Superintendent’s Message

SEATA 2022 is in the books! We enjoyed a very successful Southeast Arizona Teachers’ Academy! Judging by the evaluations and comments made by the participants, it was well worth the months of planning. Thanks to everyone who attended and/or presented!

Our office is very appreciative of Eastern Arizona College for hosting us and for making our Graham and Greenlee educators feel welcome. We took over most of the north campus and even had to move into some middle campus buildings to accommodate all of the sessions presented.

We hosted approx. 200 educators this year and they were able to choose from a very diverse set of options. Our goal was to provide professional development opportunities to teachers at no cost, and provide high-quality, proven best practices to all of them regardless of their subject matter or grade level. We had robust offerings in Pre-K including SPED, math and early literacy through STEAM activities. At the other end of the spectrum, our high school teachers could choose from personal finance simulations, and all subjects areas. Throughout the week, we also offered several sessions on classroom management, STEAM, wellness, and technology integration. Our goal was to meet the needs of our rural educators and provide the opportunities right here in their backyard. We were able to provide SEATA due to the generosity of the United Way of Graham and Greenlee Counties. Thank you to all who were involved in making SEATA a success!

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Hours: Monday—Thursday
7:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Closed Fridays

Dates to remember
July 4—Independence Day
July 11—Last day school board candidates may file their paperwork in the County School Office 5:00 p.m.

Even though it’s the middle of summer, teachers and administrators are busy planning for the upcoming school year! It will be here before you know it!
Several times over the past few months, I have attended trainings and meetings where I’ve watched a video titled “The Rise of Fentanyl: Ethan’s Story.” The most recent time I watched it was on Dec. 16th at the Arizona School Boards Association Annual Conference. This time Ethan’s mother, Dr. Shari Dukes, Director of Student Services at JO Combs Unified School District in Pinal County was in the room.

All I can say is there are fewer things more heartbreaking than losing a child, and fewer things more enraged, than having them taken by drugs.

The photo of the little packet of jelly beans to the left, represents 5 pills which can easily be obtained by our children today. Two of the five could be laced with enough fentanyl to kill a person, as one did to Shari’s son Ethan. All he wanted to do was get a good night’s sleep before a big day. **He was 16.**

Shari handed each of us in the session one of these little baggies. It made a huge impact on me and I want this story to make a huge impact on you. Please go to [TalkNowAz.com](http://TalkNowAz.com) and learn what is going on around us and how you can be more aware and help stop this epidemic.

**#BeTheInfluence**

**Talk Early. Talk Often.**

[TalkNowAz.com](http://TalkNowAz.com)

It is equally important that social media is monitored, and monitored very closely. We are very aware of how easy it can be for the wrong people to enter the world of a young person.

If a child has access to a device, nothing can or should be taken for granted.

Inform yourself on ways to protect your child:


[https://www.healthychildren.org/English/family-life/Media/Pages/Points-to-Make-With-Your-Teen-About-Media.aspx](https://www.healthychildren.org/English/family-life/Media/Pages/Points-to-Make-With-Your-Teen-About-Media.aspx)

[https://www.childwelfare.gov/](https://www.childwelfare.gov/)
The EAC Discovery Park Campus is here to help you with fun, safe, and educational Science field trips, and best of all …there’s no cost!

Choose from FIVE lessons:
Native Habitat, Archaeology, Astronomy, Matter & Energy, and NEW Biodiversity!

The EAC Discovery Park Campus is open for field trips
On Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 AM to Noon
(The usual time frame for a field trip is about 2.5 -3 hours)

For more information, please contact Monica Clarine

EAC Discovery Park Campus  (928) 428-6260  *e-mail:  monica.clarine@eac.edu

To Schedule an Exciting Field Trip, Click Here: EAC Discovery Park Campus - Field Trips!

Take advantage of the world-class field trip opportunity which is right in our backyard!
An Introduction to Economics in the Elementary Classroom
On-Demand Module

Curious about economics and personal finance in the elementary classroom? Complete this 1-hour professional development program on your own schedule. You will learn about the economic way of thinking and fantastic classroom-ready instructional materials. Current and pre-service K-5 educators who complete this module will receive a certificate of professional development and a children’s book.

**Access Module**

**K-5 Econ Fair**
Tuesday, July 12, 2022
9:00 am - 2:45 pm PDT

Over the course of this full-day virtual event, educators will choose from 8 unique Zoom sessions exploring a wide variety of resources and strategies for supporting elementary students' mastery of essential economic and personal finance concepts. Get inspired by our passionate presenters and head into the 2022-2023 school year with an impressive array of classroom-ready resources (including posters and a selection of other materials we will ship to you). Attendees will also receive a $25 Grubhub credit and certificate of professional development (up to 4.5 hours).

**Register**

**Econ Expo 2022**
Thursday, July 21
9:30 am - 2:50 pm PDT

Get inspired by our passionate presenters and head into the 2022-2023 school year with an impressive array of classroom-ready materials + a fabulous T-shirt! Attendees will also receive a $25 Grubhub credit and up to 4 hours of professional development.

**Register**
EconHero

Do you have a passion for economics and personal finance education? Do you know a K-12 teacher who generates student excitement around economic principles? Nominate yourself or another educator as an EconHero today!

Once each month the Thomas R. Brown Foundation will recognize one EconHero with a certificate of excellence and a $50 Amazon gift card.

Nominate an EconHero

ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE OF CHARGE
All participants receive digital resources and a certificate of professional development hours.
Pre-service teachers are welcome at all programs!

Elementary: https://mailchi.mp/brownfoundations.org/elementary-programs
Secondary: https://mailchi.mp/brownfoundations.org/secondary-programs

Below are links to our newsletters. We still have a few workshops before the end of the semester, but I wanted to take a moment to highlight some of our summer events.

Implementing an International Economic Summit will be our first in-person workshop in over two years! This event for high school educators will offer free breakfast, lunch, and travel assistance.

