



# 2024 CLASSROOM GRANT STATS

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

**\$17,111**

Classroom Grants Awarded

Since 2004:

**\$313,966**

Classroom Grants Awarded

**1**

Online Application

**13**

Projects Funded

Since 2004:

**340**

Projects Funded

**4,554**

Grand Island Public Schools  
Students Benefited

Since 2004:

**67,442**

Grand Island Public Schools  
Students Benefited



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For the 2023-2024 school year, 13 grants totaling \$17,111 were awarded through the grant process. Grants range from \$250 to \$2,500. 4,554 students will benefit from a classroom grant this school year.

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**Barr Middle**

\$950

April Dickerson, Dana Pavuk and Huy Truong  
"Translation Dictionaries for Students"

**Barr Middle**

\$1,588

Shannon Ripp and Erika Peterson  
Barr 6th - 8th Science Extensions W.I.N."

**Barr Middle**

\$385

Rachel Stefan and Bob Lienemann  
"Barr MS Students Attending Beauty and the Beast"

**Engleman Elementary**

\$1,150

Chandra Kosmicki and Jean Vaughn  
"Amping Up our Makerspace"

**Engleman Elementary**

\$400

Catherine Klanecky, Jennifer Ehlers,  
Amy Samuelson and Emily Craw  
"Portable Planetarium"



**Howard Elementary**

\$1,523

Amy Hanna and Deb Glover  
"Sensory Stations"



The 2023-2024 Classroom Grant fund was established via the "Add it Up to Opportunity!" Staff and Board fund drive and the Community Campaign held during the past 12 months.

**Knickrehm Elementary**

\$1,450

Rebecca Duran  
"Continuing Evidence-Based Substance Abuse Prevention"

**Knickrehm Elementary**

\$400

Elizabeth Schott and Angela Jenness  
"5th Grade Visit to GISH Planetarium"

**O'Connor Learning Center**

\$1,500

Breanna Rose, Danita Stanton, Margaret McManaman, Rita Hernandez and Beth Hubl  
"Literacy Expansion and Equity"

**Shoemaker Elementary**

\$2,393

Colette Sorensen  
"Let Your Creativity Glow!"

**Starr Elementary**

\$1,000

Nicki Nesvara  
"The Stallion Sharing Stable"

**Walnut Middle**

\$2,372

Eon Lemburg  
"Jr. Islander Power - Walnut Wildcats"

**West Lawn Elementary**

\$2,000

Chandra Myers, Luke Sutherland, Codee Carr, Toni Bachand, Marisalynn Koepke, Anabel Gonzalez and Alex Tjaden  
"Sensory Path for Success"

