



FOUNDATION
FOR ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Arts & Culture Teacher Impact Grant - supported by License for Learning

Application Fact Sheet

The 2026-27 FOCPS Arts & Culture Teacher Impact Grant opportunity, generously supported by a grant from License for Learning, provides students with meaningful access to arts and cultural experiences. Through this funding opportunity, OCPS educators may request support for arts supplies and equipment, cultural field trips, museum visits, and other enrichment activities that align with curriculum goals and promote creative exploration. The fund reduces barriers to participation and to enrich young lives through creativity, exploration, and engagement with the vibrant cultural resources of Central Florida.

Eligibility

- OCPS teachers of visual arts, music, theatre, dance, or other arts/culture-integrated subject areas
- Teachers in grades K–12 may apply for awards of \$500 - \$3,000
- Proposed project activities must take place within the 2026–27 grant year (October 7-May 27)
- Project activities may occur before, during, and/or after school, including arts-based clubs or enrichment programs (e.g., Drama Club, Art Club)

Grantor Focus

Funding priority will be given to projects that:

- Provide meaningful access to arts education for students who may face barriers to participation
- Inspire creativity and cultural awareness through classroom instruction or experiential learning
- Connect students with the broader artistic and cultural landscape of Central Florida through field trips to museums, galleries, performances, or cultural institutions
- Promote equity in arts learning by supporting diverse voices, traditions, and artistic mediums

Allowable Expenses

- Classroom supplies
- Equipment
- Transportation
- Registration fees
- Expansion of existing programming

Grant Will NOT Cover

- Honoraria, salaries, or stipends
- Awards, incentives, t-shirts or food
- Programs that are state-mandated or existing programs funded by another organization

Application Requirements

- All applications must be approved by the school principal.
- All applications must be submitted via the [TIG application Form](#).

Procurement Considerations

- All equipment and software in your grant application must be pre-approved by OCPS Information Technology Services (ITS) before submission.

- If requesting pre-approved computer items, please work with your bookkeeper for a complete list.
- All devices must also be approved by your school's TSR and purchased through iBuy after ITS approval.
- All spending must follow OCPS procurement guidelines.
- No purchases may be made before the official grant award.
- Management Directive B-14 procedures must be followed for any electrical or structural configurations. Approvals must occur prior to a grant submission.

Application Timeline (subject to change):

Application Opens:	August 3, 2026
Application Closes:	September 6, 2026
Application Review:	Sept 7-Sept 25, 2026
Award Notification:	Sept 28- Oct 6, 2026
Mid-point Reporting Sent:	Nov 30- Dec 18, 2026
Unspent Funds Returned:	May 28, 2027
Final Evaluation Due:	May 28, 2027

Evaluation:

Each Teacher Impact Grant application is reviewed, evaluated, and scored by a panel of community volunteers, including representatives from the Foundation for OCPS and the Visual and Performing Arts Team. Applications will be scored based on innovation, student impact, alignment with funding priorities, feasibility, and sustainability.

Note: though some teachers are invited to scoring sessions, most volunteer reviewers are not educators and will not be familiar with educational terminology. Make sure to write clearly and concisely.

Distribution:

Award funds will be sent via check to the school address to be deposited into the school's internal account. If purchases must be made through external vendors, bookkeepers may cut a check for that amount and send it directly to the OCPS Finance department to be deposited in the school's external account. Unspent funds over \$25 must be returned via check payable to Foundation for Orange County Public Schools.

Note: Items purchased with grant funds may travel to a new school with the grantee should work location change but are not the personal property of the grantee. Upon resignation or retirement, the grant-funded items become the property of the OCPS school where grantee was last employed.

Grantee Responsibility:

- Post-award- The administrator, bookkeeper and teacher must sign the Teacher Impact Grant contract upon receipt.
- Receipts from all purchases must be included in the mid-point report and final evaluation.
- Post-project- Submit expense summary and copies of all receipts with the final evaluation.
- Unspent funds must be returned to FOCPS no later than May 28, 2027.

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