



The Sunnyside Unified School District Foundation is proud to inaugurate Back to Basics Grants, made possible through the generosity of Brent and Wendy Sandweiss of Tucson.

## Back to Basics Grants

The Sunnyside Foundation's Mission: *"To promote educational excellence by providing resources to support work which enriches the education, development and well-being of all Sunnyside Unified School District children. The Sunnyside Foundation Board is dedicated to funding enriched educational opportunities for children in Sunnyside Unified School District (SUSD)."*

The Foundation's mission becomes even more critical with each depletion of budget dollars. New, innovative programs become essential to maintain a full educational experience for our students. Through the generosity of Brent and Wendy Sandweiss of Tucson, the Sunnyside Foundation is inaugurating a Back to Basics Grant funding program.

The purpose of the Back to Basics Grant program is to build on the Foundation's commitments by providing classroom/teacher focused-grants that can be used in the often-changing classroom or home environment when needs arise that have not been included in budget planning. At a time when flexibility is key within the learning environment, because budgets are strained both at home and in our schools, it is increasingly important that we ensure children have their basic needs taken care of so that they can effectively concentrate and learn in the classroom. Back to Basics grant will address emergent, immediate needs, such as providing sneakers for students to run track, helping a student's family afford an eye exam or a pair of new glasses, or helping to provide writing implements, notebooks or school bags for a student who would not otherwise have access to these items. Other examples might be unexpected or otherwise impossible-to-fund classroom projects, such as purchasing science equipment necessary to fulfill curricular requirements or paying for an educationally significant extracurricular activity. There are hundreds of examples where a small amount of funding can be transformational in a child's life and successful educational experience.

Below are the guidelines to be used for Back to Basics Grants:

- Applications can be submitted by administrators, faculty, school nurses, counselors, parent involvement assistants or coaches.
- Can benefit an individual student or a group of students.
- Must be related to a specific classroom, student or teacher need.
- Must be 'urgent' in nature
  - For example: Unless funding is provided, the Academic Decathlon Team cannot participate in upcoming scrimmages.
- Principal must approve and sign off.
- Funding cannot exceed \$250.
- One-page application form must be filled out, signed by all parties and faxed, e-mailed or delivered to SUSD Administration, 2238 E. Ginter Road, Tucson, AZ 85706; Attn: Diane Bissell, Executive Director, Sunnyside Foundation.
- Funding decisions will be made within 48 hours.



# The Sunnyside Unified School District Foundation

## **“Back to Basics” Funding Application**

Name of person submitting grant \_\_\_\_\_

Name of student or group receiving grant \_\_\_\_\_

Department or school \_\_\_\_\_

Physical address \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**“Back to Basics” funding description (detailed):**

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**Amount requested** \_\_\_\_\_

**Outcome/Impact:**

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**Required signatures:**

Administrator \_\_\_\_\_ Principal \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_