



MINOT PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION

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Who we are.

- The Minot Public School Foundation (MPSF) is a 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1993. Its mission is to engage the entire community in supporting progress and excellence in the Minot Public School District.
- The MPSF continues to unite its community and alumni network to support and prioritize educational experiences, foster innovative learning, and ensure the success of every Minot Public Schools student.



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CLASSROOM INNOVATION GRANT



What we do and how. Classroom Innovation Grants.

- Classroom Innovation Grants provide resources for innovative projects not typically funded by district, state, or federal funds.
- They allow Minot Public School teachers to pilot new ideas or enhance existing programs, fostering student engagement and achievement.
- 40 Classroom Innovation Grants have been awarded to Minot Public Schools over the past 3 years.
- Some of the most recent grant recipients were Hoeven Elementary's Botanist Club and FIRST Robotics Club/Syber Sentinels at Minot North.



Spanish Novels

- Over 60% of the MPS students that English is a second language for are Spanish. Novels were purchased to help with 4th grade reading curriculum.
- Pictures of the students were unavailable; however, the Lewis and Clark 4th grade teachers, Leslie Knutson and Macie Henjum, that received this grant sent us this picture the day they received their grant check. With the caption Excited Teachers.
- Not only do Classroom Innovation grants help students the grants also support teachers. Who often fund such projects with their own personal funds.

Sensory Space

- Central Middle school was in need of a sensory room.
- Many students have sensory and behavioral needs.
- A sensory space is a safe place for the students to go when they need help with sensory regulation.
- Students use the room to help regulate themselves and are learning to advocate for a sensory break when needed.



Hoeven Elementary Botanist Club

Received a grant to purchase a hydroponic grow tower.



FIRST Robotics Club at Minot North

- Classroom innovation grant funded a robot that the students of the FIRST Robotics Club will take to an international competition.
- First Robotics club is for students that show an interest in engineering, mechanics, and design.

