

Franklin-Simpson Educational Excellence Foundation, Inc.

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Applicant Name & Position: Sabrina Bowen, kindergarten teacher

School/Organization Involved: Franklin Elementary

Amount Requested: 1500.00

Purpose of Funding: BrainPop Jr. computer program

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

Number of Students/Persons Affected by Grant: 250

Academic Area: Reading Language Arts Social Studies Math
Science Fine arts Community Other: _____

Brief Summary of Project (2 - 3 Sentences): We are hoping to use BrainPop Jr in all kindergarten classrooms this school year. We use it to teach all core subjects. It is interactive and the students are engaged when utilizing the programs.

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Grant Cycle Submitted: Feb. April Sept. Nov.

Required Signatures

Simpson County Schools:

Principal/Supervisor Rachel Wright **Date** 8-8-19

Superintendent _____ **Date** _____

Community Organizations:

Grant Preparer _____ **Title** _____ **Date** _____

Board Representative _____ **Title** _____ **Date** _____

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BrainPop Jr. Grant Application

Sabrina Bowen,
Kindergarten Teacher,
Franklin Elementary
Simpson County Schools

August 2019

Narrative:

In Simpson County, kindergarten is the beginning of an incredible school journey. Kindergarten teachers strive everyday to give their students the best educational experience possible. Each teacher carries out the vision of Simpson County Schools every day in her classroom. We are all working towards a goal “to be a world-class educational system empowering all students to graduate LIFE-READY, academically and socially prepared for college and/or careers.” We begin this in kindergarten by teaching a variety of content each day.

As kindergarten teachers, we introduce new concepts daily, almost hourly, to our students. Each day, we cover multiple subjects in our classroom: writing, reading, math, science, and social studies. Kindergarten is the only grade level, other than preschool, where the individual teacher gives instruction for all core areas to her classroom. It is difficult to find technology and computer programs geared to five and six year olds. BrainPop Jr. has proved to be the most age appropriate and beneficial computer program for our students. My students last year would often ask when introducing a new topic, “is there a brainpop video for this?” The videos are short and simple, they keep the students’ attention. Also, sometimes at the end of the day, I would play one of the science videos before dismissal just to give a little more knowledge on topics.

Brainpop Jr. has introductory videos, formative assessments, games, and printables all geared towards the younger elementary grades. At Franklin Elementary, we use the program daily, sometimes several times a day, to introduce topics and activate prior knowledge. We utilize it to begin units on various topics. For example, for the first day of school, there is a video introducing children to kindergarten. It includes kindergarten vocabulary, writing and drawing prompts, and kindergarten comprehension questions (both lower and higher level questions). For language, there are 53 videos/topics with the same components as the previously mentioned “kindergarten” lesson. For mathematics, BrainPop Jr. offers 56 videos and

lessons. Other core areas covered in BrainPop Jr. are art/technology, science, health, and social studies. BrainPop Jr. offers a vast amount of instructional videos for our kindergarten students.

The anticipated goals and outcomes for BrainPop Jr. would be that all kindergarten students will gain more knowledge on topics covered in kindergarten. The students will show understanding and knowledge through observations and the STAR testing system used in kindergarten. BrainPop Jr. will add to the students' educational experiences.

Evaluation:

Goals and outcomes will be monitored through observations and learning checks in the classroom. They will also be measured through the STAR test given monthly to kindergarten students. Anecdotal notes will be taken to monitor progress.

Budget:

According to Michelle Humphrey, Franklin Elementary bookkeeper, the estimated cost of BrainPop Jr. for this school year will be approximately \$1500.00. The cost was \$1500.00 for the 2018-2019 school year and the cost tends to go up slightly each year.

Summary:

In summary, BrainPop Jr. is used daily in all kindergarten classrooms. It's very kid friendly and engaging to our students. It teaches multiple levels and puts visuals with new vocabulary words. It encourages our students to be more involved with student-led technology through the provided interactive games and quizzes. BrainPop Jr. explains subject matter appropriately to our kindergarten audience and can be used in all classroom settings. This program is very beneficial to the instruction in all areas at Franklin Elementary. It adds to the learning experience for our students and is evident by the smiles on the students' faces and the added knowledge they gain. My students last year would often ask when

introducing a new topic, “is there a brainpop video for this?” The videos are short and simple, they keep the students’ attention.