



PROJECT PROPOSAL

Important: To avoid disqualification, do not include the name of your campus or mascot, or any other means of identification, from this point forward in your application.

Project Title: Smart Music for Smart Children

Summary: With 40-60 students per class and 12 different instruments in a class setting, the opportunity to give individual feedback in a regular band class is difficult. Having a Smart Music Workstation set up where students can digitally receive feedback on their performances will serve to alleviate this problem to a tremendous degree. It will save time, money, and greatly increase the success of individual students in the performing arts.

Grade(s) for Implementation	Subject area(s) related to proposed project/program	Number of Student(s) affected by proposal	Number of Teacher(s)	Number of Administrators(s)
6-8	Fine Arts/Band	115	1	

Is this program/project:

New to Classroom	New to Campus	New to Vertical Team	New to Department	New to District
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Have you received funds for this project from CCISD previously?	___Yes or ___No If yes, please explain.
Have you ever received a grant from CCEF before? If yes, give the name of the project(s).	___Yes or ___No If yes, what year? _____

DIRECTIONS: Please provide a summary for each area listed below.

Need: Improvement in the performing arts in our district is greatly needed. In the last three years, only one CCISD middle school band program has earned the coveted "Sweepstakes" award at UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Contest while surrounding schools have flourished earning "Sweepstakes" year after year. CCISD lags behind in All-Region Band membership and Solo and Ensemble participation as well. One of the reasons for this is the director's inability to give feedback to individual students. Because band classes are so large, with many instrument groups represented in each class, individual instruction must take a back seat to group instruction. "Smart Music for Smart Kids" will greatly improve student achievement in the performing arts, and promote the integration of technology across the disciplines.

Objectives: A Smart Music Workstation will:

- 1) Increase the Band Students' feedback on their performances
- 2) Encourage students to spend more time practicing because of the immediate feedback.
- 3) Increase student success as an individual performer (measurable through Region Band Tryout results, Concert and Sight-Reading Contest results, and Solo and Ensemble medals)



Description of Proposed Project/Activity: With grant funds, a “Smart Music” workstation will be purchased. This workstation will consist of a Laptop, External Speakers, a “Smart Music” Subscription, “Smart Music” Microphone, and a movable computer desk. Students will be able to work on the station before and after school, and during class. The program will provide feedback on note accuracy, pitch accuracy, tempo accuracy, and make recordings for the director to review later. In addition, students will be able to see detailed feedback on any performance errors. There is no limit to the number of chances needed for mastery; while the students are having fun trying to master the lesson, they are putting in quality practice time and improving their sight-reading ability. In addition, the director will be able to monitor students' progress in order to know exactly where students will need help in the classroom setting. "Smart Students" will use "Smart Music" for All-Region Band preparation, Solo and Ensemble music, and Concert Contest Music (each of the major contests students are involved in).

Evaluation Strategy: "Smart Music for Smart Kids" will compare contest data collected this year to contest data from the past several years. A successful "Smart Music for Smart Kids" program will reflect increases in the number of students making the All-Region Band, increases the number of Solo and Ensemble Medals earned, and increases Concert and Sight-Reading Contest Ratings. This program can be replicated in each band, choir and orchestra room in CCISD. The data and methods for implementing the program will be e-mailed to all performing arts staff in CCISD, and could also be used in future Professional Development Seminars.

Partners:

Sustainability: The hardware for this project will be ready for use year after year with no extra funds needed. However, the Smart Music subscription would have to be renewed for the campus yearly. Parent Organizations will fund each subsequent subscription. In addition, after learning to use the program, students would be able to purchase their own subscriptions for home use. This program could reach every music student in the district.

DIRECTIONS: Note the budget distribution for each category. Be specific. Be sure to include postage/S&H charges.

Budget Items	Requested Funds	Matching Funds <i>(Please include all funds available to you from other sources.)</i>	Vendor	Budget Code
Equipment				
Smart Music Subscriptions	\$176.00		Make Music Inc.	6398
USB Instrumental Mics	\$60.00		Make Music Inc.	6679
Dell Laptop	\$540.00		Dell	6648
External Computer Speakers	\$50.00		Walmart	6679
Power Strip	\$24.00		Walmart	6674
Steel Mobile Cart	\$150.00		Walmart	6674
Total	\$1000.00			

GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:



1. Prior to submission, consult the “Checklist to Avoid Disqualification” and other guidelines against your completed application.
2. E-mail your application to grants@ccef-ccisd.org by **11:30 p.m.** on **Friday, September 21, 2012.**
3. Mail a hardcopy with original signatures on the cover sheet postmarked by **September 21, 2012** to:

Corpus Christi Education Foundation
ATTN: Programs Committee
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Corpus Christi, TX 78403

