



2026-27 Lockheed Martin STEM Teacher Impact Grant

Application Fact Sheet

The FOCPS Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Classroom Grant Program, funded by a generous Lockheed Martin grant and matched by the School District Education Foundation Matching Grant, provides awards of up to \$5,000 to teachers implementing lessons and activities that boost student engagement, content mastery, and college-career awareness in **Engineering, Computational Science, and/or Cybersecurity**.

Eligibility

- OCPS classroom teachers supporting Grade 8-12 students in science, technology, engineering, and/or math- subject areas may request up to \$5,000 for instructional projects.
- 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.

Grantor Focus

Funding priority will be given to projects that:

- Provide a high-impact learning opportunity for grade 8-12 students studying engineering, computational science and/or cybersecurity
- Prepare students for the future STEM industry workforce, building critical skills and interests to improve their readiness for STEM-based college-career pathways
- Integrate F2F volunteer opportunities for Lockheed Martin employees to enrich programming and enhance the student experience by sharing their real-world experiences as pros in the industry

Allowable Expenses

- Project supplies
- Equipment
- Software

Grant Will NOT Cover

- Honoraria, salaries, stipends or substitute teachers
- Awards, incentives, t-shirts or food (unless part of an experiment)
- Programs that are state-mandated or existing programs funded by another organization

Application Requirements

- All applications must be submitted via the [TIG application Form](#).
- All applications must be approved by the school principal.
- Applicants should build into their proposals an opportunity for at least one Lockheed Martin volunteer to engage with their students. For selected projects, Lockheed Martin will identify volunteers, whose careers align with your focus area. Teachers may identify a Lockheed Martin volunteer in advance if preferred.

Procurement Considerations

- All equipment and software purchase plans in your grant application must be pre-approved by OCPS Information Technology Services (ITS) before submission. If you are looking to purchase pre approved OCPS computer purchases by ITS please work with your school bookkeeper for a complete list of those items.
- Devices must also be approved by your school's technology coordinator.
- Purchase of devices must be completed through iBuy, following ITS approval.
- All spend activity must follow OCPS procurement guidelines. No purchases from the grant may be made prior to 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 TIG application is reviewed, evaluated, and scored by a panel of community volunteers, including at least one Lockheed Martin employee. 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.
- Ongoing- Document project activities and student impact for acknowledging LM support in school media
- 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.