

Funding Newsletter

Grant Opportunities and Resources for M-DCPS' Educators, Students and Families

December 2025



Verizon Innovative Learning Lab (VIL) Ribbon Cutting Event



Students explore immersive learning through a virtual reality headset.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) celebrated the opening of state-of-the-art Verizon Innovative Learning Labs at three middle schools during a ribbon-cutting ceremony on November 13, 2025, held at Hialeah Middle School. The new labs at Homestead Middle School, Hialeah Middle School, and John F. Kennedy Middle School are outfitted with virtual reality headsets, programmable robots, 3D printers, and other advanced technology designed to prepare students for an increasingly tech-driven world.

The labs provide hands-on access to:

- Virtual reality (VR) headsets and PICO Neo4VR systems with charging carts
- Apple iPad minis for interactive learning
- Sphero RVR programmable robots
- Laptops, including gaming-grade computers for advanced applications
- Smart TV monitors
- A wide range of coding tools and 3D printing equipment

These three schools join M-DCPS's growing network of Verizon Innovative Learning schools.

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Share Your Award!

The Office of Grants Administration assists District, Region, and school-site personnel in securing and managing external funding designed to enhance the educational experiences of students.

For a chance to be featured in our next newsletter, please send detailed information on your awarded grant and photos to **Abby Martinez** at abbymartinez@dadeschools.net.

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In the 2026-27 school year, Citrus Grove K-8 Center and Cutler Bay Middle School will receive their own labs, expanding the district's total to 12 schools equipped with this transformative technology.

The Verizon Innovative Learning Lab program is a comprehensive, multi-year initiative that blends immersive technology with project-based curriculum and real-world problem solving, all housed in custom-designed Innovation Labs within school buildings. The program represents a collaboration between Verizon, Heart of America, and the J. Orin Edson Entrepreneurship + Innovation Institute at Arizona State University.



HMS Lab Tech students engage in hands-on learning with new innovative technology.

Grant Opportunities

December 2025

Toshiba America Foundation: Grants for 6-12 Teachers

"6-12 grade teachers are invited to apply on-line for a Toshiba America Foundation grant of less than \$5,000 to help bring an innovative project into their own classroom."

Award: Less than \$5,000

Deadline December 1, 2025

Website: <https://www.toshiba.com/taf/612.jsp>

International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA)

"To support nonprofit organizations and educational institutions that provide programs and activities related to bluegrass music. Project grants are awarded in the areas of arts and culture, education, literary or academic programs, or history preservation."

Award: \$500

Deadline December 1, 2025

Website: <https://bluegrassfoundation.org/mini-grants/>

The Shubert Foundation

"The purpose of this program is to provide operating support grants to theatres"

Award: Varies

Deadline December 4, 2025

Website: <https://www.toshiba.com/taf/612.jsp>

Cutler Bay Community Fund

"To provide support to 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organizations that serve the residents of the Town of Cutler Bay. Including but not limited to schools, community-based organizations, community associations, and faith-based organizations."

Award: Up to \$2,500

Deadline On a quarterly basis

March 15; June 15; September 15;

December 15

Website: <https://www.cutlerbay-fl.gov/community/page/cutler-bay-community-fund-application-process>

Air & Space Forces Association (AFA) Educator Grants

"To support aerospace education activities in classrooms from kindergarten through twelfth grades. The program encourages development of innovative aerospace activities within the prescribed curriculum."

Award: \$600

Deadline: December 15, 2025

Website: <https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/104786-Air--Space-Forces-Association>

Brooks and Joan Fortune Family Foundation (BJFF) Grant

"To support education, art, and outreach programs and projects. In general, the foundation desires to support specific activities that result in a defined outcome rather than general operating funds or fundraising campaigns."

Award: Varies

Deadline: December 31, 2025

Website: <https://www.fortunefamilyfoundation.org/application-processation>

Walmart Spark Good Local Grants

"These local grants are designed to address the unique needs of the communities where we operate. Funds support various initiatives in various areas: Community and Economic Development, Diversity and Inclusion, Education, Environmental Sustainability, and Health and Human Services."