Virtual Summer Events include two mini-conferences, one for elementary and another for secondary educators. Participants will receive prizes, resources and a Grubhub credit for food.
Safford library storytime helps young Solomon boy prepare for a lifetime of learning

“Goodbye friends...It’s time to say goodbye.” These are a few of the words to Christopher Munoz’s favorite song from Story Time at the Safford City-Graham County Library. The words are fitting as he said a final goodbye to his favorite online celebrity, Ms. Retha. Retha Russell was the library’s early literacy coordinator and retired in July 2021. Over the years Russell impacted hundreds of children in Graham County. She holds a special place in Christopher’s heart. The friendship between Russell and Christopher began when he was only 3 years old. He first attended the library’s storytime with his cousin. He was hooked. Since his sister is 15 years older, playmates are hard to come by and storytime quickly became a highlight of his week.

The First Things First Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council funds early literacy programs, like Story Time at the Library, to help families foster language development and a love of reading in their babies, toddlers and preschoolers. Christopher lives in Solomon and is fortunate to have his grandma, Delfina Espinoza, living next door. She takes care of him during the day while Christopher’s mother teaches at the local elementary school. As an educator, his mother knows the importance of quality early childhood experiences, so she put together a preschool curriculum for Espinoza to do at home with Christopher. The only thing missing was the social aspect. That’s where storytime came in. The weekly library event helped Christopher learn new words and colors, but also how to interact with peers, learn to share, take turns and raise his hand to ask a question. The COVID-19 pandemic shut down in-person storytime, but it didn’t take long for Russell and her library team to find a creative solution. They used an online platform so storytime could continue. Every Thursday morning, Christopher and his grandma would gather around the computer in the living room with their egg shakers and scarves to participate in the virtual storytime. “Even though we weren’t there in person, I would type his name in the chat, and he would get so excited when Ms. Retha would say ‘Well, hello, Christopher! We’re glad you’re here today!’ It helped us feel connected and a part of something familiar,” Espinoza said. “It gave us something to look forward to.” In July 2021, Christopher returned to the library for the first time in over a year. His eyes sparkled as he looked around to the different play and book stations set up. A bit shy at first, he looked awestruck when he saw Ms. Retha. Then she saw him. She said, “Christopher!” as she put her arms out and he walked into a big hug. He was holding a small succulent as a retirement gift, but was still able to wrap his arms around her neck.

About First Things First — As Arizona’s early childhood agency, First Things First funds early learning, family support and children’s preventive health services to help kids be successful once they enter kindergarten. Decisions about how those funds are spent are made by local councils staffed by community volunteers. To learn more, visit FirstThingsFirst.org.
Graham County Schools employees

NAU is proud to serve Graham County Schools employees with convenient and flexible bachelor’s and master’s degree options that fit the lifestyle of working professionals.

NAU provides affordable and accessible degrees online and at select sites across Arizona, as well as reduced tuition for Graham County Schools employees enrolled in an NAU graduate degree program http://catalog.nau.edu/Catalog/index. Learn more about NAU’s partnership with Graham County Schools at https://nau.edu/educational-partnerships/graham-county-schools

To pursue the tuition reduction program, follow the instructions on the tuition reduction form https://nau.edu/wp-content/uploads/NEW-NAU-Tuition-Reduction-Form_Employee2.pdf

At NAU, we support you with:

- Tuition savings—a 10% reduction in tuition for all graduate degree programs (exception Personalized Learning).
- Affordable tuition—our undergraduate degree programs offer affordable tuition rate options.
- A dedicated Student Success Team—we have a team to assist you from application to graduation.
- Flexible delivery—select online and in-person program options to match your lifestyle.
- Variety—choose from over 100 program options.
- Maximum transfer credit—we have bachelor’s degree options that transfer up to 90 credits.
- Personalized Learning option—a fully online learning platform that allows students to accelerate their pace towards degree completion.

Degree options include:

- M.Ed Educational Leadership—Principal Certification
- M.Ed School Counseling
- M.Ed Educational Technology
- Ed.D. Educational Leadership
- MS Mathematics Education
- MA Science Teaching
- MA English Literature
- Many more program options available

To get started on your degree, contact NAU at 928-523-5511
Join one of our Principal Certification Cohorts
Ask about our 10% tuition reduction

Why choose NAU?

Learn from experts in the field
NAU faculty members are experienced school administrators delivering content that you can apply right away in your school setting.

Engage in a supportive learning environment
Join the cohort program and attend classes with the same group of working professionals throughout the program.

Balance family, work and your studies
We offer you a convenient schedule. Our classes are offered on Zoom in eight-week sessions, one night per week. Finish the program in two years.

Earn your degree at an affordable rate
NAU offers a 10% tuition reduction for our school district partners.

Classes begin August 2022

Cohort Locations

Choose from any of these convenient locations
Tucson/Vail - Monday evenings
Live Online - Thursday evenings
Chandler - Thursday evenings
North Valley - Thursday evenings

Contact us for more information
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NAU is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Institution.
Information is subject to change. 1.2021
Safford City-Graham County Library

What can the library do for you?

Summer Reading at the Safford Library
June and July 2022

Log reading minutes online and win prizes!
Logging Starts June 6th

Programs for all ages.
- Art Camp
- STEAM Camp
- Cooking Classes
- Live animals show
- Pool Party
- Escape Room
- and more!

Desert Quest
June 10th - June 24th
An epic quest to complete tasks around Graham County, earn points, have fun and do good!

Register your team at the library.

For full schedule go to www.saffordlibrary.org
Safford City-Graham County Library presents

A program for families of children with special needs.

A twice a month program offering training, support and hands-on activities.

6PM
May 12    May 26
June 9     June 23
July 14    July 28
August 11  August 25

928-432-4165  www.saffordlibrary.org
Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Free Gift to Our Children!

Since 2001, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library has put free books in the hands of young children across the nation. We now have an Imagination Library in our community. If you're a resident of Graham or Greenlee county, you can receive free books mailed to your home each month.

