

Get to know the NEF!

The Needham Education Foundation (NEF) awards grants to fund innovative and enriching programs in the Needham Public Schools.



VOX Books that Talk



History at Play



Hispanic Literacy Expansion

What kinds of grants does the NEF fund?

The NEF funds ideas that are innovative, enriching, and impactful. Last year the NEF funded 26 grants in all eight NPS schools. The grants were incredibly diverse, ranging from author visits, and reading, math, and STEM materials, to diversity and project based learning professional development. In the current environment, the NEF knows that funding needs may be different - we are committed to finding innovative ways to support the district this year.

Doesn't the school district pay for these programs?

The NEF specifically seeks to fund ideas that are new and outside the scope of the public school budget. Often, a new program will be piloted through an NEF grant and then, once successful, incorporated into the school curriculum. Middle School advisories, Smartboards and iPads, and Responsive Classroom all started as NEF grants.

Who can apply for an NEF grant?

While the majority of our applications come from NPS staff and administrators, we also accept applications from students, parents and community members. We believe great ideas can come from everyone!

How does the NEF fund grants?

We are a non-profit organization that relies on **donations from the community**.

What is the best way to support the NEF?

There are two easy ways to support us:

- Give directly at nefneedham.org
- Purchase **Gift for Education Cards** in honor of a teacher, on sale in December and June

Thanks to the support of families like yours, the NEF has funded over **700 grants** totaling over **\$3.2 million** in the last 30 years!

See what the NEF has funded on the next page.

Did you know the NEF funded all of these programs?

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Skills & Thrills Summer Reading
Murals and School Gardens
Sphero SPRK Robotic Balls
Diverse Classroom Libraries
Eine Kleine Konsort Recorder Workshops
Breakout EDU Kits
Kindergarten Math Backpacks
Let's Build Engineering
UDA Guest Performers
Standing Desks and Alternative Seating
One-room School House curriculum
Amazing Nano Brothers

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Social Media Workshops
Outdoor Learning Program
Stagecraft Theater Program
App for Struggling Readers
High Rock Creation Lab
Augmented Reality Topographic Maps
Bringing Greek Archaeology Alive
Launching Scholars Program

HIGH SCHOOL

Digital Magazines
Engineering Design 101
Mindfulness Equipment
Local Author panels
Own Your Own Piece/Peace Sculpture
Da Vinci Lab
Greater Boston Project
Creating Virtual Reality
Challenge Day
Steps to Success Program

ALL SCHOOLS

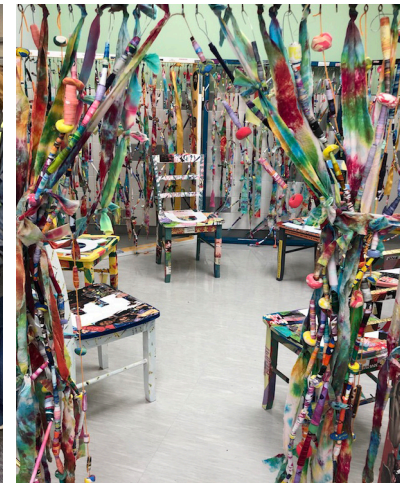
Starlab® Portable Planetarium
Portable Video Studios
Narrowing the Achievement Gap

COMMUNITY

PTC Educational Film Series
Needham Talks Speaker Series
Flipped Classrooms & Broken Silos
Panel Discussion



Author Jen Deaderick



Making Space

WATCH FOR THESE GRANTS COMING SOON!

Calming Stations (Broadmeadow)

Sensory Pathways (Eliot & Mitchell)

African Drums (Pollard)

PLUS:

Terraponic Grow Rack (High School)

Imagination Playground Block Set (Sunita Williams)

Mindfulness Workshops (High Rock)

Math Puzzles and Games (Mitchell)

Vox Books that Talk! (Broadmeadow, Eliot & Newman)

....AND MORE!



Exploring Robotics