



Starkville Foundation for Public Education

- GRANTS PROGRAM -

2010- 2011 Academic Year

TO: All Persons Interested in the Starkville Public Schools
FROM: Heather Carson, Chair of the Funding Committee
DATE: April 8, 2010
RE: Application Procedures for **General, Classroom, & Go Play Outdoor Curriculum (GPOC) Grants**

Applications will be accepted from now until **May 10, 2010**, for general, classroom, and Go Play Outdoor Curriculum (GPOC) grants. **General grants** will be funded to enhance any aspect of the educational experience of the students and the academic environment, while **classroom grants** will be funded to encourage innovative and imaginative teaching which will directly benefit students in the classroom. This year we are including a new opportunity for classroom teachers by offering Go Play Outdoor Curriculum (GPOC) Grants. **GPOC grants** will fund activities, materials, and resources that integrate the Mississippi Framework Objectives with educational opportunities outside.

The Funding Committee of the Foundation will objectively review all proposals and rank them separately in the classroom, general, and GPOC grants categories. Please note that depending on the merit of the applications received, the Foundation reserves the right to decline to fund any grants. **The maximum amount of the general grants will be \$1,750, the maximum amount for the classroom grants will be \$750, and \$250 maximum amount for GPOC grants.** In addition, one exceptional grant will be selected to be designated as the recipient of the **Larry Box Award** in honor of former superintendent Dr. Larry Box.

The following guidelines will apply:

- Submission deadline is May 10, 2010. You must submit 12 complete copies of your proposal.
- Only classroom teachers are eligible to apply for classroom and GPOC grants. Anyone is eligible to apply for general grants.
- There are no page restrictions, but please be concise.
- The only grants that will be funded are those which cannot be funded in a timely manner from other sources. Each dollar spent should be used to deliver the maximum educational impact to the students. We will co-fund grants with other granting agencies.
- Emphasis will be placed on creative and innovative ideas, methods, and equipment to enhance the learning experience.
- Grants can be used to compensate experts who come to work with the students, but not to pay public school employees.
- Equipment purchases and field trip transportation costs may be included in classroom and GPOC grants, but they must be carefully justified and integrated into a well-planned project. In general grants these items can be ends in themselves, but they must be extensively justified.
- A final report will be required at the end of the grant.

All applications should be submitted to Heather Carson (email: carsonhk12@gmail.com or call: 662-701-7579). Applications must include our submission form as the first page of the application. The application can be mailed to the Starkville Foundation For Public Education, Box 2307, Starkville, MS 39760. Grants postmarked after May 10, 2010 will not be considered for funding. Awards will be made by the beginning of the school year in the fall of 2010.