Who is Eligible?

Preschool children (birth until their fifth birthday) of Graham or Greenlee County.

What Are My Responsibilities?

1. Be a resident of Graham or Greenlee Counties.
2. Submit an official registration form, completely filled out by parent or guardian (forms must be approved and on file with Friends of the Safford City-Graham County Library) or REGISTER ONLINE
3. Notify Friends of the Safford City-Graham County Library any time your address changes. Books are mailed to the address on the official registration form. If the child's address changes, you must contact your friends at the address below in order to continue receiving books.
4. Read with your child.

When Will I Receive Books?

Eight to ten weeks after your registration form has been received, books will begin arriving at your home and will continue as long as the grant funding is available to the Safford Library. We hope that this is until your child turns five or you move out of Graham or Greenlee County.

QUESTIONS?

Contact our Imagination Library Coordinator @ (928) 432-4155. It sounds almost too good to be true! But by reading regularly to your children during their preschool years, you are giving them the biggest boost toward a successful education they will ever get.

The Imagination Library Project is brought to you by First Things First (firstthingsfirst.org) and the Safford Friends of the Library.
Separation of Powers

Watch this short video with your students to learn about the three branches of government and checks and balances of power. Then, invite your class to test their understanding with a quick game of the “Separate the Powers,” matching the correct branch of government with different roles, responsibilities, and positions.

Learn More

Classroom Murals with ALMA'S WAY

With the help of Alma from ALMA’S WAY, use this resource to inspire community connections through art making and self-expression. As students create their own unique murals, showcase them around your classroom to remind students that they are an important pillar in their school community.

Explore More

Student Media Projects: The Age of Nature

Your students have the power to make a difference in their communities, working on projects that matter to them personally! Use these quick audio and video stories in your classroom to inspire your students and spark some ideas of how they can follow the examples of other students who are already making an impact.

Learn More

New to PBS LearningMedia

Discover More Classroom Resources!

- Ideas From Your Peers: Our Planet Professional Learning
- Try Project Based Learning: Engineering for Good
- Virtual Field Trip: Explore the Outdoors with Nature Cat
- Early Engineering with Ready Jet Go!
AzGA is providing the following resources from other sources. If you have any questions, please reach out to the respective organization.

**Viewing the Holocaust Through a Geographic Lens: The Journeys Continue Beyond 1945**

**July 8th, 2022 9:00 am - 3:40pm**

In person at the Arizona Jewish Historical Society in Phoenix, AZ

Most social studies classrooms cover the dates, people, and the horrendous events of the Holocaust. But what was the human impact on those wishing to flee? Most of our students will assume everyone who wished to leave could do so and escape the impending Holocaust. After all, in their lives, you just make a plane reservation and go! Go to the ATM and get cash. No big deal! Therefore, this workshop will focus on human migration before, during, and after WWII. Where could those people fleeing Nazi-controlled territories go? What avenues were available to those who wanted "out?" What were the processes for emigrating? What can we learn from personal accounts of those who attempted to flee? Where did the successful emigrants go? It is a migration story that continues for many years after 1945.

**Featured Lesson**

**Journey through Time: Arizona, From Territory to Statehood**

**Description:**
In this lesson, students will learn about Arizona’s early days and follow its path from territory to statehood. Students will learn about Arizona’s various state capitals and early settlers as well as its symbols and culture.

**Author:** Kelli Jones  Grade Range: 3-4  Duration: 2 class periods

**Link:** [https://geoalliance.asu.edu/AZStatehood](https://geoalliance.asu.edu/AZStatehood)

**Featured NEW Lesson**

**Resource Utilization: At What Cost!**

**Description:** In this lesson students will learn that humans can beneficially or negatively impact the environment and its ecosystems through their use of natural resources. This lesson contains adaptations for diverse learners (ELLs).

**Author:** Donna Taylor  Grade Range: High School  Duration: 3 class periods

**Link:** [https://geoalliance.asu.edu/UtilizingResources](https://geoalliance.asu.edu/UtilizingResources)
Other Resources

AzGA is providing the following resources from other sources. If you have any questions, please reach out to the respective organization.

Place-Based Learning to Advance Connections, Education, and Stewardship (PLACES)
This opportunity is still looking for AZ Teachers, if you are interested please reach out directly to them.

Educator voices needed! – PLACES Needs Assessment

Help promote student engagement in data-rich Earth science learning by sharing your experiences with PLACES — a NASA-funded project to support effective professional learning on place-based approaches to data-rich instruction. The first step is to identify strengths, challenges, and needs associated with data-rich instruction. We have created a needs assessment survey for this purpose and invite you to participate.

Who can participate?
We are seeking educators who:
• currently teach (or have recently taught) any Earth science topics to middle school and/or high school students
• work (or have worked) in school-based or out-of-school settings
• are interested in supporting data-rich teaching and learning
**Although not a requirement, we hope to hear from practitioners who have experience with place-based education and/or who work with indigenous populations or recent immigrants.

What can we learn?
What strengths do educators, students, and their communities already have for supporting place-based approaches to data-rich science learning? What roadblocks exist that may hinder data-rich science learning? What support do educators need for engaging students in data-rich science learning?

How can you help?
Click on the link at nasaplaces.org to complete a 30-minute online survey. At the end of the survey, indicate your interest in participating in an optional 75-minute focus group. Respondents selected to participate in the focus group will receive a $50 gift card.

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United Way of Graham and Greenlee Counties
Education Grant Opportunities

Educational grant opportunities are open again! For application dates, please visit grahamgreenleeunited.org

Goal Statement:
The United Way of Graham & Greenlee counties recognizes that education 1) happens everywhere, 2) begins at birth and does not stop, and 3) is a collective community endeavor.

Objectives:

Improving school readiness for every child
The United Way will support activities that help prepare children from birth-to-4 years for successful entry into kindergarten.

Supporting efforts to ensure every student reads at grade level - especially by third grade
The United Way will support and collaborate with educators, agencies and partners who are working to address grade level reading for all grades.