Award: \$250 - \$5,000

Deadline: On a quarterly basis

Mar. 10 – Apr. 15, 2025

May 1 – Jul. 15, 2025

Aug. 1 – Oct. 15, 2025

Nov. 3 – **Dec. 31, 2025**

Website: <https://www.walmart.org/how-we-give/program-guidelines/spark-good-local-grants-guidelines>

Classics for Kids

"The foundation invites applications for its matching grant program, which will award grants to schools or nonprofit organizations in support of incorporating string instruments in K-12 music education programs. All instruments in the string family are supported (including guitars and ukuleles)."

Award: Varies

Deadline: June 30, September 30,

December 31 and March 31

Website: <https://classicsforkids.org/apply-for-a-grant/>

Innovating Worthy Projects Foundation

"Experiencing polio in his youth, Founder Irving Packer, understood first hand that there was a lack of programs designed to help children and adolescents with special needs."

Award: \$5,000

Deadline: December 31, 2025

Website: <https://www.iwfpf.org/>

Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries' Grant

"To provide funds to schools so that they can extend, update, and diversify the book and print collections in their libraries with the goal of encouraging students to develop a love of reading and learning."

Award: Varies

Deadline: December 31, 2025

Website: <https://www.bushcenter.org/lbf-application-details>

January 2026

Mockingbird Foundation

"To support schools and nonprofit organizations in the United States that focus on music education for children, an area of importance to the Phish fan community. The Foundation is particularly interested in projects that foster creative expression and encourages applications associated with diverse or unusual musical styles, genres, forms, and philosophies."

Award: Up to \$10,000

Deadline: January 15, 2026

Website: <https://mbird.org/grants/apply/>

Les Paul Foundation

"To support programs and projects that encourage innovation in music production and/or performance and innovative STEM or STEAM programs for students and others in challenging situations."

Award: Varies

Deadline: January 15, 2026

Website: <https://www.les-paul.com/the-foundation/#grants>

February 2026

Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs All Kids Included (AKI)

"All Miami-Dade students in grades Pre-K-12 are invited to submit original art work depicting the showcase theme and are asked to draw on the showcase's selected book for inspiration. The theme for 2026 is inspired by the book, Maybe: A Story About the Endless Potential in All of Us written by Kobi Yamada and illustrated by Gabriella Barouchand."

Award: \$250 Blick Art Supply Gift Card

Deadline: February 2, 2026

Website: <https://www.miamidadearts.org/education/all-kids-included-district-wide-student-art-showcase>

Snapdragon Book Foundation

"Book Foundation provides annual grants for books and literary resources to enrich school reading programs.

Funds may be used for:

- Books that will be used repeatedly by schooled children through classroom libraries, central library (or something similar)
- Processing or cataloguing fees from book vendors (for processing of the books ordered in conjunction with your Snapdragon project)
- Reference materials for use by students
- Magazine or newspaper subscriptions"

Award: Varies

Deadline: February 8, 2026

Website: <https://snapdragonbookfoundation.org/application-process/>

Education Grants, Arthur F. and Alice E. Adams Charitable Foundation

"The Arthur F. and Alice E. Adams Foundation provides grants in the focus areas of arts, culture, humanities, and education."

Award: Up to \$50,000

Deadline: February 15, 2026

Website: <https://www.wellsfargo.com/private-foundations/adams-charitable-foundation/>



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Rolling Opportunities

Pets in the Classroom Grants for Teachers

"Pets in the Classroom is an educational grant program that provides financial support to teachers to purchase and maintain small animals in the classroom. The program was established by the Pet Care Trust to provide children with an opportunity to interact with pets. The Pet Care Trust also established the Dogs in the Classroom program, which provides teachers with the opportunity to bring animal-assisted therapy to their classroom—an experience that can help to shape their lives for years to come."

