

To: Superintendents and Principals

From: Diana Smith, Director of Digital Learning

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Subject: 2024 Digital Learning Grant

Applications for the 2024 Digital Learning Grant are open through Friday, March 15, at 5 p.m. ET. This grant opportunity aims to support Indiana public school corporations and charter schools that completed the 2023 School Tech Plan Survey in their efforts to leverage technology to enhance learning experiences, foster innovation for students, and promote effective digital pedagogies for teachers.

Applicants can request up to \$50,000 to be used within the grant cycle. Grant proposals that include the following topics will be given priority.

Innovative technologies, student specific support, and related professional development for educators such as:

- Artificial intelligence (AI) powered platforms that utilize large language models to support student 1:1, high-dosage tutoring and teacher administrative task support that meet the <u>list of approved vendor requirements</u>;
- game-based learning platforms that meet the <u>list of approved vendor requirements</u>;
- immersive learning experiences, such as augmented and virtual reality;
- adaptive software or program for personalized learning in blended and virtual environments;
- innovative, researched based personalized professional learning related to educational technology topics for educators;
- assistive technology to support special populations;
- digital literacy platforms that meet the <u>list of approved vendor requirements</u>;
- blended and virtual learning engagement and interaction strategies; and
- Universal Design for Learning (UDL).

Funds can be used to support:

- the purchase of hardware and/or software and the professional learning needed for implementation. This can include devices as part of a 1:1 refresh or initiative.
- costs related to hiring knowledgeable trainers and/or speakers, offering professional learning opportunities to support educators and students in implementation, and providing stipends for attendance in grant activities outside of the contractual day.

School corporations can access the 2024 Digital Learning Grant application here.



Indiana Department of Education

Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

Important Dates:

- Grant Application Opens: Friday, February 2
- Grant Information Session: Thursday, February 8, 11 a.m. ET
- Grant Application Deadline: Friday, March 15, at 5 p.m. ET
- Grant Proposal Meetings: Monday, March 18, through Friday, April 12
- Grant Cycle: Monday, July 1, through June 30, 2025

Contact IDOE's Office of Digital Learning with any questions regarding this grant opportunity.