



PTO GIFTS PROGRAM

Requests for PTO Funding 2018-2019

Any teacher, parent, or student who has a request for funds from the PTO must fill out this form. Please answer these questions as thoroughly as possible, providing supporting detail and information. When completed, please return to the administration at either school by **Friday, October 26, 2018**.

1. Define your request:

I am requesting PTO funds for the ALP Math Program to purchase a wide variety of mathematical games and manipulatives to be used with students at both Middlefork and Sunset Ridge schools. These games and manipulatives help children build foundational understandings of mathematical concepts, build on their mathematical knowledge, and practice mathematical skills in a dynamic and engaging way. These resources will be used to enhance our current curriculum and develop thinking and reasoning skills in the area of Math. Not only will students in the ALP program benefit from these materials on a regular basis, but ALP teachers will use these resources when pushing into classrooms to support in-class Math enrichment.

Please click the link to view specific items and prices requested:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1FNQR1dci9NgWjjh5J1nOMUyxTuQIEOqq28yNZo_Y00A/edit?usp=sharing

2. Amount requested:

\$899.10 (shipping is free on Amazon and with orders over \$100.00 from Hand2Mind)

3. Can this project be funded in stages? If yes, what timetable is involved? If no, please explain your due date for funds.

Yes, I would be happy to purchase any of these games and manipulatives now and then purchase others later. My hope is to build a "library" of hands-on math activities for children to engage in throughout the school year. These resources will be kept and cared for so students can benefit from them year after year.

4. Has this request been reviewed by the school administration? What was their response as to its merit and priority?

Yes, Dr. Greene and Dr. Sukenik have both reviewed this request. They agree that these resources would greatly enhance our students' experiences in building critical thinking skills and promoting a life-long love of learning Math.

5. Number of Students that will be impacted or benefit from your request:

Students at every grade level across the district will benefit from these resources. The ALP Math department services students with exceptional academic talents in Math and will be able to utilize these resources during push-in and pull-out instruction. They can be used as “Math Menu” items at the primary level to reinforce skills taught in during core instruction. They can also be used as “Center” activities in the upper level grades for students to practice and develop higher level thinking skills.

6. Is this a one-time request or do you envision needing additional PTO funds in the future or long range? If you will require additional PTO funds, please explain why this cannot be added into your annual budget.

This is a one-time request.

7. What is the intended goal of your request? Would it have any other uses or applications? Is this a start up program or is it enhancing an existing program? Use additional paper if needed.

These resources are intended to build and develop mathematical thinking skills in children across the district in a fun and engaging way. We hope to use them during pull-out, small group instruction, as well as during push-in support. These resources will also be available for any teacher who would like to use them in his/her classroom at any time!

8. What are the long range benefits of your request?

Students who develop critical thinking and reasoning skills become more independent, self-directed learners, develop deeper understandings of teamwork and empathy, and have overall higher achievement. The resources I am requesting foster these competencies in a fun and engaging way. Students will develop these skills as children and will benefit from them as they become life-long learners in the 21st century.

9. If you are requesting a capital asset/investment, please provide a minimum of two options/pricing quotes on the item and attach to this form. Please identify your first choice and why.

Not a capital investment

10. Have you exhausted all other funding options before coming to the PTO Gifts Program?

Yes. As a new teacher in the program, I was not able to set a budget for these items last year. Also, our program budget would only allow for me to purchase these materials over several years because there is a minimal amount of money left after all of the required materials are bought each year. These resources would be an incredible gift for our students but they are not required resources to build mathematical skills.

They would not be categorized as standard, necessary curriculum materials, therefore building budgets cannot be accessed to supply them. They would, however, greatly enhance our current curriculum and we would be very lucky to have them.