Increasing student access to quality transitional programs
The United Way will support educators, entities and programs that address learning-loss or key transitional periods for students such as after school activities, summer programs and internship opportunities.

Supporting community and school district efforts with teacher retention and recruitment
The United Way will support school districts, businesses, governmental agencies and community development organizations to enhance teacher workforce recruitment and retention.

Providing direct support to teachers in the classroom by helping to cultivate innovative learning environments and approaches
The United Way will partner with schools and teachers to implement innovative approaches to help address 21st Century challenges.

Partnerships:
The United Way recognizes that community partnerships are essential to achieving these education objectives. Wherever possible, the United Way will seek to strengthen and broaden community partnerships for the purposes of leveraging resources, sharing of knowledge and expertise, and enhancing program impacts.

Visit the United Way website at grahamgreenleeunited.org
Click on “Grant Application.” For assistance with your grant, contact Paulette LeBlanc—pleblanc1946@outlook.com
Grant Opportunities

Dollar General Literacy Foundation Youth Literacy Grants

**Who:** K-12 schools, libraries and non-profit groups  
**Amount:** Up to $10,000 each  
**Deadline:**Opens March 2022

To support groups who help students who are below grade level or having trouble reading. Funding is to assist in: implementing or expanding literacy programs, purchasing new technology or equipment for literacy programs, purchasing books, material and software for literacy program.  
[https://www.dgliteracy.org/grant-programs/?#youth-literacy-grants](https://www.dgliteracy.org/grant-programs/?#youth-literacy-grants)

Del E. Webb Foundation Grants

**Who:** Non-profit organizations that support child and youth projects  
**Amount:** $5,000 - $5 million each  
**Deadline:**June 21, 2022, Sept. 20, 2022  

To support child, youth, and health initiatives. Priority is given to projects and programs that offer a pathway to self-sufficiency. Preference given to results-based programs that will impact the future of society by allowing it to reach its maximum potential.  
[https://dewf.net/DEWForg/HomePage.html](https://dewf.net/DEWForg/HomePage.html)

Classics for Kids Grants

**Who:** Schools and non-profit organizations  
**Amount:** Vary; Sept. 30th, Dec. 31st, March 31st, June 30th, annually  
Money toward the following instruments: violins, violas, cellos, double basses.  
[https://classicsforkids.org/apply-for-a-grant/](https://classicsforkids.org/apply-for-a-grant/)

Believe in Reading Grants

**Who:** Schools, libraries, non-profit organizations  
**Amount:** Up to $3,000 each  
**Deadline:** Open  

Funding for projects that specifically and substantially address successful literacy programs which serve populations that show out of the ordinary needs, such as geographic areas with low reading scores and high poverty levels. Reading must be the prime activity.  
[https://believeinreading.org/grant-guidelines/](https://believeinreading.org/grant-guidelines/)

AFCEA Gravely & Paige Grants for STEM Teachers

**Who:** K-8 STEM Teachers  
**Amount:** Up to $1,000 each  
**Deadline:** July 31, 2022  

Funding to promote STEM innovation in the classrooms with emphasis on academic programs.  
[https://www.afcea.org/site/?q=foundation/gravely-teacher-grants/stem-teachers](https://www.afcea.org/site/?q=foundation/gravely-teacher-grants/stem-teachers)
Grant Opportunities

Road Runners Club of America The Kids Run the Nation Grant

Who: Schools, non-profits
Amount: $500 - $1,000 each
Deadline: Aug 1, 2022
To support the growth of grassroots running clubs, training programs, and running events while promoting the common interests of runners; for those interested in implementing or currently have a youth running program.
https://www.rrca.org/programs/kids-run-the-nation/grant-fund/

Francis R. Dewing Foundation Early Childhood Education Grants

Who: Pre-school – Grade 6 public, private, charter schools
Amount: $5,000 - $15,000 each
Deadline: Oct. 1st and April 1st annually
To support projects in early childhood education aged 2 through 6th grade. Priority to new, untried, or unusual educational methods. Project proposals must address specific identifiable needs through activities that involve children or students directly.

Freeport-McMoRan Mini-Grants for Education

Who: Teachers, school administrators or parent volunteers/PTA officials at public and private schools
Amount: $100 - $500 each
Deadline: Open July 12th – Sept. 10th
To support projects in the areas of: Environment; Mining, mineral and natural resources; Reading and literacy; STEM
https://www.freeportinmycommunity.com/schools/mini-grants

National Science Foundation Discovery Research PreK-12 Grants

Who: PreK-12 teachers
Deadline: Oct. 5, 2022
Amount: Varies
To significantly enhance the learning and teaching of STEM through research and development of STEM education innovations and approaches. Projects to build on fundamental research in STEM education and prior research and development efforts that provide theoretical and empirical justification for proposed projects. Projects should result in research-informed and field-tested outcomes and products that inform teaching and learning.
https://beta.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/discovery-research-prek-12-drk-12
### Grant Opportunities

**The Harry and Jeannette Weinberg Foundation Education Grants**  
**Who:** District, charter, private, and home schools; non-profit groups  
**Amount:** Varies  
**Deadline:** Letters of inquiry accepted year round

Supports organizations that serve lower-income individuals and assist vulnerable and at-risk populations in the communities in which they reside. Program areas include housing, health, jobs, education, and community services. Education priorities include STEM; out-of-school time; and college and career preparedness.

https://hjweinbergfoundation.org/how-we-give

**The Mockingbird Foundation Grants**  
**Who:** Schools, non-profit organizations  
**Amount:** $100 - $10,000  
**Deadline:** Open June 15th, Close Jan. 15th

For improvements in areas of importance to the Phish fan community. Programmatic focus is music education for children; Music – to foster creative expression, Education – for self-esteem and free expression, and Children – especially for low skill level, low income, and low education.

https://mbird.org/grants/apply/

**Ross Stores, Inc. Foundation Store-based Giving Grants**  
**Who:** Public schools, home schools, non-profit organizations  
**Amount:** Awards vary  
**Deadline:** Accepted year round

Support for youth-oriented programs and services that prepare today’s youth for a bright tomorrow; to support programs building academic achievement and life skills in economically disadvantaged youth. Academic achievement support includes programs with a focus on literacy; STEM; tutoring; stay-in-school efforts; and college readiness. Life skills support includes programs that focus on mentoring, financial literacy, leadership skills, after-school programs and career readiness.


