

MEMORANDUM

To: All District and School-Level Administrators and Teachers
From: Dr. Marcia Oglesby, Director, DCSD Grants & Partnerships
Through: Mrs. Jennifer Caracciolo, Interim Chief DCEIP
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Subject: *Funding Focus Friday:* Toshiba America Foundation - Up to \$5K for Grades 6-12

Here's a high-impact funding opportunity designed specifically for middle and high school educators who are ready to elevate STEM instruction through innovative, project-based learning. The [Toshiba America Foundation](#) is accepting applications from grades 6–12 classroom teachers for grants of up to \$5,000 to support creative STEM projects with clear, measurable outcomes. This opportunity provides additional funding for educators looking to test innovative teaching methods, enhance student engagement, and implement new, hands-on learning experiences.

Grant overview:

- Award amount: Up to \$5,000
- Eligible applicants: Classroom teachers in grades 6–12
- Instructional focus: Project-based STEM learning
- [Application deadline:](#) March 1, 2026; Award notifications: By April 15, 2026

[Toshiba America Foundation's](#) grants are for project-based learning and typically do not fund standalone requests for computers, laptops, or tablets. Successful applications will describe the project's innovation, the benefits to students, and how success will be measured.

How this funding can benefit your schools and classrooms:

- Support hands-on STEM projects that strengthen problem-solving, collaboration, and real-world application.
- Fund specialized materials, lab supplies, or instructional resources not typically covered by school budgets.
- Increase student engagement through inquiry-driven, project-based learning experiences
- Expand the impact of STEM instruction by involving multiple classes, grade levels, or community partners.
- Pilot innovative instructional practices that can be shared or scaled across classrooms or schools

To help spark ideas, I encourage you to review examples of recently funded, creative, project-based classroom activities [HERE](#).

This is an excellent opportunity to secure external funding that recognizes teacher innovation, strengthens instruction, and directly benefits our students. Learn more about this grant opportunity [HERE](#). To apply, see [HERE](#).

Remember to follow the [DCSD Grant Guidelines](#) and coordinate with [Grants & Partnerships](#) on next steps. We are here to support you in shaping your ideas and strengthening your submissions. To begin your application, have questions answered, or get experienced advice, email us at grantsandpartnerships@dekalbschoolsga.org.

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Looking for more grant inspiration and options? The full, searchable January 2026 issue of the Monthly Education Grants Alert (MEGA) is available [HERE](#).

Good luck!