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More than \$1.2 million in technology grants awarded to Oklahoma schools
Oklahoma Educational Technology Trust announces grant recipients

Students at 19 Oklahoma public schools will experience learning in new and innovative ways thanks to more than \$1.2 million in grants from the Oklahoma Educational Technology Trust (OETT).

Established to provide the latest technologies and teacher training to Oklahoma schools, OETT has awarded each of the 19 schools \$40,000 to purchase new technology equipment and \$25,000 for professional teacher development. Each school will use the funds to purchase items such as tablets, interactive whiteboards, laptops and digital cameras. Teachers will also receive monthly professional development opportunities to learn how to operate and use the technology to enhance classroom learning.

The 19 schools receiving grants are:

- Beggs High School
- Belle Isle Enterprise Middle School, Oklahoma City
- Bristow Middle School
- Elk City High School
- Elmore City-Pernell Elementary School
- Fairland Elementary School
- Frederick Middle School
- Jefferson Early Childhood Center, McAlester
- Mannford Elementary School
- Minco Public Schools
- Peavine Public Schools
- Piedmont Intermediate School
- Sallie Gillentine Elementary School, Hollis
- Southmoore High School
- Springer Public Schools
- Waller Middle School, Enid
- William Gay Early Childhood Center, McAlester
- Wilson Arts Integration Elementary, Oklahoma City
- Yukon High School

“Through the OETT grants, we are focused on creating long-term change in our schools,” said Dr. Phil Berkenbile, OETT Board of Trustees chair. “Our goal is to improve overall student achievement and learning through the use of technology.”

Since the grants were first awarded in 2003, a total of 207 Oklahoma schools have received OETT grants. In addition, more than 6,500 teachers, principals and superintendents have received professional development training to assist their students with the new technology.

The mission of the Oklahoma Educational Technology Trust is to equip Oklahoma common and CareerTech students with the technology and technological skills necessary to compete in the global marketplace. The trust provides funds for equipment, infrastructure, leadership and professional development to implement and advance integration of technology into classroom instruction.

OETT was established in 2001 as a result of an agreement between then-attorney general, Drew Edmondson, and AT&T Oklahoma, relating to the company’s transition to a modernized form of regulation. As part of the agreement, AT&T contributed \$30 million to OETT. The trust has distributed almost \$16 million to date.

OETT is administered by Communities Foundation of Oklahoma and professional development is coordinated through the University of Oklahoma’s K20 Center. For additional information, visit www.oett.org.