Award: Varies

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://petsintheclassroom.org/do-you-qualify/>



Reiman Foundation

"The Reiman Foundation focuses its giving in four main areas: health care, education, the arts and children. Applications are not in any specific format. Information submitted must be specific enough to give us a clear picture of the intended project, why the project is being proposed and who will benefit and how it will be administered."

Award: Unspecified amount

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <http://www.reimanfoundation.org/>

Brinker International

"The Brinker International Charitable Giving Program and the company's restaurants, which include Chili's Grill & Bar and Maggiano's Little Italy, support nonprofit organizations in the communities where restaurants are located. (Information on locations is available for Chili's and Maggiano's.) Areas of interest include kids, hunger, and education. Monetary and in-kind support in the form of dining certificates are provided."

Award: Varies

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/publish?EQBCT=def16a8c76fd4d01a50c9745011786f4>

Glenn W. Bailey Foundation Grants

"The foundation invites letters of inquiry for innovative early childhood STEM education programs in Florida. Any program or idea supporting students in Pre-K through 12th grade and into college or vocational studies is eligible."

Award: \$20,000- \$35,000

Deadline: None; Letter of Intent accepted on a rolling basis

Website: <https://www.gwbaileyfoundation.org/faqs>

Salad Bars to Schools

"Any district or independent school participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) is eligible to apply. To qualify for a Salad Bars to Schools grant you must offer the salad bar as a part of the reimbursable meal served in your district. The 6-foot, five-well salad bar package is for locations that serve at least 100 reimbursable meals daily."

Award: Salad Bar, hardware and pans w/covers

Deadline: Applications accepted year-round

Website: <https://www.saladbars2schools.org/get-a-salad-bar/schools>

Fruit Tree Orchard Donation Grant

"FTPF seeks schools that can accommodate at least 20 to 25 trees on school grounds (planted at 15-foot intervals) near existing irrigation sources (e.g., spigot or sprinklers). Eligible applicants must own the planting site or have long-term arrangements to remain at the planting site, be committed to caring for the trees in perpetuity, and coordinate local volunteers to help with the tree planting. Recipients must agree that the orchard will not be used for any for-profit enterprise."

Award: High-quality fruit trees and shrubs, equipment, on-site orchard design expertise and oversight, horticultural workshops, and aftercare training and manuals

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://www.ftpf.org/apply>

GTECH Afterschool Advantage Program

"GTECH is a national community investment program, which provides non-profit community agencies and public schools with up to \$50,000 in state-of-the-art computer labs. These computer centers are designed to provide economically disadvantaged children aged 5 to 15 with a meaningful, yet fun, learning experience during the critical after-school hours, in a safe environment."

Award: up to \$15,000

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://www.snpa.org/publications/>

All Kids Play

"To support nonprofit organizations, school sports programs, or government-run programs (i.e. community park districts) in low-income communities that provide community-based recreational level sports for kids in grades K-12."

Award: Varies

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://allkidsplay.org/youth-sports-grants/>

The Awesome Foundation for the Arts and Sciences

"Awesome projects range from public artwork to mobile applications to scientific experiments. Projects are not strictly defined but tend to challenge and expand our understanding of individual and communal potential. They should also bring communities together, casting aside social inhibitions and boundaries for a moment, however temporary. Grants are provided with no strings attached, and the foundation claims no ownership over the projects it supports."

Award: \$1,000

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <http://www.awesomefoundation.org>

Adopt a Classroom

"Adopt a classroom is a website that connects donors and teachers in an effort to bring needed supplies to classrooms."

Award: Up to \$1,000

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://www.adoptaclassroom.org/for-teachers-2020/>

Wish You Well Foundation

"The Wish You Well Foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations that promote families across the U.S. The focus of the Foundation's grant-making is on the development and expansion of new and existing literacy and educational programs. Grants generally range from \$2,000 to \$10,000. Requests may be submitted at any time and are reviewed various time throughout the year."

Award: \$2,000 to \$10,000

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://www.wishyouwellfoundation.org/apply-for-funding>

Believe in Reading

"Believe in Reading supports nonprofit organizations in the United States that teach, improve, or encourage reading by people of all ages. Supported literacy programs should serve populations that show out of the ordinary needs, such as geographic areas with low reading scores and high poverty levels. Nonprofit organizations and equivalent educational institutions, including public libraries, are eligible to apply for support."

