

Franklin-Simpson Educational Excellence Foundation, Inc.
GRANT APPLICATION COVER PAGE

Applicant Name & Position: Emily Thornton, 2nd grade teacher (*on behalf of 2nd grade team, consisting of 5 total educators*)

School/Organization Involved: Simpson Elementary School

Amount Requested: \$2,904.40

Purpose of Funding: To purchase Apple iPads and Apple Pencils for our entire team, giving each of the five teachers their own iPad and Apple Pencil to improve the quality of their instruction, specifically for math content.

Targeted Grade Levels: 2nd

Number of Students/Persons Affected by Grant: This year alone, at least 110 students will be positively impacted by this grant, in addition the educators who will be using the product purchased by the grant. However, this technology will last years and will positively impact students in future years as well.

Academic Area: Reading Language Arts, Math

Brief Summary of Project: This project of integrating the new technology will make our lessons more interactive and allow students to have less distractions in the classroom so that they are all in an environment where they are able to learn best. We feel as if we owe our students that. Through the use of the iPad and Apple Pencils, it would allow us to model for students and also allow students to see and demonstrate knowledge gained to classmates and us as teachers.

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Grant Cycle Submitted: September 2026

Required Signatures

Simpson County Schools:

Principal/Supervisor  Date 8/5/26

Superintendent _____ Date _____

Community Organizations:

Grant Preparer _____ Title _____ Date _____

Board Representative _____ Title _____ Date _____

1. **School Mission:** At Simpson Elementary, our mission is to spark each student to be ready for success.

How the project will carry out the mission:

At SES, we strive to help our students succeed and be life ready in many ways. We, as second grade teachers, hold our students to high expectations and try to always incorporate the newest technology. Through the purchase of these Apple iPads and Apple Pencils, we would be able to deliver a hands on approach within our math classrooms. Currently, we are switching back and forth between a document camera trying to model problems and whiteboards in the back of the classroom. The delay of time and how students have to turn to face different ways when switching platforms causes talking and disruptions. This will make it easier for students to follow along and keep up with us as we go. These iPads would create a smooth transition to further student success.

Another perk of these iPads will be being able to print the day's lesson and content for students that are absent or for students struggling and need that further practice. This is much more time efficient rather than copying the content down for those students several times.

Lastly, students would be exposed to additional technology, but also students would be able to see our work alongside their work in a much more clean, efficient, time saving manner. Additionally, ELA is another subject that would benefit from this! Students often need sentence starters modeled in front of them. With these iPads and Apple Pencils, we would be able to directly model and mark up documents without the break of students turning to look at the whiteboard or the minutes it takes to get our document cameras pulled up and distractions/conversations stopped.

We believe this is something that will help our students succeed not only this year but in the years to come too. Students who have access to this learning are going to be more involved and less distracted which will in turn create a better understanding of the material being taught.

2. **Describe in detail the specific activities and strategies of this project:**

With all the math standards being taught in 2nd grade, it is crucial that we can model these concepts for them. With the purchase of these items for us, it would allow us to do just that. From modeling spiral review during morning work, to ELA sentence starters, and arrays in math, these would make it easily accessible for us to model for them.

3. **Timeline:**

Our timeline is dependent upon when we are able to accumulate the funds for the materials necessary. The use would be implemented as soon as the items are purchased and received.

4. **Describe in detail the expected outcome/goals of your project and how these outcomes will be measured:**

The main goals of this project are to make our classes more interactive and allow students to have less distractions in the classroom so that they are all in an environment where they are able to learn best. We feel as if we owe our students that. Through the use of the iPad and Apple Pencils, it would allow us to model for students and also allow students to see and demonstrate knowledge gained to classmates and us as teachers.

5. **Proposed Budget:**

**Prices are based on Apple Website w/ Educator Discount*

Apple iPad 128GB, \$429 x 5 (teachers) = \$2,145

Apple Pencil, \$69 x 5 (teachers) = \$345

Protective Case, \$50 x 5 (teachers) = \$250

Total Tax = \$164.40

Total Proposed Budget: \$2,904.40