

# DonorsChoose Impact Report

# Mississippi



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# Supporting America's public schools, one classroom at a time.

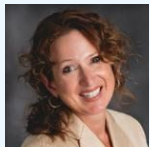
"As a district leader, I want my teachers to innovate."

DonorsChoose helps ensure that they have the classroom resources to do so while making it easy for people across America to support Philadelphia classrooms."



**Dr. William R. Hite**  
*Superintendent, The School District of Philadelphia, PA*

"I'm always heartened to see folks from across the country — who don't personally know our teachers — giving to our district. Not only does it help teachers give more to their students, but it makes teachers feel supported and appreciated."



**Diane Tremblay,**  
*District Administrator Barron Area School District, WI*

## Who We Are

DonorsChoose is the leading platform for giving to public schools. Teachers request the exact materials and experiences they know will bring learning to life for their students. For some teachers, that means expanding their classroom libraries, sports teams, or student orchestras. Many teachers dream even bigger, proposing to equip their students to build robots, or to outfit their classrooms with flexible seating.

## Our Impact

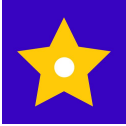
To date, more than **11,000 public school districts** in the United States and 83% of public schools have used our site. Over **four million donors** have given **\$970 million** towards classroom materials and experiences, often to teachers they've never met.

## Integrity & Transparency

As the largest crowdfunding site dedicated to public schools, DonorsChoose meets a singularly high standard of transparency, accountability, and security. This has earned us the highest possible rating from Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator, for 13 years straight. This achievement is held by fewer than 1% of nonprofits. It's also why we've been endorsed by organizations like AASA, NSBA, ASBO.

We invite you to visit [www.donorschoose.org/administrators](http://www.donorschoose.org/administrators) to learn more about what makes us unique.

# How DonorsChoose Works



**Only educators at verified** U.S. public schools who work with students at least 80% of the time are eligible to submit projects to our site. When creating classroom project requests, teachers specify the exact items their classrooms need.



**We alert the principal** and other registered teachers at that school in advance of every shipment via fax and email, so they know when to expect the materials.



**We vet every project that teachers create**, verifying the cost of those items and that the project descriptions explain how the materials benefit student learning.



**The resources are considered the property of the public school classroom.** Only with the permission of their principal can a teacher bring those resources with them when they move to a new public school.



**Foundations, corporate partners, and individual donors** identify projects they'd like to support, and donate directly to those projects that inspire them.

# Nationwide fundraising, local impact

**580,000**  
classrooms have had projects funded

**\$970 million**  
given to support classroom projects

**40,000,000**  
students benefiting from DonorsChoose projects

**83%**  
of America's public schools have at least one teacher who has created a project

Unlike any other crowdfunding platform, **83% of the dollars given to classrooms each year come from people and organizations outside of teachers' personal networks**, which makes our site especially useful for teachers in low-income communities.

Our corporate and foundation partners alone have given more than **\$450 million** to support classrooms. And by engaging a community of donors passionate about supporting classrooms, we connect teachers with individuals they would never otherwise meet through traditional fundraising efforts.



