BEYOND THE BOOKS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

...is a not-for-profit corporation whose goal is to provide a long-term, self-sustaining financial base to fund innovative academic programs in Unit 5 and District 87 public schools. Organized in 1992, the foundation is a group of private citizens and is not part of either school district. The Boards of Education of both districts encouraged the Foundation’s formation and strongly support its efforts.

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2012 - 2013 GRANT AWARDS
Educators in Unit 5 and District 87 submitted 72 applications requesting a total of $71,078. The Foundation awarded $29,918 toward 38 projects. Since 1992, $396,484 has been awarded to support 580 projects.

Joint Projects between Unit 5 and District 87 Elementary and Junior High / Middle Schools
Benjamin/Oakland ~ Mary Aper and Teri Merna ~ $1,359 ~ “Digi-Pals For Techy Firsties”
BJHS/PJHS ~ Michael Wallace, Jennifer Bolton, Michele Carnahan ~ $3,500 ~ Honor Band Music Commission and World Premiere

Elementary Schools
Benjamin ~ Carol Johnson ~ $300 ~ Mixing Science with Literacy
Bent/Washington ~ Peggy Dunlap, Anne O’Neill ~ $640 ~ Motivation and Information for Today and Tomorrow
Cedar Ridge ~ Doug Valverde ~ $725 ~ iPad for Speech-Language Students
Fox Creek ~ Shannon Hedman ~ $300 ~ Blast off into learning?
Nicole M. Henderson ~ $397 ~ Set Me Free
Jamie Oliver ~ $300 ~ Helping Kids Stay Balanced in Life
Amy Schumacher ~ $300 ~ Creating Extra Sparks in the Classroom
Amy Schumacher ~ $300 ~ Super Sleuths on the Base
Grove ~ Beth Fletcher, Emily Kauten, Kim Matthews, Nikki Dillow ~ $291 ~ Incredible Interventions!!
Oakdale ~ Traci Freitag, Reena Artman ~ $1,230 ~ We’re on the BALL!
Jill Lyons ~ $2,300 ~ We got the WRITE stuff
Pepper Ridge ~ Staci Mandros, Kim Page ~ $1,722 ~ Social Club
Prairie View ~ Brita Armstrong-Mitchell, Kathy Mandros, Jen Naeger, Natalie Brawner ~ $470 ~ Ready to Write
Sugar Creek ~ Marylynn Meredith ~ $2,051 ~ Reading, Writing, Math and Art!

High Schools
NCWHS ~ Mary Jo Douglass ~ $202 ~ Practicing Graphing Using Density
Mary Jo Douglass ~ $295 ~ Student Powered Lighting
April Schermann ~ $235 ~ DSMART Interactions with Algebra
April Schermann ~ $430 ~ Hands-On Algebra
Beth Smith ~ $379 ~ QR Codes in the Classroom
Lisa A. Tomlin ~ $295 ~ ‘Scoping’ Out Science
Lisa A. Tomlin ~ $75 ~ Virtual Vacation Through the Human Body

Multiple Schools
NCWHS/Grove ~ Dan Phelps, Susy Marcum, Kelly Naperschat, Matt Beaver ~ $3,985 ~ Expanding Physical Activity Beyond the Gym Walls
NCWHS/NCHS ~ Kevin Enderlin, Carrie Leonard, Molly Stolfa, Hillary Ruyle, Olivia Newbold ~ $1,000 ~ Developing Greenhouse Employability Skills in Students With Cognitive Impairments