

PLEASANT VALLEY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION (PVEF) CLASSROOM GRANT CRITERIA AND RUBRIC for the 2027 -2028 School Year

This is an invitation for Pleasant Valley School District faculty to submit proposals for a classroom grant. The Pleasant Valley Educational Foundation Grants are:

- Up to \$5,000
- Only two criteria
 - Unique and effective
 - Something not supported by your building budget

These grants are designed to assist teachers in determining “best practices” for improving student learning. Teachers observe what they are doing, consider alternatives, examine the potential changes in practice, and share the results with stakeholders.

The grants are not intended to support:

- Travel to professional meetings/conferences
- Release time
- Research done as part of a graduate degree program

Grants receiving priority review will attempt to:

- Improve school climate to enhance student performance
- Improve student mathematics performance
- Improve student reading performance
- Improve student writing performance
- Develop thematic approaches in teaching
- Integrate the use of technology
- Support distance teaching and learning initiatives
- Develop a remediation/intervention model in math, reading, and writing
- Support inclusive practices
- Support music, art, etc.
- Support authors, playwrights, illustrators, etc.
- Provide unique programs that the public could attend with students
- Provide supplies, training, equipment for truly unique educational experiences

Proposals must include a description of the project, evaluation process, and tools to be used to determine the success of the proposal. The application process requires the building principal's signature indicating his/her support of your proposal and must be available to provide an in-person presentation. The rubric that will be used to evaluate each grant application is included in this packet to assist you in the development of your proposal. If you need any assistance, please feel free to contact me.

***Proposals must be submitted electronically to Dr. Jonathan Ayre at the
Pleasant Valley District Office***

SUBMISSION DEADLINE is 4:00 PM ET on DECEMBER 15, 2026!

RUBRIC – Grant Ranking Scale

	5	4	3	2	1
Description of Proposal	Clearly states what will be done in relation to student performance. Grant can accomplish proposal.	Clear, but only somewhat focused on student performance.	Provides an idea of what is to be done, but needs more explanation.	Unclear, but oriented toward student	Unclear proposal.
Outcomes	Provides student oriented, measurable outcomes related to school essential content and state standards. Provides for baseline data.	Provides somewhat student oriented, measurable outcomes related to either school essential content or state standards. Proposal can establish baseline data.	Somewhat measurable, slightly related to school or state standards.	Difficult to measure, only somewhat related to school essential content or state standards.	Unclear, not measurable, not related to school or state standards.
Evaluation	Well-described evaluation plan demonstrating improved student performance. Can be accomplished in time frame.	Well-described evaluation plan demonstrating improved student performance. No time frame provided.	Evaluation plan needs expansion. No time frame provided.	Evaluation plan does not include student performance expectations.	Not sure what is being measured.
Budget	Budgeted items clearly support the objective to improve student learning. Figures are accurate and totals are correct. Proposal includes details of items to be purchased.	Budgeted items clearly support the objectives to improve student learning. Not enough accurate financial information.	Budget items not clearly supportive of the objectives to improve student learning.	With some imagination can see the relationship to the project.	Budgeted items do not support the objectives to improve student learning.
General	Proposal meets all 5 criteria listed below: 1. Form is complete. 2. Principal's signature for support is included. 3. Proposal clearly addresses one or more of the grant criteria. 4. Project is sustainable beyond the funding year. 5. Project may be expanded to other classes.	Proposal meets four out of the five criteria listed under five.	Proposal meets three out of the five criteria listed under five.	Proposal meets two out of the five criteria listed under five.	Proposal does not meet the criteria for funding through this project.