# Topline All-Time Mississippi Funding Metrics



**\$9,670,942**

raised through DonorsChoose



**68%**

of funding came from outside of the state



**6,222**

teachers supported



**16,439**

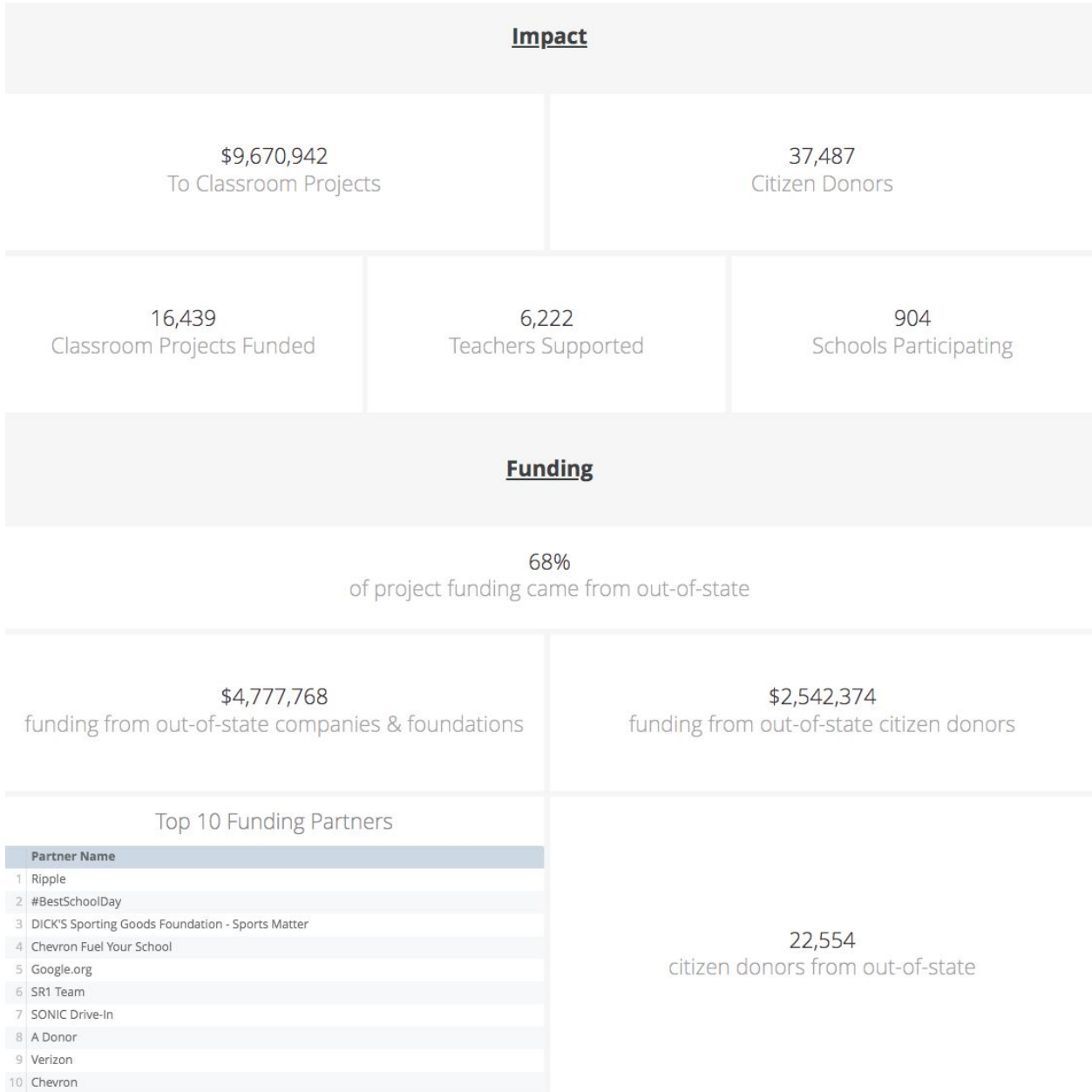
projects funded



