



ABC Unified School District
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**ABC Education Foundation to Provide \$61,359 in Grants
2022-2023 Mini-Grant Recipients Announced**

The ABC Education Foundation completed its ninth annual mini-grant program to support classrooms and programs in the ABC Unified School District. Thanks to generous donors, the Foundation provided a record \$61,359 to awardees, funding projects at 16 ABCUSD schools, and three programs that will impact all elementary schools or all schools within the District. Highlights from some of the 2022-2023 grants include:

- Toyota Tundra Grants given to Carmenita Middle School for the school's TV production & managerial arts pathway, and Whitney High School for microscope modernization
- Greg Lewis STEM Grants given to Palms Elementary School for science lab supplies, and Whitney High School for light-wave experiment equipment
- Giordano Family Grant to Whitney High School's Learning Chinese Culture Through Dumpling Making program
- Play-based centers for TK students at Stowers Elementary to promote early academic skills
- A new permanent sound system for the music room at Tetzlaff Middle School
- Supplies for small-group learning and reading at Willow Elementary School
- A new garden for Elliott Elementary School
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy supplies for ABCUSD Mental Health Professionals impacting all ABCUSD elementary and middle schools
- Project Body, Mind, and Affirmation program to teach and practice healthy habits at Gahr High School

“We are so proud to support the students of ABC through these grants,” said Foundation Chair Joseph Porter. “Our amazing donors have provided us with the means to help teachers and staff give students the educational and emotional support they need to be successful.”

Thanks to a contribution from AutoNation Toyota Cerritos, the Foundation’s 2022 Donor of the Year, the Toyota of Cerritos Tundra Grant Program was created to provide up to two \$10,000 grants each year. Their donation is also providing significant support for other Foundation programs over the next five years..

“We simply can’t thank the ABC Education Foundation and its donors enough for all they do for our students,” said Interim Superintendent Toan Nguyen. “Our partnership with the Foundation enhances our already high-quality curriculum, giving students additional support and encouragement.”

The ABC Education Foundation distributed the grant funds to the schools at the organization’s annual Donor Acknowledgement and Grant Awardee Event held on Monday, March 6, 2023, at the ABCUSD District Office.

About the ABC Education Foundation

The ABC Education Foundation was founded in 2011 to support all ABCUSD schools with funding for programs in education where State funding falls short. Since inception, the Foundation has funded over \$512,000 in total programs. The annual mini-grant program (started in 2013) makes up \$323,366 of the total dollars funded. The Foundation also provides backpacks for financially disadvantaged students each school year full of school supplies and has distributed over 7,450 backpacks in ABCUSD. Most recently the backpack drive evolved into a program called SEED (School Essentials for Education Drive) where teachers, administrators and mental health professionals in ABCUSD can make individual requests for a student with financial need or their classroom’s social-emotional needs from the Foundation. The Foundation also helped secure \$3.5 million in additional grants for the district. Learn more about the ABC Education Foundation at abcedfoundation.org.