**The Lisa Libraries**  
**Who:** Libraries Schools, non-profit organizations  
**Amount:** Not specified  
**Deadline:** Open Support is provided to organizations in low-income or underserved areas that need a small library, need to rebuild or add to a library, or serve children who would benefit by being given new books to take home.

http://lisalibraries.org/
## Grant opportunities

### Verizon Foundation Grants
**Who:** K-12 public schools and non-profits  
**Amount:** Open  
**Deadline:** By invitation only, contact local community relations manager

Intended to support, among other things, projects that promote STEM including, summer or after school programs, teacher training, and research on improving learning in STEM areas through use of technology. New applications are by invitation only.

[Link](https://www.verizon.com/about/responsibility/grant-requirements)

### NEA Foundation—Student Achievement Grants
**Who may apply:** Public school preK-12 teachers  
**Amount:** $2,000—$5,000  
**Deadline:** Open

Description: For programs designed to improve the academic achievement of students, for a plan that fosters critical thinking and problem solving in students and aims to expand their comprehension of various subjects; may be used for resource materials, supplies, equipment, transportation and technology.

[Link](https://www.neafoundation.org/for-educators/student-achievement-grants/)

### Education Theatre Foundation—Linda P. Wise Grant for Theatre Educators
**Who may apply:** Teachers in school theatre programs  
**Amount:** $2,500 and up  
**Deadline:** Open

Description: To fund programs to enhance productions and technical theatre capacity for performances at a middle or high school.

[Link](https://www.schooltheatre.org/programs/ags/grants)

### SC Johnson Grants
**Who:** Schools libraries, and non-profit groups  
**Amount:** Open  
**Deadline:** Rolling

Supports requests that are regional or national in scope. Grants in the areas of arts, culture, and humanities; community and economic development; education; health and wellness; social services; and environment and sustainability. Education Grants include support for programs that emphasize student academic achievement, with a focus on academic enrichment and advancement, early childhood, and kindergarten through grade 12 education; postsecondary institutions; and technical and vocational schools.

## Grant opportunities

**AZEdNews Classroom Grants for Arizona Teachers**
- **Amount:** $200 each
- **Deadline:** Rolling—every 6-8 weeks

To reward teachers for programs that enhance classroom learning. Describe how your initiative or program impacts student achievement and how it reflects the priorities of the governing board and district.

[https://azednews.com/apply-for-an-azednews-classroom-grant/](https://azednews.com/apply-for-an-azednews-classroom-grant/)

**Wish You Well Foundation   Seize the Words**
- **Who:** K-12 public schools
- **Amount:** $200 - $10,000
- **Deadline:** Ongoing

Support for fostering and promoting the development and expansion of new and existing literacy and educational programs, like adult literacy, workforce development, computer literacy, GED preparation, ESL skills, etc.

[https://www.wishyouwellfoundation.org/](https://www.wishyouwellfoundation.org/)

**Toyota USA Foundation   Educational Grants**
- **Who:** Public and private schools
- **Amount:** Avg. $50,000
- **Deadline:** Year round

To support innovative programs and building partnerships with organizations dedicated to improving the teaching and learning of STEM; priority is placed on: Systemic math and science programs which are broad in scope and incorporate interdisciplinary curriculum, “real world” classroom applications and high student expectations; Creative and innovative programs which develop the potential of students and/or teachers; Cost-effective programs that possess a high potential for relatively low duplication of effort. [https://www.toyota.com/usa/community/grant-guidelines](https://www.toyota.com/usa/community/grant-guidelines)

**Sparklight Charitable Giving Fund**
- **Who:** K-12 schools, non-profit organizations
- **Amount:** Not specified
- **Deadline:** Oct. 31st

To support a variety of initiatives and programs, including STEM education in local schools; vocational and life skills training for persons with disabilities; capital campaign support for social services; and programs advocating on behalf of abused and neglected children, families in need, and the homeless.

[https://www.sparklight.com/charitablegiving](https://www.sparklight.com/charitablegiving)

**Arizona Education Association Foundation—National Board Certification Scholarship**
- **Who:** K-12 teachers who are members of AEA
- **Amount:** Up to $400 per component
- **Deadline:** Open

To offset National Board Certification fees for teaching professionals seeking this highest professional achievement in teaching.

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Bridgestone Americans Trust Fund—Education, Youth and Development Grants

Who: All schools, non-profit organizations
Amount: Open  Deadline: Year round

Grants in the areas of education, child development and welfare, and the environment and conservation. Include expanding K-12 music education and promoting professional development for music teachers; hands-on botanical and art museum experiences for children who are underserved; and employment and leadership support for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.


