



2023-2024 EPSF Classroom Grant Program- Elkhorn South High School Grants

School	Grant Name	Description	Requestor	Grade	Amount
Elkhorn South High School	<u>Playaways (Self Contained Audiobooks)</u>	Audiobooks are beneficial for all student readers, from advanced students to struggling readers and everyone else in between. Listening to audiobooks can help increase reading comprehension and sentence fluency, as well as assist in reading stamina and focus. I am seeking this grant to start a collection of Playaways (self-contained audiobooks) for checkout at the ESHS Media Center. ESHS does not currently have any Playaways in our library collection, but the collection at ENHS is well utilized, and I believe it would be at ESHS, as well. I often have students inquire about audiobooks, as they have become more popular through the rise of Audible and other paid services. Since Playaways can be used in conjunction with the print text and even have a function to adjust the speed of the audio to accommodate the individual reader, these Playaways will also help support EL students, students who require audio accommodations for IEPs, and students in reading support classes. Playaways are more expensive than a typical physical book, ranging in cost from \$60-\$90 per title. This grant funding would allow ESHS to purchase a starting collection of Playaways for our library and accompanying physical copies so students can follow along as they listen. The purchase of Playaway audiobooks would be a valued addition to the media center collection and would help us continue to meet the needs of all students in our school. Thank you!	Kelsey Orr-Stevinson	9th-12th	\$ 1,606
Elkhorn South High School	<u>Robotics Materials and Competition Pieces</u>	At Elkhorn South, we have a tradition of a strong Robotics Teams and Program. We have students that are incredibly dedicated to continuing this tradition of excellence and put an incredible amount of time and effort into making a robot that will make the program proud. This year we have about 12 students competing on 2 teams. Next year, we are projecting at least 20 with a hope of 4 teams competing. With each new season, we need to restock our supplies and purchase new game pieces for the upcoming season. In addition, we need to purchase equipment that is specific to the game pieces for the upcoming tournaments. Our season begins in August with the initial build and ends at state in March. Last year, we had two teams compete at the World Championships in Dallas, Texas against teams from all around the world. During the season, students use problem solving skills to create a robot from scratch. Students have to collaborate with team members as each person on the team has a job. Some students are building, some are driving and others are programming. All members of the team are communicating to ensure their robot will score them maximum points when it comes time to compete. After the first tournament, it is back to the practice room to tweak the robot and the programming. This is such a great experience for students to learn to work together, communicate and problem solve. All students are welcome to join robotics at any grade, ability level and experience level. We have students who want to learn and those that want to teach. It is a great experience for all involved.	Molly Erickson	9th-12th	\$ 1,344
TOTAL ELKHORN SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL CLASSROOM GRANTS					\$ 2,950