



**WACO ISD EDUCATION FOUNDATION
COVER SHEET – PART II
Application for Grant:
2026-2027 Funding Cycle**

Assigned Grant Proposal #: _____

Project Title: _____

Grade Level(s): _____ # of Students DIRECTLY involved: _____

Subject Area(s): _____

Amount Requested: \$ _____

Grant Focus Area(s): In order to be considered, Waco Education Foundation Innovation Grant proposals must fall under one or more of the E4 focus areas: early childhood development, enhanced programming for advanced students, extended education for staff, and emphasis on student performance. NOTE: In addition to meeting one of the E4 focus areas above, grant readers are especially interested in creative and innovative grant requests that target fine arts, STEM, literacy, or enrichment.

(check all that apply)

Early Childhood Development

Enhanced Programming for Advanced Students

Fine Arts

Literacy

Extended Education for Staff

Emphasis on Student Performance

STEM

Enrichment

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Project Description:

This project proposes the purchase and installation of a permanent, in-ground soccer goal to enhance physical education instruction and student enrichment opportunities. The goal will provide students with consistent access to structured, high-quality physical activity that promotes teamwork, perseverance, and healthy habits. By improving outdoor athletic infrastructure, this project supports student wellness, engagement, and social-emotional growth while encouraging active participation during PE classes, recess, and school-wide events. Grant funds will be used to purchase and install a regulation-quality soccer goal from a district-approved vendor, ensuring long-term use and sustainability.

Rationale:

This project aligns with the Waco Education Foundation's focus on student performance and enrichment by supporting physical wellness, engagement, and social-emotional development. It supports campus improvement goals related to student health, attendance, engagement, and positive school culture. While not based on need, this project addresses an opportunity to enhance outdoor learning spaces with durable equipment that allows for structured physical activity and skill development. Access to permanent athletic infrastructure promotes equitable participation, improves PE instruction, and supports whole-child development.

Goals:

- Increase student participation and engagement in physical education and outdoor activities.
- Improve students' teamwork, cooperation, and sportsmanship skills.
- Support physical wellness and healthy habits through structured movement opportunities.
- Provide a safe, permanent athletic structure that can be used consistently across grade levels.

Plan of Operation:

- **Fall 2026:** Purchase and installation of the in-ground soccer goal through a district-approved vendor.
- **Fall–Spring 2026–2027:** Use during PE classes, recess, and enrichment activities.
- **Ongoing:** Integration into school-wide events, student incentive activities, and family engagement opportunities.

Parental and community involvement will be encouraged through family activity nights, school events, and opportunities for families to engage in outdoor wellness activities with students.

Communication & Dissemination:

- Invite the Waco Education Foundation to observe the completed installation and student use.
- Share photos and updates through campus newsletters and district communication platforms.
- Acknowledge the Foundation's support during school-wide events and family activities.

Evaluation:

- Track student participation during PE and recess.
- Collect teacher feedback on student engagement and behavior during physical activity.
- Monitor usage of the soccer goal during instructional and enrichment periods.

Long Term Implications:

The in-ground soccer goal will provide long-term value beyond the grant year. As a permanent installation, it will serve future student cohorts and support sustained physical activity, enrichment, and wellness programming for years to come.

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Key Personnel:

- **Project Coordinator (Myself):** Oversees purchasing, installation, and communication.
- **Physical Education Staff:** Integrate the soccer goal into instruction and enrichment activities.

8. Budget and Budget Narrative/Justification:

Grant funds in the amount of \$5,635.00 are requested to purchase and ship **one permanent, in-ground soccer goal** for student use. The total cost includes \$4,850.00 for the Bison Shootout 4" square aluminum soccer goal and \$785.00 for freight and delivery, for a combined total of \$5,635.00. No sales tax is included or requested in accordance with district purchasing requirements. This regulation-quality soccer goal is designed for long-term durability, safety, and daily instructional use. The permanent, in-ground installation allows consistent access for physical education classes, recess, enrichment activities, and school-wide events. Unlike temporary or portable equipment, this goal provides a stable and safe structure that supports skill development, teamwork, and physical wellness across all grade levels. The investment supports student performance and enrichment by promoting physical activity, collaboration, perseverance, and positive school culture. Because the goal is a permanent installation, it will serve students well beyond the 2026–2027 school year, making it a sustainable and cost-effective use of grant funds. All purchases will be made through a district-approved vendor in compliance with Waco ISD purchasing guidelines.