The Emeril Lagasse Foundation Emeril’s Culinary Garden and Kitchen Teaching Program

Who: Public, private and home K-8 schools
Amount: Awards vary  Deadline: Accepted year round

To inspire, mentor, and enable youth to reach their full potential through culinary, nutrition, and arts education, especially in middle- to low-income schools

https://emeril.org/emerais-culinary-gardens/schools

Lockheed Martin Corporation—STEM Education Outreach

Who: Public and charter PreK-12 schools, colleges, non-profit organizations
Amount: Open  Deadline: Year round

To support STEM education outreach activities for K-grade 16 students programs, events, and campaigns that focus on student achievement, teacher development, and gender and ethnic diversity.

https://www.lockheedmartin.com/en-us/who-we-are/communities/applying-for-contributions.html

Saxena Foundation STEM Grants

Who: All K-12 schools, non-profits
Amount: $5,000 and up  Deadline: Awarded year-round

For initiatives that promote STEM education and the empowerment of girls, female children, and young women so that they have equal rights later in life. The foundation focuses on empowerment programs to include economic, educational, and political empowerment of women through literacy programs, jobs, and life-skills training.

http://saxenafoundation.com/guidelines/

Cornell Douglas Foundation Grants Program

Who: Districts, schools, and non-profits
Amount: Up to $50,000  Deadline: Open

For programs supporting financial literacy for elementary and high school students, among other areas of interest

http://www.cornelldouglas.org/grants
Grant opportunities

Target Corporate - Target Field Trip Grants

Who: Education professionals in K-12 public, private, charter schools and non-profits
Amount: Awards vary  Deadline: Accepted year-round
To increase interest in technical careers among students, and professional development in science and mathematics for educators. Designed to boost students’ mathematics and science skills. Also funds at vocational and technical schools where chemical and refinery operators and technicians are trained.

http://www.shell.us/sustainability/request-for-a-grant-from-shell.html#vanity-aHR0cDovL3d3dy5zaGVsbC51cy9IbnZpcm9ubWVudC1zb2NpZXR5L2dyYW50Lmh0bWw

Ross Stores, Inc. Foundation  Store-based Giving Grants

Who: Schools and non-profit organizations
Amount: Awards vary  Deadline: Accepted year-round
Support for youth-oriented programs and services that prepare today’s youth for a bright tomorrow, especially in the areas of building academic achievement and life skills in economically disadvantaged youth; includes programs with a focus on literacy, STEM, tutoring; stay-in-school efforts, and college readiness. Life skills support includes programs that focus on mentoring, financial literacy, leadership skills, after-school programs, and career readiness.


Arizona Education Association Foundation  Mary Kay Haviland Angel Fund Grant

Who: K-12 teachers who are members of AEA
Amount: Up to $100, board reviewed for more than $100  Deadline: Open
To provide direct assistance to students with educational or personal needs; to be used to purchase items that improve an individual student’s personal well-being or academic performance (e.g., eyeglasses, jacket, school supplies, etc.)


Wells Fargo Local Community Grants

Who: K-12 public schools
Amount: Open  Deadline: Open
For programs local programs in arts and culture, civic engagement, education, the environment, human services, and workforce development.

https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/corporate-responsibility/community-giving/local/
# Grant opportunities

## Amgen Foundation  Education Grants

**Who:** K-12 public and private schools, higher education  
**Amount:** Average of $10,000  
**Deadline:** Ongoing  

Science Education funding for science literacy with priority consideration for teacher quality and professional development in math and science as well as support for programs that provide students and teachers with opportunities for hands-on, inquiry-based learning experiments.  


## Michael and Susan Dell Foundation  Urban Education Grants

**Who:** K-12 public and private schools  
**Amount:** $10,000 and up  
**Deadline:** Ongoing  

To close economic gap, improve student performance and increase graduation rates among affected students, funding is for performance-driven education, college preparation and completion, human capital (educator and school leader training), quality school options, and academic and after-school programs.  

https://www.msdf.org/apply/

## Good Sports  - Sports Equipment Program

**Who:** Organizations and schools serving underprivileged youth 3-18 years in organized sports, fitness programs, and recreational activities  
**Amount:** Up to $6,000 of equipment  
**Deadline:** Rolling deadlines  

For sports equipment, apparel, and footwear for existing sports programs and activities. Must pay 10% shipping and handling costs.  

https://www.goodsports.org/apply/

## Kars4Kids  Kars4Kids Small Grants

**Who:** K-12 schools and non-profit group  
**Amount:** $500-$2,000  
**Deadline:** Year-round  

To support year-round educational and mentoring opportunities and help develop youth into productive and engaged members of society.  

https://www.kars4kidsgrants.org/

## Coca Cola Foundation Grants

**Who:** K-12 public schools, non-profit organizations, government agencies  
**Amount:** Open  
**Deadline:** Open  

For programs in empowering women; protecting the environment (access to clean water, water conservation and recycling) and enhancing communities (education, youth development and other community and civic initiatives)  

Melinda Gray Ardia Environmental Foundation
Environmental Curricula Grants
Who: K-12 public schools, non-profit organizations, government agencies
Amount: Open Deadline: Open
To support educators in developing and implementing holistic environmental curricula that integrate field activities and classroom teaching and incorporate basic ecological principles and problem solving.
http://www.mgaef.org/grants.htm

Albertsons Companies Foundation
Youth and Education Grants
Who: K-12 public schools and non-profit organizations
Amount: Open Deadline: Open
To support projects that increase test scores, classroom performance and/or attendance.
http://national.albertsonscompaniesfoundation.org/get-funded/grant-application-process-national/

Ford Motor Company Fund
Ford Next Generation Learning STEAM High School Community Challenge
Who: K-12 public schools
Amount: $50,000 each Deadline: Open
To support student-led projects that use a STEAM approach to develop solutions to critical issues in their communities.
https://www.fordfund.org/education/steam

U.S. General Services Administration Computers for Learning Program
Who: District, charter and private K-12 schools
Amount: Various computers, laptops, desktops, printers, scanners, peripheral devices, and computer components
Deadline: Requests accepted year-round
Transfers excess computers and related peripheral equipment directly to schools and some educational nonprofit organizations; specifically matches the computer needs with excess equipment in Federal agencies. Goal is to make modern computer technology an integral part of every classroom so that every child has the opportunity to be educated to his or her full potential.
http://computersforlearning.gov/htm/hp_schooleducation.htm
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**SRP Corporate Contributions**

