

School Trustlands Plan 2008/2009

District: Charter School

School: Edith Bowen Laboratory School

1. Person responsible for the implementation of the current year plan:

A copy of this plan will be emailed to this person when it has been successfully submitted.

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2. Most critical academic need

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Reading | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Fine Arts |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Writing | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Health |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mathematics | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technology | <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Language |

3. Briefly describe the School LAND Trust Plan.

Academic Goals:

Enter specific academic goal(s) Edith Bowen has set to improve student performance with School LAND Trust money, please do not include other funding sources.

- A. To provide students with opportunities to write and publish, non-fiction increasing their knowledge and skill level in writing mechanics.
- B. To provide continuity in core areas for all students as they progress in their academic career at Edith Bowen Laboratory School.
- C. To provide students state of the art technology as a part of their learning environment.

Planned Steps:

Describe in detail the steps Edith Bowen will take to reach each goal. Describe specific actions that will be taken to achieve the goal. In short, please provide a road map to success.

- A. The school will fund the "Little Blue News" project. This program publishes a student produced school newspaper six times each year. Articles are submitted by all students and a paid volunteer supervises an editorial staff comprised of fourth

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- grade students, who are in charge of copy, layout, photos, printing and distribution of the newspaper. \$2,328
- B. A mentoring program for new teachers will be implemented, as well as an opportunity for master teachers to share teaching strategies for math, ELA, science, and classroom management with other faculty members. \$8,648
 - C. The school's technology program is growing at an extremely rapid pace. With the mandate to incorporate computer based testing school wide, as well as the need to support teachers with IT issues, continue to produce a local news broadcast, and continue the keyboarding and computer instruction for all students, the time demands have become more than one person can manage. The school will hire an IT person to aid the full-time technology specialist. Trustlands will contribute \$10,000 towards funding this position.

Measuring Progress toward goals:

Which beginning and ending measurements is Edith Bowen going to use to measure progress towards each goal? The same measurements (test scores, assessments, etc.), must be used so results can be compared. What is the target to be achieved?

- A. Informal teaching assessments will be used to determine skill level in writing mechanics.
- B. The mentoring program will be evaluated by the faculty at mid-year and again at the end of the first year. The school has identified specific goals from CRTs and other assessments in the areas of reading, math, and science. Further review of the CRTs will determine whether the mentoring program has increased or sustained the scores.
- C. The school will have computer based Criterion Reference Tests for all students in the spring of 2008.2009.

Plans for Expenditures of increased distribution:

The 2008-2009 distribution is an estimate. If the actual distribution is more than the estimate, how will the school expand progress towards goals with an increased distribution? Please provide an adequate explanation of academic use so that it will not be necessary to go back to the school board for approval to expend an increased distribution.

Additional funding will be spent to meet additional technology needs at the school and to fund additional mentoring opportunities if needed.

4. How does this plan relate to the school improvement/strategic plan?

The school's mission addresses the design and delivery of developmentally appropriate curricula, using a Constructivist approach. The newspaper offers an opportunity for students to enhance their writing skills using this method, with an audience that is "real world" for them.

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Also, towards this end, technology enables students and teachers resources that otherwise wouldn't be available to them.

Another strand of the school's mission is the support of the teacher training program at Utah State University. To provide this service, new teachers must have the resources available to them to carry this program forward without interruption. They must also be kept abreast of best practice as it relates to pedagogy. It is our belief that the mentoring program will best meet the needs of the faculty relevant to both of these areas.

5. Financial Proposal

Estimated Carry-Over from 2007-2008 - \$11,000

Estimated Distribution in 2008-2009 - \$13,753

Total Estimated Available Funds 2008-2009 - \$24,753

Salaries & Employee Benefits – \$13,148

Professional Development & Technical Services – \$7,000

Repairs & Maintenance

Other Purchased Services (Travel/Admission/Printing)

General Supplies - \$200

Textbooks

Library Books/Periodicals/Audiovisual

Software/Technology related hardware/Other Equipment - \$500

Estimated Total Spent in 2008-2009 - \$20,848

Estimated Carry Over to 2009-2010 - \$3,905

5. Please explain any planned expenditure in General Supplies

Copy Paper and staples for the printing of the newspaper.

If you plan to Carry Over more than one-third of your distribution, please explain below.

Carry-over is the result of residual professional development funds from prior years.

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6. If Edith Bowen has used School LAND Trust funds to acquire matching grants or donations, please explain below.

Amount: NA

Sources:

7. How will the plan and results be publicized to your community?

Letters to State Senators, Reps. & Congress

School Newsletter

School Website

8. In order for schools to receive School LAND Trust Program funds, councils (Trust Land Committees for Charter Schools) must follow the law and State Board Rule. You may view the State Board Rule for Charter Schools by clicking here.

Notification was provided two weeks in advance of elections for the School Community Council. Yes X No _____

Parents were elected by parents or when there were unfilled positions, the parent members on the council appointed parent members to fill the positions.
Yes X No _____

Employees were elected by employees or when there were unfilled positions, the employee members on the council appointed employee members to fill the positions.
Yes X No _____

The public is welcome to attend meetings and notice is provided so they can participate, including posting an agenda on the door of the school beginning the day before each meeting. Minutes of all meetings are being kept.

Yes X No _____

Explain any "No" answers:

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