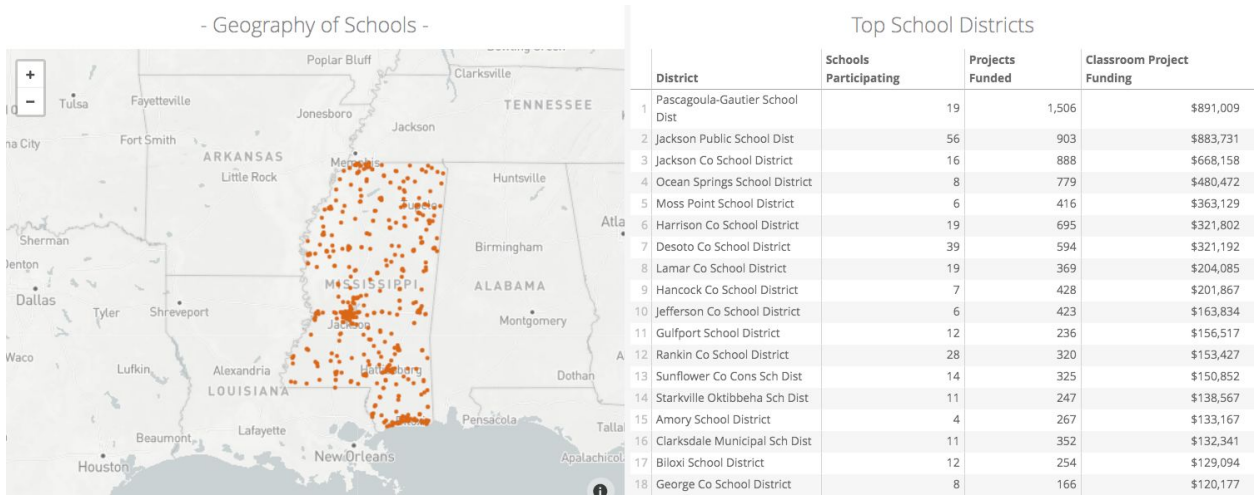
**37,487**

citizen donors

# Detailed All-Time Mississippi Funding Metrics

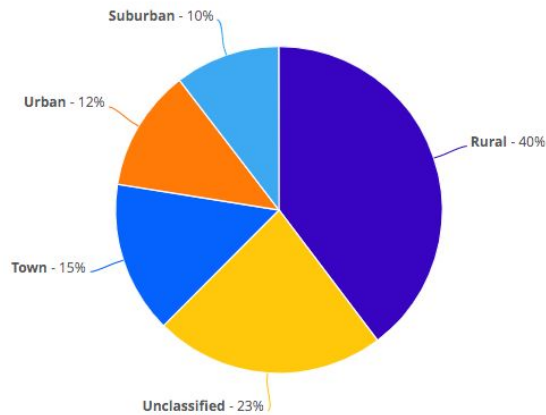


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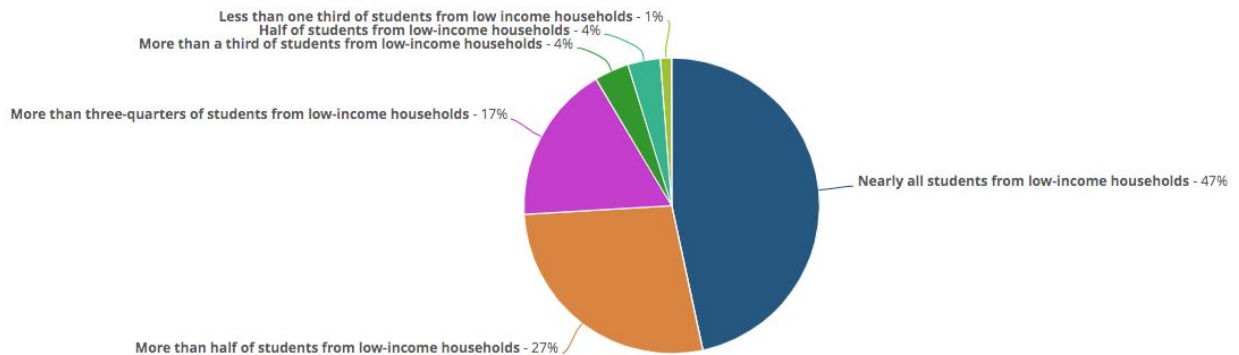


