



MINNDEPENDENT

November 2022 Newsletter

Dear Friends of Private and Independent Education:

The 2022-23 STEM Grant program opens today. Please note the dates listed below to qualify and apply for funding for your school. This is a member-only benefit and provides a significant return on investment for your membership in MINNDEPENDENT. Thanks to our generous STEM program sponsors, Xcel Energy Foundation and Schott Foundation, for making these resources available to implement innovative projects and programs in schools across Minnesota. Since its inception, the STEM Grant program has awarded more than \$1.3 million dollars directly to member schools.

Advocacy and legislative efforts have been part of MINNDEPENDENT's organizational DNA since our founding in 1976. A core value of MINNDEPENDENT is to advocate with a focused and united voice so that local and state policy makers will understand and support policies and practices that strengthen Minnesota's private and independent schools. Tuesday's elections will set the stage for the 2023 legislative session. MINNDEPENDENT will begin setting the agenda for the upcoming session based on the outcome of the election. Watch for an upcoming survey seeking your input on topics or issues impacting your school community.

In this month of gratitude, we give thanks for the many donors, funders, members, volunteers and ambassadors that keep MINNDEPENDENT thriving. Thank you for supporting private and independent education in Minnesota.

Tim Benz, President

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MINNDEPENDENT Member
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MINNDEPENDENT Jobs Board

Member schools can post
job listings for free.

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Hats & Mittens is a 26-year-old all volunteer Minnesota non-profit. Their curriculum, focused on volunteering and philanthropy for students of all ages, is being offered free of charge to schools, churches, and youth organizations. To learn more and find out **how you can use this in your school**, [Click here](#).

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Be sure your school's faculty and staff have subscribed to our newsletter!

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Teaching Students to Teach Themselves

Have you ever noticed, as a teacher, how much power you have over student responses? Students often try to look to me to reveal solutions. They tilt their head a little bit and start asking if the answer is five while the end of the question gets a higher pitch. They look at my face and change their answer based on what they see.

[Read more here.](#)

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2022-2023 STEM Grant Program

**We are excited to announce the kick-off of the
2022/2023 MINNDEPENDENT STEM Grant Program***

*with three types of STEM Grants available
to fit your school's needs*

Innovation Grants - up to \$5000

Starter Grants - up to \$1500

Sustainability Grants - up to 20% of the original grant
(not to exceed \$1500)

STEM Grant Resource Page

Available on the STEM Grant Resource Page

- [STEM Grant Program Calendar](#)
- [STEM Grant Guidelines](#)
- [Academic Standards and Other STEM Resources](#)
- [Letter of Interest \(LOI\) Form \(reference only\)](#)
- [Grant Application Form \(reference only\)](#)
- [Project Descriptions of STEM Grants Awarded Last Six Years](#)

Important STEM Grant Program Dates

- **Tuesday, November 8:** STEM Grant Program information available
- **Tuesday, January 17:** Due date (6pm) for STEM Grant Letters of Intent (LOIs)
- **Tuesday, February 14:** Due date (6pm) for STEM Grant Final Applications
- **Sunday, April 30:** STEM Grant Awardees honored at the 2023 Minnesota Private & Independent Education Awards Celebration

QUESTIONS?

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*Only MINNDEPENDENT member schools are eligible to receive STEM grants. For more information on becoming a member, [click here](#).

3D Printing

Jazmine Darden, the keynote speaker at the 2022 STEM Education Conference is a 3D Printing expert that would like to help schools choose the best 3D printer options to get them up

and creating. Leaders and educators can reach out to her to talk through options. She is also a resource to help schools set up lab spaces. Jaz is an Adjunct Instructor of Robotics and Manufacturing at Dunwoody College of Technology.

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What's Working for School Social Media Professional Development Webinar *Save the Date!*

January 31, 2023
11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Andrea Gribble from [#SocialSchool4EDU](#) is back with more tips and trends for your school's social media. She'll break down five proven strategies for social media success:

- How to build an army of storytellers
- Easy ways to save time
- How to plan your content
- How to boost your engagement
- The latest social trends to help you thrive



Registration begins soon. Watch your inbox and [our website](#) for more details.

Social Emotional Learning CEUs from CARE Counseling

CARE Counseling, in collaboration with MINNDEPENDENT, is thrilled to announce continuing education - ten online modules totaling six CEUs - that is approved by the Minnesota Board of School Administrators. [Read more here.](#)



National Blue Ribbon Schools *40 Years of Excellence*

The US Department of Education has released the 2023 National Blue Ribbon Schools application and materials for the new award cohort.

All of the materials needed to apply, as well as a comprehensive list of Frequently Asked Questions, can be found on CAPE's website under the [Blue Ribbon Schools Banner](#).

Additional information can be found on the [US Department of Education website](#).

Important Dates

Tuesday, November 8, 2022:

STEM Grant Program details announced

Tuesday, January 10, 2023 (6:00 pm deadline):

Due date for STEM Grant Letters of Interest

Tuesday, February 14, 2023 (6:00 pm deadline):

Due date for STEM Grant applications for project implementation during the 2023-2024 school year

Sunday, April 30, 2023:

*Private and Independent Education Awards
Mendakota Country Club*

August, 2023, Date TBA:

STEM Education Conference

September 25-27, 2023:

School Leadership Conference, Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge

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