**Who:** All educators in Arizona Counties  
**Amount:** Varies  
**Deadline:** Open

To support education programs that: increase the quality of math and science education through development of Highly Qualified Teachers and supporting “train the trainer” program; prepare teachers to better equip students for higher education through STEM activities; develop job-readiness and employment skills; help educators implement programs that highlight the wise use of water and electricity

https://www.srpnet.com/community/contributions/education.aspx

**Chipotle Community Fundraisers**

**Who:** Schools, youth groups, and non-profit organizations  
**Amount:** Not specified  
**Deadline:** Open year round

To support organizations and schools in a variety of ways, including in-restaurant fundraisers for schools. Helps with programs focused on assisting K-12 schools, youth groups, community gardens and more

https://community.chipotle.com/fundraisers

**Digital Wish Digital Wish Grants**

**Who:** K-12 schools and classes  
**Amount:** Amounts awarded vary  
**Deadline:** Rolling, one awarded on the 15th of each month

Register your school and then submit a technology-based lesson plan for a chance to win over 50 different technology grants—view all available grants at link

http://www.digitalwish.com/dw/digitalwish/grant_awards

**GENYOUth Foundation COVID-19 Emergency School Nutrition Funding Grants**

**Who:** K-12 Brick-and-mortar schools using NSLP  
**Amount:** Up to $3,000 each  
**Deadline:** Rolling basis throughout year

To support emergency school nutrition programs in response to the coronavirus crisis. Grants are intended for resources and equipment for meal distribution and delivery, including soft-sided coolers, bags, and containers for individual servings, as well as protective gear for food workers.

https://covid-19.genyouthnow.org/
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| **Kellogg Company Fund No Kid Hungry and Kellogg School Grants** |
| **Who:** Schools participating in National School Breakfast Program |
| **Amount:** Maximum $5,500 per school |
| **Deadline:** Open |
| Support the purchase of equipment, materials and promotional initiatives facilitating Breakfast After the Bell delivery models (such as Breakfast in the Classroom, Grab and Go, or Second Chance Breakfast) in an effort to increase student participation in school breakfast. |
| [https://www.nokidhungry.org/kellogg-breakfast-grants](https://www.nokidhungry.org/kellogg-breakfast-grants) |

| **Dick’s Sporting Goods Foundation Sports Matter Program** |
| **Who:** Sports programs including K-12 schools and non-profit youth sports programs |
| **Amount:** Open |
| **Deadline:** Open year round |
| To support leagues, teams, athletes, and outdoor enthusiasts. Through DonorsChoose.org/teachers, get school team sponsorship. If looking for. For sports league and teams, donations and sponsorships are available. |
| [https://www.sportsmatter.org/funding/](https://www.sportsmatter.org/funding/) |

| **Fund for Teachers Grants** |
| **Who:** Teachers in public and private schools |
| **Amount:** $5,000 - $10,000 each |
| **Deadline:** Open |
| Funding for professional development based on the principle that the teacher is the one who knows what they need to grow as an educator; grants are self designed and allow teachers to create their own professional development opportunity based on what is most beneficial to their teaching in their own opinions. |
| [https://www.fundforteachers.org/about-us.php](https://www.fundforteachers.org/about-us.php) |
## Grant opportunities

**MLB and MLBPA Youth Development Foundation Grants**

**Who:** K-12 school districts and schools, non-profit groups  
**Amount:** $3,000 each  
**Deadline:** Open year around

To increase participation in and expand access to youth baseball and softball. Support for Capital projects, Baseball/Softball programs include: in-school/after-school baseball/softball programming, equipment and uniforms, umpire fees, player registration fees and practice facility rental fees, education initiatives include: programs, exhibits and other learning opportunities that use baseball and softball as its primary focus to promote interest and engagement in the game.

https://www.mlbplayers.com/ydf

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**Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation Grant Program**

**Who:** K-12 schools  
**Amount:** Not specified  
**Deadline:** Open

Supports projects and services promoting good oral health practices and increasing access to dental care, especially with children

https://www.deltadentalaz.com/foundation/community-grants/

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**Cruise Industry Charitable Foundation Educational Assistance and Training Programs**

**Who:** Public, private, charter schools; non-profits  
**Amount:** $2,500—$15,000 each  
**Deadline:** Accepted year-round

Encourages the creation and expansion of learning experiences and opportunities at all education levels, particularly for minority and disadvantaged students. Areas of special interest include educational and training programs designed to improve literacy, teach basic life skills, promote good citizenship and public services, and increase reading, mathematics, and science proficiencies.

https://www.cruisefoundation.org/guidelines

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**Dollar General Literacy Foundation Beyond Words Grants**

**Who:** Pre-K-12 public schools with existing libraries  
**Amount:** Not specified  
**Deadline:** Year-round, within 36 months of disaster

Supports public school libraries whose programs have incurred substantial damage or hardship due to a natural disaster, fire, or an act of terrorism within the past three years. To help replace or supplement books, media, and library equipment.

https://www.dgliteracy.org/grant-programs/?#beyond-words
Grant opportunities

DonorsChoose.org is an online charity that makes it easy for anyone to help students in need.

_**DonorsChoose**_

Public school teachers from every corner of America post classroom project requests on this site. Donors can find projects or classrooms that most inspire them and make a donation. When a project reaches its funding goal, DonorsChoose.org ships the materials to the school. You'll get photos of the project, a letter from the teacher, and insight into how every dollar was spent. Give over $50 and you'll also receive a hand-written thank you from the students. If you're a teacher looking for support for a classroom project, just go to Donors Choose.org and start your own account. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation announced that it will match $1 million in donations to DonorsChoose.org.

_Shell Oil Company Educational Grants_

**Who:** K-12 and college level public, private, charter schools  
**Amount:** Awards vary  
**Deadline:** Accepted year-round

To increase interest in technical careers among students, and professional development in science and mathematics for educators. Designed to boost students’ mathematics and science skills.

[http://www.shell.us/sustainability/request-for-a-grant-from-shell](http://www.shell.us/sustainability/request-for-a-grant-from-shell)

_Barnes and Noble Grants and Charitable Donations_

**Who:** Pre K-12 schools and education non-profit groups  
**Amount:** Awards vary  
**Deadline:** Accepted year-round

Supports arts and literacy organizations with fundraising opportunities at the local level include in-store book fairs and holiday gift-wrapping.