Award: Up to \$10,000, though the majority of grants are for \$3,000 or less

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://believeinreading.org/grant-guidelines/>



The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation

"The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation and DonorsChoose.org make it easy for anyone to help a classroom in need. Public school teachers from every corner of the U.S. create classroom projects requests, and people give any amount to the project that inspires them."

Award: Varies

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://pgafamilyfoundation.org/about>



Bridgestone Americas Trust Fund

"The Bridgestone Americas Trust Fund makes grants in the areas of education, child development and welfare, and the environment and conservation. Examples of previously funded programs include expanding music education for students in kindergarten through grade 12 and promoting professional development for music teachers; hands-on botanical and art museum experiences for children who are underserved; and employment and leadership support for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities."

Award: Varies

Deadline: Quarterly

Website: <https://www.bridgestoneamericas.com/en/corporate-social-responsibility/community>

McKeen Fund

"The Fund's Mission is to improve the lives of the elderly, people with disabilities and disadvantaged children and families. Today, the McKeen Fund continues to support the donor's philanthropic philosophy and values, including an emphasis on giving to Roman Catholic organizations. Fund resources extend to direct charitable activities, including leadership, expertise and a commitment to our grantees and other non-profit organizations."

Award: \$5,000 - \$10,000 However it states up to \$50,000

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <http://www.mckeenfund.org/>



McKeen Fund
Many Hands One Heart

American Radio Relay League/Victor C. Clark Youth Incentive Program

"Mini-Grants are awarded to groups that promote youth participation in amateur radio and enrich the experience of radio amateurs under the age of 18. Awards may be used to secure equipment for antennas for club stations, purchase training materials, and support local service projects that bring favorable public exposure, and similar activities. Preference will be given to projects for which matching funds are raised locally. Groups that qualify for the mini-grants include high school radio clubs, youth groups, and general-interest radio clubs that make a special effort to get youth involved in club activities."

Award: Up to \$1,000

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <http://www.arrl.org/the-victor-c-clark-youth-incentive-program>



Goodyear Foundation Community Grants

"This program focuses on building and supporting collaborative programs that create positive outcomes for people, communities, and the world around us. Proposals should promote stronger and safer communities; inspire people to reach their potential in school and or careers preparation; stimulate waste reduction and energy conservation for our planet. Applications must be submitted at least 90 days prior to the start of your proposed program or project."

Award: \$5,000 to \$25,000

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://corporate.goodyear.com/us/en/responsibility/community/community-support.html>

VOYA Foundation

"Provide innovative and experiential K-8 STEM learning opportunities to promote an early interest in STEM career fields and improve teachers' capabilities in STEM; or provide financial literacy education curriculum to grade 9-12 students focused on navigating major financial milestones including student debt, credit, home ownership, financial products and services/financial capability, and family financial planning."

Award: Minimum \$2,500

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://www.voya.com/page/voya-stem-futures>

Charlie Lovett Fund for Elementary Drama

"Each year, the Charlie Lovett Fund for Elementary Drama provides grants to elementary schools across the U.S. These grants are designed to help elementary schools enhance or establish a production based, drama-learning program at the school. Grants can also be used for the school's drama productions."

Award: up to \$300

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <http://lovettfoundation.org/elementaryDramaFund.html>

H2O for Life Service-Learning Grant

"The funds from this grant must be used to assist teachers and students as 'Start-Up Funds' for their H2O for Life service-learning project. These small grants require participating schools to create a fundraising project budget and an implementation plan for their school year that will raise funds to support an H2O for Life Global Partner School."

Award: \$250-\$500

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://www.h2oforlifeschools.org/page/education-programs>

New Worlds Reading

"To be eligible for New Worlds Reading, a child must be either a VPK student who is not yet meeting age-appropriate standards according to FAST Star Early Literacy, or a K-5th grade student in a Florida public or district-sponsored charter school who is not yet reading on grade level."

