



**CUERO ISD EDUCATION FOUNDATION  
GRANTS AWARDED 2016**

GRANT	CAMPUS	AMOUNT FUNDED	COMMENTS
1. As It Is Outside, So It Shall Be Inside: Creation of the Cuero Winter Guard and Cuero Indoor Percussion Theater	CJHS CHS	\$4,974.50	The band department would like to form a winter guard and indoor drum line, which would provide Cuero Junior High and Cuero High School band students an opportunity to expand their musical abilities through another avenue of performance. These ensembles will allow students to improve on sight reading skills, musical expression, and kinesthetic movement through musical interpretation.
2. CHS Forensic Files Presents: Gobbler Crime Scene Investigation	CHS	\$4,689.08	Crime Scene Investigation is coming to Cuero High School! Students learn how to document a crime scene using photography in Forensic Science class. Forensic photography involves learning how to use the camera and how to photograph the evidence and crime scene. Current and former students in Forensic Science and Criminal Justice courses are eligible to participate in the new club SKILLS USA. In SKILLS USA one of the competitions involves a team of students processing a crime scene. Digital cameras are an essential tool needed for this competition. Teams that do well then progress to state competitions.
3. Fish Camp 2016	CHS	\$2,780.74	Recognizing that transitioning to ninth grade is a critical time for students entering high school, Cuero ISD Student Services in partnership with Cuero High School would like to provide a one-day summer camp for the incoming freshmen during the Summer of 2016. The goal of the camp would be to help the incoming freshman adjust to the new pressures and changes they will be facing.
4. Gobbler Pride Day 2016	CHS	\$4,916.78	The purpose of Gobbler Pride Day is to promote Perseverance, Responsibility, Integrity, Discipline, and Excellence among the students of Cuero High School. Gobbler Pride Day was originally implemented to offer students the tools necessary to make better decisions during celebratory moments in life such as Spring Break, prom, and graduation. It is our hope that the topics discussed on this day will encourage students to make wise choices during these times and beyond.

5. LEGO STEAM Club	Hunt	\$4,985.05	Today, educators are preparing elementary students for a world of technology that does not yet exist. Students must be able to tackle difficult challenges, think critically, build projects, and collaborate with peers. Students need these 21st century skills to be successful. Hunt Elementary has decided to begin an after school LEGO "STEAM" Club that focuses on building these 21st century skills with students through structured curriculum and building projects. In Club meetings, students will work with their peers and instructors to build small machines like motorized cars, build structures like bridges and towers, and tackle early level robotics concepts.
6. Lend A Helping Hand 2016-17	All	\$2,000.00	The purpose of the "Lend A Helping Hand" grant is to assist poverty-stricken students with items that are needed to help meet their basic human needs in order to enhance their learning and participation in the classroom.
7. Let's Get Hired	CHS	\$462.80	Students will collaborate with local businesses to host a job fair. Local businesses will be able to promote their businesses and entry-level job openings, and students will be able to promote the Career Preparation Work Program. Additionally, by working with local business owners, students will learn communication, organization, and employability skills, which will serve them well as they continue their education and/or transition into the workforce.
8. Printing Our World	CIS	\$4,132.56	3-Dimensional printing brings elements of every core classroom field into one product (math, science, social studies, and arts). Designing and producing a 3-dimensional object through apps and software stretches creativity, ingenuity, spatial reasoning, and critical thinking skills. A crucial part of creating any object (a "print") is the trial-and-error process students engage in with their teacher. The process examines how or why a "print" would not succeed and how a "print" can be made successful. Examples of classroom related prints are: (A) moving and mechanical parts like cogs, (B) structures like bridges or landmarks, or (C) characters or objects from within stories read or written by students.

<p><b>9. Reading Is FUNdamental</b></p>	<p>JCF Hunt</p>	<p>\$1,410.00</p>	<p>Reading is Fundamental (RIF) is a book distribution program that expanded across the nation to provide free books to children to start their own home library. In 1975, U.S. Congress began providing federal matching funds to sites that applied and qualified for the RIF National Program. Cuero ISD started this program in the late 1970's and local supporters matched federal funds. In 2012 federal funds were cut, but the District's RIF program was able to continue with local supporters sponsoring book distributions. The CISD Education Foundation will be the sole sponsor of the book distribution scheduled for February 2016 as a result of this grant.</p>
<p><b>10. Rising Up Coaching Program</b></p>	<p>CHS</p>	<p>\$4,392.00</p>	<p>The Rising Up program will extend the outreach of counselors by training selected 11th graders to serve as "coaches" for our younger students (9th graders), especially those who are at-risk of dropping out or who are struggling with performance, teen angst, and other relational issues. The curriculum modules will cover high-need topics such as building relationships, decision making, goal setting, making good choices, overcoming adversity and more.</p>
<p><b>11. Science Giants Children's Discovery Museum</b></p>	<p>CIS</p>	<p>\$4,199.88</p>	<p>Imagine a Science Giants Discovery Center where Cuero ISD youth experience science in interactive, engaging, and student-driven exhibits strategically chosen to teach key Texas essential knowledge and skills. With a combination of hands-on and "tech"-on exhibits, students will have a variety of learning options. Students can attend the discovery center during the school day, afterschool tutorials/ exploration, and summer enrichment. Utilizing Dell XPS18 all-in-one computers, students will have access to a variety of interactive science learning exhibits with flexible use in the discovery center and in the classroom.</p>
<p><b>12. Stars for STAAR</b></p>	<p>CJHS</p>	<p>\$4,999.00</p>	<p>The STARS for STARR project is designed to create a junior high full of exuberant students interested in the heavens above. That interest will spill over into other areas in science. Once students peer through the computerized goto telescope, they'll be hooked and want to see more. It is our hope to awaken an insatiable interest in science among the students, parents, and staff. We believe that a heightened interest in science will lead to higher student achievement in the classroom and on the 8th grade science STARR test.</p>

<p><b>13. We've Come A Long Way Baby! This Is NOT Your Grandma's Science Class!</b></p>	<p>CHS</p>	<p>\$4,966.97</p>	<p>Science lab experiments today strive to be interesting, stimulating, and engaging. After all, this is what makes science fun and what makes millennial science labs not the lab your grandma had. Data collection devices and sensors make lab time hands-on and 100% engaging. Sensors in the science lab allow us to measure and observe processes such as photosynthesis, cell respiration, the transport of molecules, and much, much more. Data collection is further enhanced in CISD due to iPad one to one and streaming of data to every iPad in the classroom. There has never been a better time to have access to these technologies in the lab.</p>
<p><b>14. Whose DNA is this anyway? The Biotechnology Rave of the Future!</b></p>	<p>CHS</p>	<p>\$4,995.00</p>	<p>Guilty or innocent? This DNA belongs to? Many times the answer to these questions comes from lab experiments and procedures that compare and analyze DNA containing fluids or tissues. Remember the OJ Simpson trial and the tests used to analyze the DNA in the case of the century? With this biotechnology equipment of PCR's, which amplify a DNA sample, and Gel Electrophoresis, which can compare DNA samples, students at CHS can have hands-on experience in cutting edge technology and potential hot careers. These experiments are used in labs all over the world everyday to solve cold cases, convict the guilty, or exonerate the innocent.</p>
<p><b>TOTAL AMOUNT FUNDED</b></p>		<p><b>\$53,904.36</b></p>	