_Arizona Department of Education Computer Science Professional Development Program_

A.R.S. § 15-249.12 established the Computer Science Professional Development Program Fund consisting of monies appropriated by the state legislature, in addition to grants, gift, devices, and donations from any public or private sources. Monies in the fund are continuously appropriated and are exempt from the provisions relating to lapsing of appropriations. Participation in the Computer Science Professional Development Program is limited to the following:

*This does not preclude schools from applying for this grant program who do not have sixty percent of students enrolled in free and reduced-price lunches under the National School Lunch and Child Nutrition Acts and are Rural schools as defined in section 15-249.13.*

**CONTACT INFORMATION** For questions or inquiries regarding the program please contact [Sarah Sleasman](mailto:Sarah.Sleasman@email.com).
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| **Sparklight Charitable Giving Fund**  
**Who:** K-12 schools, non-profit organizations  
**Amount:** Not specified  
**Deadline:** Oct. 31st  
To support a variety of initiatives and programs, including STEM education in local schools; vocational and life skills training for persons with disabilities; capital campaign support for social services; and programs advocating on behalf of abused and neglected children, families in need, and the homeless.  
[https://www.sparklight.com/charitablegiving](https://www.sparklight.com/charitablegiving) |
| **Arizona Public Service Foundation Education Grants**  
**Who:** K-12 schools, non-profit organizations  
**Amount:** Not specified  
**Deadline:** Aug. 1-31  
For programs that enhance academic achievement in the areas of STEM. A majority of the funding is designated to teachers primarily for projects that help educators increase content knowledge in STEM subjects as well as the ability to transfer this knowledge effectively to students.  
| **Brooks and Joan Fortune Family Foundation Grants**  
**Who:** K-12 schools, non-profits  
**Amount:** $1,000 - $10,000 each  
**Deadline:** Open  
To support education, art, and outreach programs and projects.  
[https://www.fortunefamilyfoundation.org/](https://www.fortunefamilyfoundation.org/) |
| **The Lois Lenski Covey Foundation Bookmobile Grant Program**  
**Who:** Libraries, PreK-8 schools, non-profits  
**Amount:** $500 - $3,000 each Sept. 1, 2022  
**Deadline:** Open  
For bookmobile programs that serve children from disadvantaged populations. Grants support organizations that operate a lending bookmobile that travels into neighborhoods populated by underserved youth. Funds must be used to purchase fiction or nonfiction books published for young people preschool through grade 8.  
[https://www.loislensskicovey.org/bookmobile-grants/](https://www.loislensskicovey.org/bookmobile-grants/) |
| **Arizona Council for History Education Grants**  
To help support history educators in the classroom, ACHE is offering grants to support teachers in the areas of history or technology professional development, digital classroom resources or subscriptions, and physical classroom resources. We’re offering up to $500 per grant project to ACHE members, and we’ll be awarding grants monthly on a rolling basis. Please see their website for more information.  
[https://azhistorycouncil.org/grant-program/](https://azhistorycouncil.org/grant-program/) |
From the Graham County Sheriff’s Office….Text a Tip

“The Text a Tip” program allows a citizen to anonymously submit a crime tip to law enforcement in Graham County. This service was started as a combined effort between the Graham County Substance Abuse Coalition and local law enforcement agencies. It is administered by the Graham County Sheriff's Office Communications Division.

How it works:

♦ A citizen can text GRAHAMTIP to 79516 and type the message they want to submit.
♦ The message is then sent to the Graham County Sheriff’s Office Communications Center.
♦ The message is sent anonymously so the dispatcher has no way of knowing who sent it.
♦ There is no caller ID on your message.
♦ The dispatcher will review the tip information and pass it along to the appropriate agency.
♦ It can be used to report drugs, gangs, violence, threats, bullying, vandalism, abuse, illegal dumping, etc.

We still encourage those needing to report in-progress emergencies to call 9-1-1.

Further information about the program can be obtained by contacting Sgt. Scott Howell at 928-792-5404 or showell@graham.az.gov.

From Rosa Contreras, Graham County Health Department

We would like to introduce you to the Online Graham County Community Resource Directory. The purpose is to connect members of the community to a wide range of resources.


Help for our senior population is available at through the Southeastern Arizona Unique Community Services (SEACUS). Most of us are aware of the Meals on Wheels program, but recently I inquired about other services after speaking to someone who was helping an elderly friend. The friend was struggling with the paperwork involved with her insurance renewal, and while she was assisted by her good neighbors, it occurred to me that there are elderly community members who do not have this good fortune. A call to SEACUS can result in the very assistance they may need. Call 928-428-3229 or visit seacus.org.
Who will help me become the man I want to be?

When you foster a teen, you won’t just change their life... they’ll change yours forever.

**Teens need families.** Thousands of teens in foster care are looking for the support and encouragement that families provide — not just until they turn 18.

Help a teen reach their full potential. Become a foster parent.

www.TeensNeedYou.org

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In collaboration with:

**Arizona’s Children Association**

1.866.329.2312
www.ArizonasChildren.org
FosterTeens@arizonaschildren.org
Help a Foster Child

Did you know that a child enters foster care every two minutes in the U.S.?

Did you know that more than 14,000 children live in the Arizona state foster care system?

Did you know that every year more than 800 children "age out" of the system when they turn 18 without finding a forever family?

Young people who age out of the foster care system have a higher chance of experiencing unemployment, homelessness and incarceration as adults.

- 1 out of 5 become homeless
- 1 out of 4 become incarcerated
- 33 percent graduate from high school and only 3 percent will ever go to college.

It is easier than ever to help a foster child. Several SECC charities qualify for the AZ Foster Care tax credit program! For information or to make your pledge click here.

(Statistics provided by the DCS Quarterly Benchmark Progress Report, and from Hope & a Future.)