

## DISTRICT GRANT APPLICATION

Aberdeen School District 6-1

Return to Superintendent

1. School: Central High School
2. Current Date: March 30, 2012
3. Grant application title: Methodology Seminar for Foreign Languages
4. Grant application deadline: April 1<sup>st</sup>
5. Funding source and amount requested: \$500.00
6. Operating dates of the grant: September 24<sup>th</sup> and September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012

### Methodology Seminar for Foreign Languages

As time approaches, the imminent increase in Spanish speaking immigrant population to the ASD is in the near future. As a native Spanish speaker teacher and a resident of Aberdeen for over twenty-two years, I feel I can add a new dimension to the educational experience of the Spanish immigrant students by helping them succeed in classrooms, and assist their families with the school district activities. This can be achieved by addressing the needs for better instruction in Spanish classes for all students as well as the native Spanish students.

The lack of qualified instructors for native Spanish students is well documented in the literature. The September, 2007's issue of the Teaching Magazine reported that that Ohio Department of Education is using the Mexican curriculum to fulfill and complement some of the educational requirements by the American Educational system in the State of Ohio. This remedy was needed due to the perception that some Spanish immigrant students do not receive adequate education in content areas from their high school staff due to a language barrier. Therefore, some of those students may not consider college as an option later in their lives.

My plan is to participate in a Blaine Ray seminar for world languages. This seminar, Teaching Proficiency through Reading Stories (TPRS), is scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012 in Minneapolis, MN. Mr. Blaine Ray is the creator of this teaching method and author of young adult books in Spanish. TPRS is a teaching method for foreign languages. His approach is enhancing teaching strategies, per example, the teaching of the verbs *ser* and *estar* using TPRS method plus a combination of reading and storytelling will facilitate students' learning of these two verbs while reinforcing this concept on native Spanish speakers in a classroom.

This seminar will provide me with tools needed to assist all Spanish students during their educational journey while at Central High School. Furthermore, I will share relevant successful practices with my Spanish and other foreign languages colleagues at the Aberdeen School District. I am requesting a support of \$500 as I anticipate the cost of attending this seminar to be about \$683.00 dollars.

#### Project Budget

Item	Quantity	cost (dollars)
Registration		\$269.00
Gas	600 miles @ \$0.37	\$74.00
Lodging		\$240.00
Food		\$100.00
Total		\$683.00

7 Local match required (if so, the source of the matching):  
NA

8 Original or continuing grant application:  
This is an original grant.

9 Identify the contact person (one person):  
Virginia Elkhader, Ed.D.

10 Need addressed:  
Central High School  
2200 S. Roosevelt St.  
Aberdeen SD, 57401

11 Targeted population:

The target population includes all Spanish classes at CHS for all students as well as the native Spanish students.

12 After the funding ceases (District financial responsibilities):

This seminar will provide the teacher, Virginia Elkhader, with tools needed to assist all Spanish students during their educational journey while at Central High School. Additionally, this teacher will share relevant successful practices with my Spanish and other foreign languages colleagues at the Aberdeen School

13 New equipment required (list in detail):

NA

14 Facility modifications (describe in detail and list costs):

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15 Staffing implications:

One teacher

16 Type of program change

This seminar will be an important addition to the Spanish curriculum at CHS that will enhance the teaching methods for foreign languages

I appreciate ASD foundation taking interest in preparing me, to develop instructional techniques for the success of Spanish students. Please feel free to contact me at [Virginia.Elkhader@k12.sd.us](mailto:Virginia.Elkhader@k12.sd.us) or give me a call at 725-8266. Thank you for considering my grant.

Respectfully submitted,

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17 Signatures:

Grant applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

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Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_