



Nyack Teacher Center

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The Standards and Assessments Grants: Supporting Best Practices

Awards of \$500 to \$2500

The Teacher Center is pleased to offer a grant program designed to encourage collaborations that address the NYS Learning Standards and Assessments. The awards will provide support for efforts to design, implement and assess replicable, innovative activities aimed at improving teaching and learning.

Projects should:

- relate to the NYS Learning Standards and Assessments,
- encourage the exploration of new techniques and the development of educational resources,
- focus on improved teaching and learning,
- stimulate creativity in the classroom, and
- be implemented between July 15, 2004 and May 31, 2005

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be employees of the Nyack School District.
- Applications must be submitted by groups of staff members, and there must be at least three teachers in the group. Teaching assistants and administrators may also be included in the group.

Awards:

- Grants will be awarded in the range of \$500 - \$2500.
- The Teacher Center retains the right to disseminate products or designs evolving from the Standards and Assessment Grants.
- A mid-year progress report, including receipts, will be due by February 12, 2004, and the final report by June 1, 2004.

Criteria:

- The Teacher Center's Standards and Assessment Grant Review Committee will screen and judge the grant applications.
- Criteria will include the significance of the project, standard/assessment addressed, soundness of design, adequacy of personnel and methods, uniqueness or innovative quality, economic efficiency and efficacy, feasibility of assessment, and likelihood that the project could be duplicated by other teachers with similar needs.

Fiscal Procedures:

- Grant funds may be used for a variety of purposes, including: to provide courses, workshops or study groups, stipends for development of curriculum materials for dissemination, or substitute costs for grant-related activities.
- Grant funds may **not** be used **exclusively** for: attendance at conferences, outside consultants, transportation for field trips or excursions, text or trade books, or equipment.
- Budgets must be clearly itemized to be considered.

Application Procedures:

- Do not include the names of teachers and/or school building(s) in the body of the proposal.
- Applications must be signed by all school principals whose teachers are involved.
- Proposals must be received in the teacher center office by 4:00 PM on the 2nd Wednesday in June..
- Applications will be screened and awards will be announced by July 15th, if the NYS budget has been finalized.