

# Franklin-Simpson Educational Excellence Foundation, Inc.

## GRANT APPLICATION COVER PAGE

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**Applicant Name & Position:** Atalie Jones, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Teacher

**School/Organization Involved:** Simpson Elementary, Simpson County Schools

**Amount Requested:** \$7600

**Purpose of Funding:** 30 Chromebooks and Cart

**Targeted Grade Levels:** PreK-K 1-3 4-5 6-8 9-12 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Students/Persons Affected by Grant:** 24 homeroom students, 30 math students, 30 reading students

**Academic Area:** Reading Language Arts Social Studies Math  
Science Fine arts Community Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief Summary of Project (2 - 3 Sentences):**

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**Grant Cycle Submitted:** Feb. April Sept. Nov.

### Required Signatures

**Simpson County Schools:**

**Principal/Supervisor** [Signature] **Date** 7/11/19

**Superintendent** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Community Organizations:**

**Grant Preparer** [Signature] **Title** Teacher **Date** 7/11/2019

**Board Representative** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

#### **A. Narrative:**

1) a. Simpson County's Schools vision statement is "To be a world-class educational system empowering all students to graduate LIFE-READY!" To an elementary teacher, this challenge can be daunting. With the traditional classroom of students sitting in a desk, this responsibility would be hopeless. However, with high-quality, student-centered learning that is tailored to the individual student's needs and interests, the task becomes possible. The mission statement of the district is "To develop all children to their fullest potential and prepare them for the next level of life!" As a third grade teacher, that means I am responsible for helping all my students not only achieve the grade level standards, but also help them engage in learning that goes beyond the traditional textbook. To meet the demands of a technology world, it is my responsibility to integrate technology in the academic curriculum so that my students will be prepared for the next level of life!

b. Simpson Elementary School has purchased each team of teachers a cart of chromebooks. We are so excited about this resource, however, each teacher only has the chromebook cart one time a week. Our school also purchased the Successmaker program for our students. This program uses formative assessments to adjust instruction as the student advances through the program as well as provides intervention for skills as needed. It is recommended that all students complete twenty minutes 3X a week to help increase their scores and supplement classroom activities. With only having the chromebooks one day a week, it is often difficult to meet the programs' allotted time needed for student advancement and success. I have also created a google classroom website for my students. My students have the opportunity to collaborate with peers to help improve their writing process. With google classroom I can give students ongoing simultaneous feedback and they are able to see their revisions to show the improvement in their writing from the beginning of the year to the end. My students are able to create amazing presentations that incorporate research tools that allow them to drag and drop pictures as well as search quotes that help bring their presentations to life. With this technology at our fingertips, I have been able to embed videos and presentations to share with my students. The google classroom has also been a great way for students to stay on top of their lessons if they have to be out of school for some reason. Having a chromebook cart in my classroom would allow my students to have access of this individualized learning on a daily basis and would help to prepare them for fourth grade as well as the next level of life!

2) With having access to a chromebook cart in my classroom on a daily basis, I would be able to incorporate my google classroom into all subjects. This would give the students exposure to an online learning management system that many high school and colleges now use. Getting the students acclimated to it at an early age would alleviate the stress as they get older. This would also allow for my students to better meet the expectations for SuccessMaker. Instead of only being able to have all of my students on SuccessMaker one day a week, I will be better able to incorporate SuccessMaker throughout our week. I would also be able to incorporate Schoology. With Schoology, I can link my Google Classroom, set up class assignments (multiple choice quizzes, exit tickets, writing assignments), and have students

complete summative assessments. Having one-to-one access to technology **daily** can better help me differentiate for all of my students. I can link helpful videos, exercises, practice exercises and games for each student's need. With this individualization, I will be able to take my students where they currently are and move them to our goal of being fourth grade ready. I am most excited about the opportunity of collaboration and engagement between my students. With having access to a chromebook daily, my students will be able to collaborate on Google Slides to create presentations, Google Forms to create surveys and analyze results and Google Docs to research information to share with their classmates. My students will be able to share documents with the teacher and classmates as well as comment on new learning. I am excited to be able to offer this experience to our Simpson County students to help them grow utilizing technology.

