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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 20 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 20 schools \$40,000 to purchase new technology equipment and \$25,000 for professional teacher development. Each school will use the funds to purchase items including iPads, Chromebooks, Surface tablets and digital microscopes. Teachers will also receive monthly professional development opportunities to learn how to use the technology to enhance authentic, real-world learning in their classrooms.

The 20 schools receiving grants are:

- Cyril Elementary School
- Dewey High School
- Duncan's Plato Elementary School
- Edmond's Will Rogers Elementary School
- Hollis High School
- Macomb Public Schools
- McAlester's Emerson Elementary School
- Norman's Lincoln Elementary School
- North Rock Creek Public Schools
- Oklahoma City's John Adams Elementary School
- Perkins-Tryon Intermediate School
- Pocola Middle School
- Putnam City's Hilldale Elementary School
- Purcell Elementary School
- Salina Public Schools
- Stratford Middle School
- Tahlequah's Greenwood Elementary School
- Union's Marshall T. Moore Elementary School
- Vian Elementary School
- Weatherford's East Elementary 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 249 Oklahoma schools have received OETT grants. In addition, more than 9,000 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 over \$17 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.