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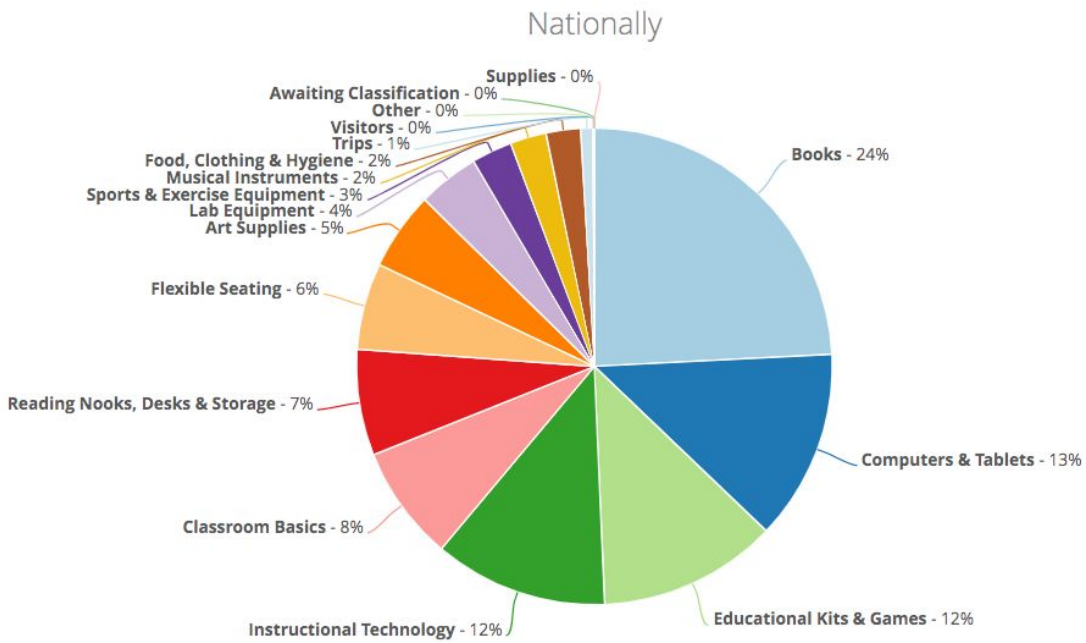
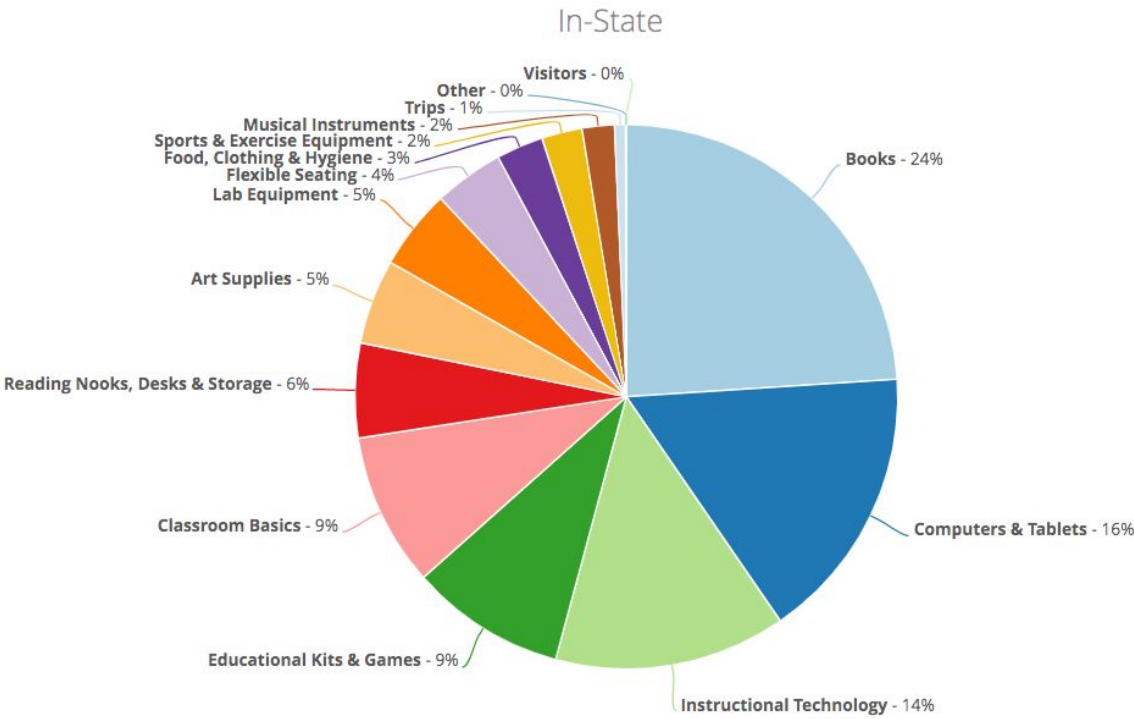
Metro Type of Participating Schools



