

Urbana School District: Technology for Kids Program

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1) Description

The Technology for Kids pilot program was implemented at King and Prairie Elementary schools in the Urbana public school district in spring 2009. The purpose of the program was to provide elementary school aged students (grades 3-5) with 21st century technology skills. The technology subjects that were covered were word processing, spreadsheet software, presentation software, and internet research skills. Each of the skills had a connection to real world learning. Students learned to use basic economics to create a budget, journal their daily task, research relevant information as it related to housing, etc. The culminating activity was a visual presentation to parents and school personnel. These skills, we felt, were not only technology skills that they would soon utilize during their academic career but lifelong skills. The NETS*S (National Educational Technology Standards for Students) were used as a guide to gauge technology literacy of the students.

2) Data

Data about how many people you currently serve and how many this grant will add. (number of users, workstations, people trained, small businesses helped, jobs created)

The program served two low-income schools, M.L. King and Prairie Elementary. The student capacity was 15 at each facility for a total of 30 children. The learning took place in the computer lab of the schools. The computer lab consist of 30 Imac computers that were purchased during the summer of 2008, however, only half of those were used for the pilot program.

As part of UC2B, we propose expanding the program from half to full capacity, and from 2 to 4 schools. The number of children served will increase from 30/yr. for 3 yrs. (90 total) to 120/yr. for 3 yrs. (360 total).

The expanded program would increase the equipment in the Urbana schools as follows: x new computers, x new cameras, x new projectors, etc. [CHRIS, ADD THIS INFO BELOW IN THE BUDGET, TOO).

The expanded program would also create one approx. 30 hr/week job for a youth technology trainer.

3) Budget

A proposed budget that includes equipment, staff salaries, and any renovation or construction. (If you don't feel comfortable giving dollar amounts, at least list the items, eg 30 workstations, 2 part time staff trainers.)

Renovation: TOTAL = \$0

King	\$0
Prairie	\$0
School 3	\$0
School 4	\$0

Staff Salaries: TOTAL = \$???

Instructor(s) salary

7 hrs/week x 4 sites = 28 hrs/week @ \$13/hr = \$364/week x ? weeks/yr.

= \$??/yr x 3 yrs

= \$??? TOTAL

Equipment: TOTAL = \$???

x computers @ \$1500 =

x LCD projectors @ \$500 =

x digital cameras @ \$120 =

x MS Office licenses @ \$59/seat =