

MEMORANDUM

To: All District and School-Level Administrators and Teachers
From: Dr. Marcia Oglesby, *Director, DCSD Grants & Partnerships*
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Subject: *Funding Focus Friday: Kid Spark Education STEM Equity Grants*

The [Kid Spark Education STEM Equity Grants Program](#) can help eligible DCSD schools turn curiosity into confidence by giving young students more opportunities to build, question, solve, discover, and see themselves as future STEM thinkers.

Some of a child's most important academic beliefs take shape early. Long before students choose a pathway, a course, or a career, they decide whether science, technology, engineering, and math feel exciting, possible, and meant for them. For many students, that decision is shaped by access. When students have the chance to design, build, test, code, collaborate, and try again, STEM becomes more than a subject. It becomes a doorway.

The [Kid Spark STEM Equity Grants Program](#) is designed to provide funding to help open the doorway for students in Title I and underserved communities. Priority is given to schools serving large percentages of underserved and underrepresented students.

How this opportunity can benefit students and teachers:

- **Build student confidence early:** Encourages young learners to see that STEM is for every curious mind eager to explore and create.
- **Turns learning into discovery:** Through hands-on work in engineering, robotics, coding, design, invention, and collaborative problem-solving.
- **Strengthens achievement and engagement:** Connects math, science, literacy, creativity, and real-world applications in ways students can see and touch.
- **Supports teachers with practical tools:** Lesson plans, curriculum packets, assessments, student resources, professional learning modules, and implementation support.
- **Expands access to future-ready skills:** In applied mathematics, physics, coding, robotics, rapid prototyping, 3D design, teamwork, communication, and critical thinking.

Grant awards help schools and youth-serving organizations implement Kid Spark STEM programs at reduced cost, with support from their funding partners. Options include hands-on STEM labs, reusable materials, a STEM and literacy curriculum, workbooks, design challenges, coding tutorials, renewable energy lessons, and professional support for educators.

Schools interested in the [Kid Spark Education STEM Equity Grants Program](#) can review the program [HERE](#) and apply [HERE](#).

This opportunity supports [DCSD's 2024-2029 Strategic Plan](#) by promoting Student Academic Success, enhancing digital literacy, and increasing access to high-quality learning experiences. It also

aligns with the District's community engagement goals by connecting schools with partners to remove barriers and create meaningful opportunities for students.

The Department of Grants and Partnerships encourages DCSD educators to pursue this opportunity and bring bold, student-centered ideas to life. Remember to follow the [DCSD Grant Guidelines](#) and coordinate with the [Department of Grants and Partnerships](#) on next steps. To begin your application, have questions answered, or get experienced advice, feel free to email us at grantsandpartnerships@dekalbschoolsga.org.

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Good luck!