3) I plan to begin implementing instruction using the chromebooks as soon as they are purchased. I already have a google classroom set up that I will be using weekly in my classroom with the sets that will be shared by each team. I will share the information with parents at Simpson Elementary's open house in August so that students can already begin getting comfortable with the website. By the end of the year, my students will be able to independently complete assignments and tasks through Google Classroom. Students will also be more prepared to use Schoology at Lincoln. They will gain an understanding of proper ways to use technology as well as be able to see how technology can be used for academic purposes.

4) Technology is a powerful tool for teachers to be able to engage students with new knowledge and experiences. My expectations are to have a Google Classroom that allows my students to communicate and collaborate through technology. I will be able to share documents and resources to my students, assign classroom work, provide immediate feedback and bring my lessons to life. By using this type of technology, I will be able to empower my students to become more independent and self-sufficient. By giving them this type of opportunity, they will become more confident in their learning as well as build skills that will help them as they get older. STEM(Science, Technology, Education and Mathematics) professions continue to rise and teachers are challenged to have students be able to problem solve as well as create projects within each of these areas. With having chromebooks accessible daily in my classroom, I will be able to provide these opportunities for my students. Simpson Elementary has recently developed grade readiness standards. These standards give parents and teachers a guide to where the child needs to be before moving on to the next grade level. With a classroom set of chromebooks, I will be able to not only track my student's progress, but I will be able to implement lessons that will help them to achieve this goal. Based on the third grade report card and fourth grade readiness standards, I will be able to measure each individual student's success and share with parents during Parent/Teacher Conferences. I participate in student led conferences and I plan for each of my students to be able to articulate their progress throughout the year. Having the easy access to chromebooks will ensure my students can self monitor their progress as well as articulate it to their parents.

## **B. Evaluation**

1) The success of this grant will be evaluated by using Simpson County's RtI process. Students are given the STAR assessment three times a year. The first assessment will be given in September to get a baseline. Student growth will be measured when the students take the assessment again in December and in April to compare their growth. Simpson Elementary also uses Aimsweb plus. This program has weekly screeners that allows the teacher to quickly monitor the student's level of knowledge in reading and math. The set of standards helps to uncover learning gaps, identify at-risk students as well as assess individual growth. I plan to use both of these assessments to monitor student growth throughout the year. Having the chromebooks accessible to all students in my classroom, will also allow me to monitor my students learning through formative assessments. Using Google forms will allow me to quickly poll the students on knowledge they have learned during class. The Google form will quickly analyze the results and inform me which students have achieved the standard as well as which students may need remediation before moving on. Having this quick analysis will allow me to change my lesson to meet the individual needs of all my students.

## **C. Budget**

1) Because Simpson Elementary utilized flexible grouping to help meet the needs of all students, our class size changes depending on the tier the student is in. I would like to purchase 30 chromebooks to ensure that all students have access to a technology device. We currently have Dell Chromebooks and our students are familiar with the operation of this device. I would also like to purchase a chromebook cart so that the devices can charge when they are not in use, but also they can be locked in the cart for safekeeping. There are many apps that I will be able to download that will go with the Google Classroom for free to enhance the student's learning. I contacted Mr. Scot Perdue to get an estimate on the price for the individual chromebooks as well as the cart.

2) I am not seeking any other funding sources, but Simpson Elementary has provided Chromebook carts that each team currently shares.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Number Requested</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Google Chromebook	\$225.00	30	\$6750
Self Charging Storage Cart	\$700.00	1	\$700
Shipping Estimate			\$150

**D. Application Summary**

The mission of the Franklin Simpson Educational Excellence Foundation, Inc. is “to supplement existing educational opportunities through funding to educators and community organizations in order to facilitate effective learning.” By supplying chromebooks to Simpson County classrooms, the Franklin Simpson Educational Excellence Foundation is not only facilitating effective learning, but you are providing an opportunity for students to develop 21st century skills that are necessary to be successful in today’s world. The classroom experiences aren’t about memorizing multiplication facts or vocabulary words, but it is about empowering our students to be able to solve complex problems and collaborate with peers to be successful in the work community. By providing this resource to our students, you have contributed to Simpson County preparing our students “To be a world-class educational system empowering all students to graduate LIFE-READY!”