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## **Schools receive more than \$1.4 million in technology grants**

*Oklahoma Educational Technology Trust awards 22 schools*

OKLAHOMA CITY, **date**, 2015 – Students at 22 Oklahoma schools will soon find the latest technology in their classrooms thanks to more than \$1.4 million in grants from the Oklahoma Educational Technology Trust (OETT).

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 grants help schools acquire the newest educational technologies, like tablets, interactive whiteboards and laptops, as well as train educators on how to operate and integrate these technologies into classroom learning.

Each of this year's grantee schools will receive \$40,000 to purchase new technology equipment and \$25,000 for professional teacher development training.

The 22 schools receiving grants are:

- Ada's Washington Grade Center
- Amber Pocasset Elementary School
- Bartlesville's Central Middle School
- Bethany High School
- Central High Elementary School
- Clinton's Nance Elementary School
- Deer Creek High School
- Dewey Elementary School
- Edmond's Westfield Elementary School
- Fort Towson High School
- Greenville Elementary School
- Haworth Jr. High School
- Hollis Middle School
- Hydro-Eakly Elementary School
- McAlester's Edmond Doyle Elementary School
- McAlester's Will Rogers Elementary School
- Moore's Fisher Elementary School
- Morrison Elementary School

- Oklahoma City's Santa Fe South Charter School
- Stratford Elementary School
- Union City High School
- Yukon's Independence Elementary School

"OETT is creating long-term change for the benefit of Oklahoma's students," said Dr. Phil Berkenbile, OETT Board of Trustees chair. "A total of 229 Oklahoma schools have received OETT grants since they were first awarded in 2003, and OETT grants have impacted technology in the classrooms of more than 92,000 students. Additionally, more than 8,350 teachers, principals, superintendents and administrators have received professional development training to assist students with the new technology. These educators have been trained on the best practices of high-achieving schools and integrating technology into classroom curriculum."

OETT was established in 2001 as a result of an agreement between then-attorney general Drew Edmondson and AT&T Oklahoma during the company's transition to a modern form of regulation. As part of the agreement, AT&T contributed \$30 million to OETT. The trust has distributed almost \$17.5 million to date.

"The Oklahoma Educational Technology Trust continues to provide cutting edge technology and engaging learning opportunities for students in our state," said Steve Hahn, president of AT&T Oklahoma. "AT&T is proud to partner with OETT in this endeavor to serve schools, teachers and kids."

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](http://www.oett.org).