

GERSTACKER TEACHER INNOVATOR GRANT REQUIREMENTS

PURPOSE: To encourage and support...

- Pilot projects that are not a part of the normal process of educating children but are enhancements and extensions to the curriculum.
- Development of innovative, instructional programs based on effective instructional practice research that are an integral part of the curriculum and enhance pre-school through K-12 education.
- School improvement efforts.
- Programs/projects that are sustainable when grant funds are gone and replicable by other teachers/districts.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- All pre-primary and K-12 teachers, media specialists, guidance counselors and school improvement teams in Midland County are encouraged to apply.
- Individual or team-teaching projects, as well as projects involving various age groups also qualify.
- An individual may only apply one time as the primary grant recipient. Proposals that incorporate matching funds or community resources are looked upon favorably.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **October 10, 2016** - Applications distributed to principals.
- **November 11, 2016** - Applications due by 4:00 PM to Christine Schaefer at Midland County ESA
- **November 21, 2016** - Awardees announced; grant money mailed after the first of December.
- **June 5, 2017** - Grant monies expended and Final Reports are due.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND CRITERIA:

- Applications will be reviewed on a competitive basis by an innovator grant review committee consisting of business, community, and education members.
- Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of their:
 - potential to make an impact on student morale and/or achievement.
 - creativity.
 - innovation.
 - cost effectiveness.
 - sustainability.
- Innovator grants may not be used for professional development, conferences or room renovation funds.
- Funds can be used for stipends (although volunteer assistance is encouraged) and to purchase equipment.

APPLICATIONS:

Copies will be available from building principals after **October 10, 2016** or visit our webpage at: www.midlandesa.org

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact Christine Schaefer at Midland County ESA: (989) 631-5892 ext. 186