ESC Region 12 Technology Foundation Grants Help Students Gain, Increase Skills in STEM, Social-Emotional Learning, Career Readiness & Support Students in Special Education & English Language Learners

WACO, Texas – The Education Service Center Region 12 Technology Foundation recently surprised educators in **12 school districts with nearly $77,000** in grant funds to support educational technology programs. Collectively, these funds will serve 3,783 students in eight area counties. Below is a summary of the awards with links to raw photos and videos.

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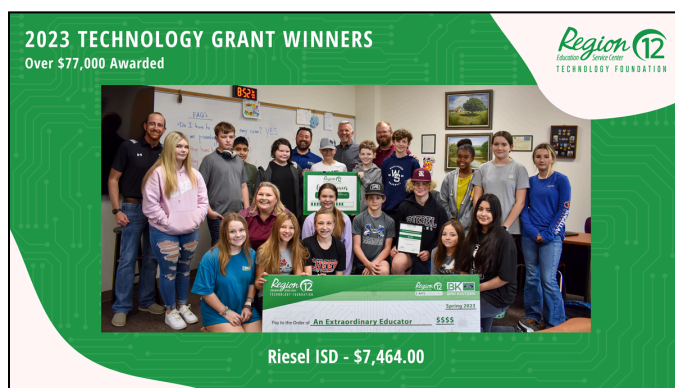
McLennan County
- La Vega ISD's Primary School received $7,775 to provide Bee-bot programmable robots that will introduce young students to coding with the goal of increasing literacy skills through hands-on activities.
- Mart ISD's High School received $4,434 to provide Pocketlab sensors that can measure motion, altitude, light, air quality, weather factors, temperature and more to allow students to collect, analyze and interact with data.
- Riesel ISD's High School received $7,464 to create a career and technical entrepreneurial makerspace for students to apply knowledge and to supply materials to create products.
- Robinson ISD's Primary School received $4,232 - G.E.A.R. (Give Exposure and Access Readily) will provide devices to students who need alternative communication methods due to speech/language deficits, medical conditions or other barriers to communication.

Bell & Coryell Counties
- Academy ISD's Elementary School received $1,376 to provide Storypods, a screen-free, interactive audio device that engages children independently & makes learning fun with stories, songs and lessons in English and Spanish to increase students' academic performance, independence and proficiency in reading.
- Killeen ISD's Oveta Culp Hobby Elementary School received $5,000 to provide technology, such as watches and materials for students to learn emotional self-regulation and coping skills through practice and games.

- [Copperas Cove ISD's House Creek Elementary School received $9,055](#) to build a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math program to offer students opportunities for progressive and continuous STEM education.

Hill & Bosque Counties
- [Hillsboro ISD's Junior High School received $7,216](#) to provide interactive technology to supply English language learners with engaging, targeted lessons.
- [Walnut Springs ISD received $8,400](#) to acquire an interactive projector to facilitate interactive learning in physical education and other electives

Navarro County
- [Rice ISD's Elementary School received $1,073](#) to provide technology to increase language learning skills through fun and interactive software
- [Rice ISD's High School received $1,999](#) to begin a makerspace in the gifted and talented classroom to provide students with opportunities to create and innovate using science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Freestone & Limestone Counties
- [Dew ISD received $9,943](#) to create a robotics lab that will provide students with hands-on inquiry with higher-level technology used in different careers.
- [Groesbeck ISD's H.O. Whitehurst Elementary School received $8,915](#) to provide equipment for teachers to record and analyze their teaching and improve instruction.

"The ESC Region 12 Education Technology Foundation became part of our vision 11 years ago. To present grant money that helps Region 12 schools place instructional technology in the hands of students is an exciting victory," said Jerry Maze, Ed.D., executive director of ESC Region 12. "We are proud to support our schools in their efforts to give all students first-class technology in the classroom."

Including these grants, the ESC Region 12 Technology Foundation has awarded nearly $608,000 to school districts and charter schools, serving 27,349 students in Central Texas.

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