



GRO-o-gram November/December 2006

The mission of the Grants and Research Office <<http://www.grantsandresearchhelp.us/>> of Intermediate District 287 and Northeast Metro 916 is to help member districts in achieving long-term goals through research-based educational programs and assistance in grant funding for these programs.

The Grants and Research Office can help your district:

- identify, plan and implement research-based educational programs and practices;
- seek funding for these research-based educational programs and practices;
- evaluate the implemented research-based educational programs and practices

Did You Know?

The GRO website provides links to member districts, streamlining access to individual school and district websites for the most up-to-date information available. Go to the “Grants” tab after signing in.

Highlighted Grant Maker Profile: Kopp Family Foundation

Education Priorities: Adult/Continuing Education/Literacy, Higher Education, Libraries/Library Science, Pre-school/Elementary. Scholarships given only through local high schools.

Other Interests: Spiritual Growth, Emergency Service/Shelter, Education, Health & Wellness.

Deadlines: The Kopp Family Foundation has no deadlines; board meets every other month.

Program Focus: To benefit local organizations that impact our community in a positive, proactive way.

Geographic Focus: Twin Cities Metropolitan Area

Sample Grants: Lao Family Services, Random Acts of Kindness Scholarship Fund

Who May Apply: 501c3 nonprofits. Each application is reviewed for merit, no restrictions.

Grant Range: \$100 to \$100,000

How To Apply: Letter of inquiry, request for guidelines, e-mail.

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Differentiated Instruction for All Learners (DIAL) E-Learning Communities Program

As you consider your staff development needs, we hope you will consider creating DIAL E-Learning Communities as part of your district’s plan to advance differentiated instruction. Visit <<http://www.grantsandresearchhelp.us/>> – click on “Differentiated Instruction Course” under the menu title “E-Learning Community” for more information.

Are you searching for strategies to differentiate instruction in your classroom?

If so, go to <http://www.grantsandresearchhelp.us/research/html/differentiated.asp> to learn about implementing the following strategies:
Jigsaw, Anchor Activities, Varying Organizers, Literature Circles, Tiered Lessons, Tiered Centers, Tiered Products, Learning Contracts, Group Investigation, Orbitals, Independent Study, 4-MAT, Varied Questioning Strategies, Interest Centers, Compacting, Complex Instruction, RAFT, Scaffolding, Cubing, Exit Cards, Student Choice, Problem-Based Learning, Agenda, Functional Spelling, Tiered Assignments, Entry Points, Research Model, Primary Sources, Paul's Element of Reasoning, "Hamburger" Writing, Vocabulary Webs, Literature Webs, Socratic Seminar/Questioning, Most Difficult First, and Technology.

Many resources for differentiating instruction are available on-line at http://www.grantsandresearchhelp.us/research/html/dif_resources.asp
Save yourself time and check out this collection of valuable resources.

Upcoming Events:

-Differentiated Literacy Strategies for Student Growth and Achievement - Lin Kuzmich, Educational Consultant and Author, will facilitate three sessions: March 13 for elementary teachers, March 14 for secondary teachers, and March 15 for literacy leaders. More details to come mid-January.

-High School Reform: Personalizing the High School Learning Experience - Joseph DiMartino, Director/Secondary School Redesign Education Alliance, Brown University, will be the facilitator – August 15 and 16, 2007. More details to come.

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