Award: Books

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://www.newworldsreading.com/fl/en/enrollment.html>

ALDI Cares Community Grants

"ALDI, Inc. provides funding in the form of philanthropic donations and/or gift cards to local nonprofit organizations that make a positive impact on our Children's Health & Wellness and Food Insecurity while supporting Diversity, Equity and Inclusion programs. Eligible applicants are public and private kindergarten through grade 12 schools and nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations that benefit children in the geographic areas located where ALDI stores, offices, or warehouses in Alabama; Arkansas; California; Connecticut; Delaware; Washington, DC; Florida; Georgia; Illinois; Indiana; Iowa; Kansas; Kentucky. Applications must be submitted using the online system."

Award: Awards range from \$100 to \$5,000

Deadline: Monthly (Rolling)

Website: <https://corporate.aldi.us/corporate-sustainability/community/aldi-community-gift-card-program/>



Good Sports Equipment Grants

"This organization provides sports equipment, apparel, and footwear to youth programs offering sports, fitness, and recreational programs. Eligible proposals must directly serve youth between the ages of 3-18, in need; in the U.S.; and do not charge a participation fee that exceeds \$299. Eligible school districts must serve students who receive free/reduced lunch and proposed programs may define the type of physical activity participants engage in. Winners will be responsible for operational costs, including equipment shipping."

Award: Up to \$1,500

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://www.goodsports.org/apply/>

Saxena Family Foundation Grants

"The Saxena Family Foundation has a particular focus on initiatives that promote US science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and the empowerment of girls, female children, and young women so that they have equal rights later in life. The foundation focuses on empowerment programs to include economic, educational, and political empowerment of women through literacy programs, jobs, and life-skills training. Previous grantees have included schools, universities, and nonprofit organizations."

Award: The Foundation anticipates most grants will be in the \$5,000-\$50,000 range. Initial grants are not necessarily typical of future grants.

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <http://saxenafoundation.com/guidelines/>



Kid Spark Education

"The Kid Spark STEM Equity Grant Program provides Title I schools everything they need to encourage STEM learning in the classroom, free of charge."

Award: Comprehensive Curriculum. STEM Labs and Professional Learning

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://go.kidsparkeducation.org/grants/stem-equity-grant-programs#grant-application>

Alternative Fuel Foundation

"Funds are available for educational institutions to aid in the development of programs that promote renewable energy, environmental sustainability, and earth stewardship."

Award: Up to \$1,000

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://www.alternativefuelfoundation.org/grants/>

The Hagerty Foundation

"The Hagerty Foundation provides programs and financial support in three focus areas: Car culture, Education, & Innovation. With the purpose of keeping driving alive for generations to come, we provide scholarships for students in the automotive field of education, offer financial support and mentorship for automotive start-ups an innovative business, and continue to build a federally recognized program through the National Historic Vehicle Register, that documents and records the important history of automobiles. The License to the Future program offers grants to young drivers (between the age of 14-18) to cover the cost of Drivers Education."

Award: Up to \$500

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://driversfoundation.org/grants>

Publix Requests for Donations

"Publix recognizes the importance of supporting charitable activities within the community. As part of its mission, Publix focuses its charitable efforts on the following areas: youth, education, reducing hunger, and alleviating homelessness. All requests for gift cards, sponsorships and program ads must be submitted on the letterhead of the applicant's non-profit, tax-exempt organization at least four weeks prior to the event date. 501(c)(3) applicant organizations must include a copy of their "letter of determination" from the IRS."

Award: Varies

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://corporate.publix.com/community/requests>



Donors Choose

"Teachers can request donations to support their classrooms virtually. Donors see these requests and responds to teacher requests at their will."

