes 7-12.	\$ 1,800.00
Christopher Patrick	Central Woodlands	<u>Blooms in the Building</u> - Purchase equipment such as lamps and shelving units to expand the plant growing experiments.	\$ 2,874.00
Kathy DeBoer	Collins Elementary	<u>Roll With It</u> - The funds would be purchasing dice, magnetic, ten frames, and other materials to take our existing curricular tools and enhance them.	\$ 246.00

Annie Hebel	Eastern High School	<u>Eastern Television</u> - Purchase of three JVC camcorders to give students the opportunity to work with new technology and become industry ready for the media and film production careers.	\$ 4,500.00
Doreen Barnes, Nicole Deckrow	Eastern High School	<u>D.R.E.A.M (Differentiated Rigor for Engagement and Motivation)</u> - Eastern NHS students will lead a series of workshops for Goodwillie students. The money provided through this grant will allow students access to materials such as art supplies, ingredients for cooking, writing/reading resources and acknowledgements for students who elect to participate.	\$ 1,000.00
Cortney Kittridge- Cook	Knapp Forest	<u>Tinkering our Way to Emotional and Cognitive Engagement</u> – Purchase of 'tinker toys' for all fourth graders to use. Magnatiles, stacking cups, brain puzzles, and tinker toys will be available for student to use during tinker/hands-on play times, to destress as needed, and as a way to help them emotionally regulate and refocus throughout the academic year.	\$ 1,100.00
Mithch Mox (Molly Rundquist, Kristi Widdis)	Meadow Brook Elementary	<u>Ramped Up Interactive Read Aloud Set</u> - Purchase of texts that will be used to support meeting the needs of students at various reading levels within the 2nd grade at Meadow Brook.	\$ 1,405.00
Carey Soda	Meadow Brook Elementary	<u>Fun With Letters</u> - Purchase of magnetic and non-magnetic lower and upper case letter packs. This grant will support letter name and sound automaticity for the beginning of kindergarten and practice throughout the kindergarten year.	\$ 423.00
Elbert Yeh	Northern High School	<u>AP Physics 2 Full-Scale Electric Vehicle</u> - Purchase of the chassis, motor, on-board electronics, wheels, etc. that will be necessary to compete in the yearly competition hosted by SquareOne Education Network. This grant is about funding the start of a full-scale electric vehicle design team. And this grant is also about encouraging our next generation of students to pursue a robust STEM education, which is necessary for the future of our country.	\$ 6,500.00
Tracy Allers	Northern High School	<u>Forest Hills Public Schools Foundation Grant</u> - Purchase of cleaning, repairing, updating 37 binocular microscopes and 50 monocular microscopes for the science department at NHS.	\$ 2,500.00

Colin Gallagher	Northern High School	<u>Dovetail Machine</u> - Purchase and installation of a dedicated dovetail making machine for woodworking joints. This machine will give students a much more real world experience that closely mirrors the tools that one would find being used in business and industry.	\$ 5,194.00
Erica Hilliker, Tory Wielhouwer, Amber van Dillen	Northern High, Central High, Eastern High, Northern Middle, Central Middle, Eastern Middle	<u>Age Appropriate Books for Beginning Readers and the Secondary Level</u> - Purchase of a school set of Saddleback's Red Rhino books for each of our secondary buildings. These books are specifically written for secondary students who are at a 1.5 grade level in reading. They include topics interesting to a teenage audience with illustrations to draw students into the text.	\$ 4,231.00
Nick Biondo	Northern Middle	<u>NHMS Strength and Conditioning Timing Equipment</u> - Purchase of up to date timing equipment so we can work on speed and strength training in our Strength and Conditioning class along with our other physical education classes.	\$ 8,000.00
Allen Putnam	Northern Trails 5/6	<u>Kinesthetic Learning in Special Education</u> - Purchase of kinesthetic learning tools to properly ensure we are providing all possible resources for students to be able to connect with the general education curriculum.	\$ 1,000.00
Kelsey Schoenborn	Northern Trails 5/6	<u>Students Hear, Students See, Students Do: Using Headphones and Microphones for Communication</u> – Purchase of 90 headphones with microphones to help kids focus on one task at hand, such as listening to a story, or a video presented from another student. By using headphones with microphones, students will have the ability to respond effectively and specifically to text, shared videos from group activities, and standardized test questions that require in depth details.	\$ 1,000.00
Celine Linares	Northern Trails 5/6	<u>Using Maps to Discover the World</u> – Purchase of 90 dry-erase world desk maps.	\$ 575.00
Leslie Edison	Northern Trails 5/6	<u>Got Science? Activities and Resources to Develop Student Interest in the Sciences</u> - Purchase of resources such as microscopes, robot kits, eye/ear/throat models.	\$ 1,650.00
Maggie Schipper	Thornapple Elementary	<u>Multilingual Love of Reading</u> - Purchase of multilingual books to create a space in our media center that supports multilingual learners.	\$ 285.00

	Transition Center	Noorthoek Academy - The funds will be used to pay for the tuition cost for our 10 students to attend Noorthoek Academy, a non-profit organization that provides an affordable college experience, offering continuing education in the arts and sciences for adults with learning challenges and other intellectual disabilities in partnership with Grand Rapids Community College	\$ 2,500.00
		<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$57,156.00</u>