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Educational Service Center awards new teacher grants

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The Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County presented its annual Teacher Innovative Grants to the Cuyahoga Heights, Independence and Richmond Heights School Districts. These funds will be used for new, innovative and creative ideas in the classroom. Each district will receive a \$1,500 grant annually.

At Cuyahoga Heights Schools, honors and advanced placement mathematics teacher Christy Zawadzki used the ESC grant funds toward the purchase of Nspire calculators. As part of the pilot project for the 2008-09 school year, Zawadzki will use the training and the calculators she received this year in her honors and AP classes for the first semester. During this time, she will train the other high school mathematics teachers on the Nspire calculator for implementation in their classes second semester.

Trans Geometry teacher Lauren Walko used the ESC grant funds toward her goal of engaging lower level mathematics students in real-life mathematical situations.

In the Independence School District, the middle school will use the grant to expand their Kinetic City program in the 2008-09 school year. Kinetic City is a preschool or post-school hours Science Club involving interested students in creative online scientific problem solving and research. Already successful on the primary school level for several years, the middle school expansion will enhance students' science learning in a new format. Fifth-graders will be the focus, though any student may join.

The Teacher Innovative Grant has been used by the Richmond Heights Local Schools to send Kari-Ellen Organiscak, one of its Intervention Specialists, to a five-day training program for autistic and communication-handicapped children. The information and techniques taught at this intensive, hands-on training have been utilized by the teacher within her classroom and the general curriculum for many of her special education students. The concepts that she learned have helped children with a variety of communication disabilities. The grant also allowed the district to purchase materials to introduce a life skills curriculum in its new classroom for students with multiple disabilities.

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