Award: Up to \$1,000

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://www.donorschoose.org/>

DONORS CHOOSE

Women's Sports Foundation

"The Women's Sports Foundation, established in 1974 by Billie Jean King, is a national nonprofit educational organization dedicated to promoting the lifelong participation of all girls and women in sports and fitness. The Foundation seeks to create an educated public that encourages females' participation and supports gender equality in sport. The Foundation's grant programs provide girls and women with educational materials and scholarships, research on issues related to women in sports, and leadership development, as well as opportunities to participate in sports and fitness."

Award: Varies

Deadline: Rolling

Website: https://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/wsf_program_categories/girl-serving-programs/

Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation

"The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation provides musical instruments to schools across the country, primarily focusing on enhancing access to music education for students in underprivileged communities."

Award: Varies

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://mhopus.org/instrument-grants/>

The Larry Fitzgerald Foundation

"To empower communities by funding nonprofit organizations that advance equity in youth education and breast cancer awareness. Grants support programs that expand after-school learning, provide youth camps, and increase access to technology for K-12 students."

Award: Up to \$5,000

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://www.thelarryfitzgeraldfoundation.org/pages/grants>

Eduporium Educational Technology Grant

"The application process opens on the first of each month and concludes on the 20th. While you can apply for grants as often as you'd like, educators may only apply for the Eduporium grant once per month with one application per person. Those awarded the grant are then ineligible to apply for one calendar year. Recipients may use their grant award on any of the hundreds of STEM, MakerEd, and computing technologies available on the Eduporium store."

Award: Robotics and Coding Kits, Drones, 3D Printers, Virtual Reality Systems, Makerspace Tools, Engineering Tools

Deadline: The application process opens on the first of each month and concludes on the 20th.

Website: <https://www.eduporium.com/eduporium-tech-grant>



Auto Club Group Foundation

"To support traffic safety, financial literacy, and driver education. Its grants back innovative programs that enhance roadway safety and address emerging transportation challenges."

The Foundation invests in K-12 financial literacy education, helping students build lifelong money management skills."

Award: Up to \$15,000

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://www.acgfoundation.org/grants.html>

Teacher Resources

The Children's Trust Books for Free

"The Children's Trust Books for Free is a partnership with Miami Book Fair at Miami Dade College. Our goal is to get more books in the hands of children who need them the most – magical, world-building, life-changing books that they can keep to read with their families over and over again. We achieve this goal by delivering an average of 2,443 new and gently used books per week to more than 70 public bookshelves located in high-traffic locations throughout Miami-Dade County's most underserved neighborhoods. These books are free for the taking by children and their caregivers."

Website: <https://www.thechildrenstrust.org/content/books-free>

4-H Programs

"4-H programs empower young people to lead for a lifetime. It is a youth development organization that helps young people, and their families gain the skills needed to be proactive forces in their communities and develop ideas for a more innovative economy. 4-H programs promote science, healthy living and civic engagement through a network of public universities and community volunteers. The 4-H website offers several resources that supports at-home, and after-school programs, 4-H clubs, camps and curriculum and teamwork, problem-solving, critical thinking activities."

Website: <https://4-h.org/ways-to-give/corporate-foundation-support/#!our-programs>



First Book

"First Book offers free and inexpensive children's books and educational resources to schools and programs that serve children in need from birth to age 18. Head Start programs, Title I or Title I-eligible schools, USDA Food and Nutrition Service programs, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Title VII recipients, military family support programs, libraries with E-rates of 90, programs primarily serving children with disabilities and programs where at least 70 percent of children come from low-income families are eligible to sign up with First Book. To register, visit First Book Marketplace."

Website: <https://www.fbmarketplace.org/register/>

The Education Fund

"The objective of each Education Fund program is to work side-by-side with the private sector to support and promote quality public education for every child in Miami-Dade County Public Schools by providing teachers and students with resources they need to be successful."

Website: <https://www.educationfund.org/what-we-do/programs/>

Free National Geographic Teacher Resources for Grades PreK-12

"What to teach each month; Classroom resources; Bring National Geographic to your classroom through lesson plans, maps, and reference resources. Resources for all grades in any subject."

