



Kenton County School District | *It's about ALL kids.*

**THE KENTON COUNTY BOARD OF
EDUCATION**

1055 EATON DRIVE, FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY
41017

TELEPHONE: (859) 344-8888 / FAX: (859) 344-1531

WEBSITE: www.kenton.kyschools.us

Dr. Henry Webb, Superintendent of Schools

KCSD ISSUE PAPER

DATE:

January 30, 2018

AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):

Simon Kenton High School Media Arts team, Drama Club and CAPPIES apply for the Educational Theatre Foundation Grant for High School theatre program.

APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:

Ch. 10- Community Relations. 10.3 Relationships with other organizations

HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

This is a contest/grant opportunity for our theatre students to win a \$10,000 grant for a theatre program. Schools have to submit a 2 minute video (created by SK Media Arts students who are a part of the theatre program, a 500-word essay, written by a CAPPIES team member and approval from the principal.

FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:

There is no cost to apply.

RECOMMENDATION:

As principal I support Ms. Lewis applying for this grant to enhance our theatre program.

CONTACT PERSON:

Leann Lewis-Simon Kenton High School-Media Arts Teacher and SK Theater Audience Member.
leann.lewis@kenton.kyschools.us


Principal


Director


Superintendent

Use this form to submit your request to the Superintendent for items to be added to the Board Meeting Agenda.

Principal –complete, print, sign and send to your Director. Director –if approved, sign and put in the Superintendent's mailbox.

Kenton County Board of Education

Board Members: Carl Wicklund, Chairperson Karen L. Collins, Vice Chairperson Joshua Crabtree, Esq. Carla Egan Jessica Jehn
"The Kenton County Board of Education provides *Equal Education & Employment Opportunities.*"



(<https://educationaltheatrefoundation.org>)



NBC's R.I.S.E. America to support high school theatre programs with \$500,000 in grants

NBC partners with the Educational Theatre Foundation to provide \$10,000 grants to 50 high schools across the country

Opportunity

Inspired by the network's upcoming Jason Katims drama "Rise," which premieres Tuesday, March 13 and follows the effects a high school theatre department has on its surrounding community, NBC is launching R.I.S.E. America (<https://youtu.be/A4QL0F94odo>), a program that grants a half-million dollars to high school theatre programs across the country.

R.I.S.E. (Recognizing and Inspiring Student Expression) America will award 50 high schools a \$10,000 grant that will enable them to enhance or revitalize their theatre programs. The winning schools can use the grant money to cover various critical needs, including master classes and production expenses.

This story could be yours...

The \$10,000 grant can be used for a myriad of opportunities in the 2018 calendar year. Examples of the uses of funding include:

- **Production** – Fund a production, purchase critical theatrical equipment and/or supplies (lighting, sound equipment, costumes), and/or underwrite your first full play or your first musical.
- **Student experience** – Open students' eyes and inspire them with exposure to new experiences: a field trip to a professional theatre production, attendance at a state theatre conference or national theatre festival with interactions from industry professionals and students from other regions.
- **Teacher development** – Provide professional mentoring and resources to empower the educator to expand the theatre program. For example, fund a master class with teacher visits; training sessions with professional technical directors, writers, choreographers, and set designers; travel costs for a teacher to attend professional development conferences.

Apply for the R.I.S.E. America grant by sharing how your theatre program could benefit from receiving \$10,000. Applications will be judged on a combination of compelling stories, financial need, and potential impact to the school theatre program.

Application deadline is February 6, 2018.

The first 5 schools to apply will receive a show poster signed by the RISE cast.

*Any school that applies by January 22, 2018 will be entered in a drawing
for additional prizing.*

All high schools nationwide are eligible to apply for the grant. Winning schools will be announced mid-March. Timing is subject to change. For questions, please contact us at grants@edtf.org (<mailto:grants@edtf.org>).

R.I.S.E. — Recognizing & Inspiring Student Expression

R.I.S.E. America - Grant Application Form

Please tell us why your high school should be awarded a R.I.S.E. America grant, and how your program would benefit from receiving \$10,000 this year. Every high school nationwide is welcome to apply. Applications will be judged on a combination of compelling stories, financial need, and overall potential impact.

If interested in applying for this grant, please begin the registration process by completing the application form below. Your grant application will be eligible only if all required form fields have been completed.

Deadline to submit is Tuesday, February 6 at midnight (pacific time).

School Details

Full Legal School Name

School Type

☐ Public ☐ Private

Address

Is your school designated as a school-wide Title I institution, as defined by the U.S. Department of Education?

☐ Yes ☐ No

What percentage of your served students have been identified as members of low-income families?

N/A

School Enrollment
Total current enrollment

School Website
<https://www.example.org>

School's Theatre Website
(if applicable)

Does your school have an active Thespian Troupe?
It is not necessary to have an active Thespian Troupe to be eligible for the grant

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you do have an active Thespian Troupe, please enter the number here

Who will be responsible for executing/managing the \$10,000 grant?

Name

Official Title
The leader must be an employee of the school/district. It cannot be a parent or student.

Contact Phone

Email

Proposal Request

In 500 words or less, summarize the key theatre program challenges and barriers, and explain how \$10,000 would fundamentally enhance your operations, inspire your students and position your school for long-term educational success.

Words left: 500/500

Total theatre program annual budget

Upload a letter of recommendation from an administrator endorsing your application:
Principal, school board member, department head

Upload

Create and share a video link (two minutes or less) that helps bring your story to life for NBC and ETF. Schools are encouraged to showcase the talent and inspiration that comprises their theatre arts program here. Please upload to YouTube or Vimeo using the non-public settings. For YouTube it's "unlisted" for Vimeo it's a "private link".

NBC submission terms

I agree to the NBC submission terms.

ETF program terms

I

I agree to the ETF program terms.

Send R.I.S.E. America Grant Application Clear fields and begin application process again