Website: <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/society/education-resources/>



STEM Education Outreach Activities

"Lockheed Martin provides funding and volunteer support to organizations that support STEM career readiness and access for students in high school. Select partners include:

- Girls Inc. inspires all girls to be strong, smart, and bold, including programming to strengthen their interest and confidence in pursuing STEM education and careers.

Website: <https://girlsinc.org>

- Project Lead The Way empowers students to develop and apply in-demand, transportable skills by exploring real-world challenges in engineering, computer science, and cybersecurity.

Website: <https://www.pltw.org/>

- Million Girls Moonshot seeks to prepare the next generation of innovators by engaging one million more girls in STEM learning opportunities through afterschool and summer programs.

Website: <https://milliongirlsmoonshot.org/>

- FIRST designs accessible and innovative robotics programs that motivate young people to pursue education and career opportunities in STEM, while building knowledge and life skills.

Website: <https://www.firstinspires.org/robotics/frc>

Reading and Language Arts Online Collection Packs

"PBS Learning Media offers online reading and language arts collection packs for K-12 teachers. These collection packs provide a set of educational resources focused on American authors, poetry, and Shakespeare. Each pack includes links to PBS websites and a set of activities by grade level. They offer lessons on great American authors, Shakespeare, and the Renaissance."

Website: https://florida.pbslearningmedia.org/search/?selected_facet=media_type:Collection

TEACH Grant

"The TEACH Grant Program provides grants of up to \$4,000 a year to students who are completing or plan to complete course work needed to begin a career in teaching. A TEACH Grant-eligible program is a program of study that is designed to prepare you to teach as a highly qualified teacher in a high-need field and that leads to a bachelor's or master's degree or is a postbaccalaureate program. A two-year program that is acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor's degree is considered a program that leads to a bachelor's degree. A postbaccalaureate program is not TEACH-Grant-eligible if it is offered by a school that also offers a bachelor's degree in education.

Schools that participate in the TEACH Grant Program determine which of the programs they offer are TEACH-Grant-eligible. A program that is TEACH-Grant-eligible at one school might not be TEACH-Grant-eligible at another school. Additionally, even if a program meets the eligibility requirements to be a TEACH-Grant-eligible program, it may not be designated as TEACH-Grant-eligible by the school. Contact the financial aid office at the school you are attending (or that you plan to attend) to find out which programs at that school are eligible."

Website: <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants/teach>





Free Activities for Teaching Math, Science and Music

"MathScienceMusic.org is a free toolkit for teachers, bringing together the best resources in math, science, and music."

Website: <https://MathScienceMusic.org>

Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials

"Full-time teachers and current year PTA/PTSA Presidents in Miami-Dade County Public Schools are eligible to schedule an appointment to 'shop' for school supplies twice a year at this free Miami store."

Website: <https://www.educationfund.org/what-we-do/programs/ocean-bank-center-for-educational-materials/teacher-shopping-visit.html>

The Molina Foundation Book Buddies Search

"Be the first to know about opportunities to apply for grants of new, free children's books and other education and health resources from the Foundation."

Website: <https://molinafoundation.org/join-our-network/>

CritterCoin

"Digital achievements-and-rewards system RedCritter has launched a new platform called CritterCoin where schools can build their own free system to implement Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports with points, rewards in the form of digital coins and non-fungible tokens, and a school-specific rewards store."

Website: <https://www.crittercoin.com/>



Library of Congress (Classroom Materials)

"Created by teachers for teachers, these ready-to-use materials provide easy ways to incorporate the Library's unparalleled primary sources into instruction."

Website: <https://www.loc.gov/programs/teachers/classroom-materials/>



Grant Writing Workshops 2025-2026

For more information on grant writing and
other financial resources, please visit our
website at
www.DadeGetsGrants.net

Workshop	Date	Registration/Location
INSTAGrants	January 16, 2026	Webinar
INSTAGrants	March 20, 2026	Webinar
Intermediate Grant Writing	April 3, 2026	TBD
In order to register, participants must use the M-DCPS Professional Learning Platform. It includes the District Professional Learning Catalog listing available grant writing workshops.		