Economic Need of Participating Schools



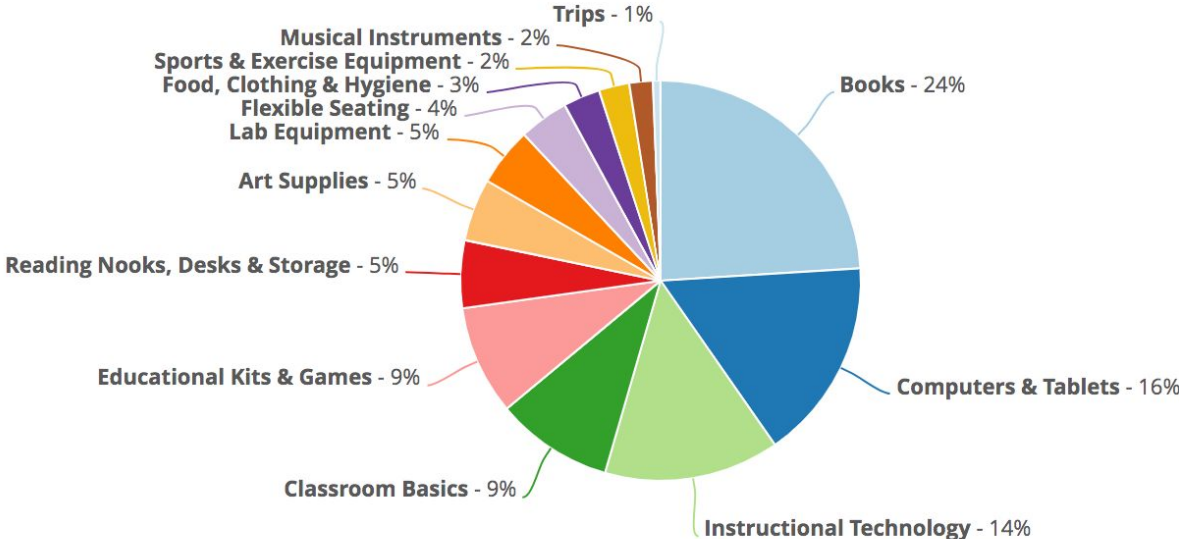
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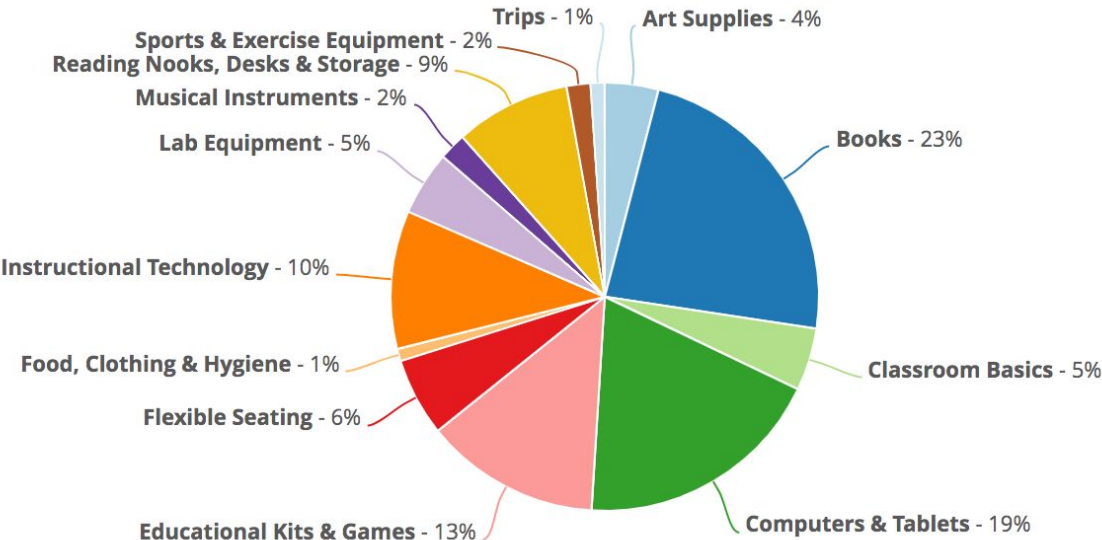


# Resources Requested by School Economic Need

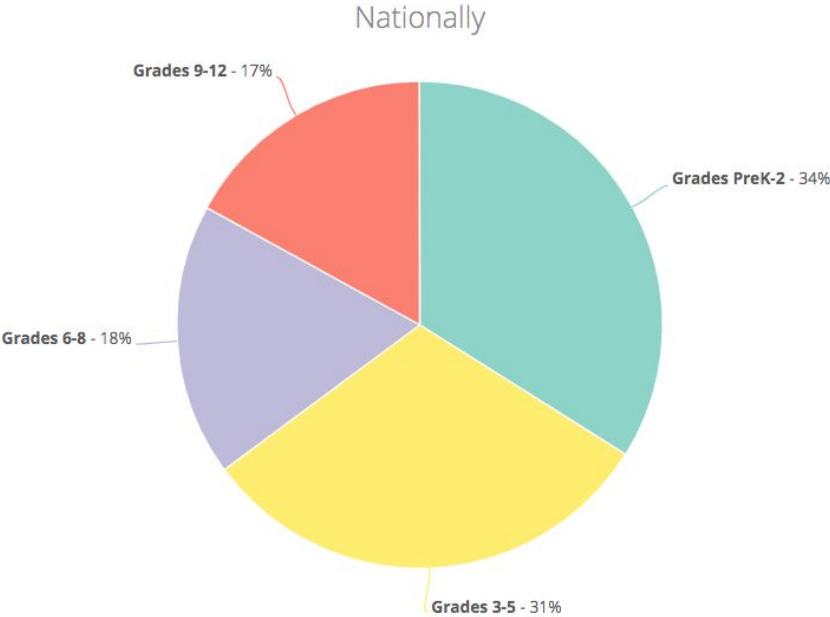
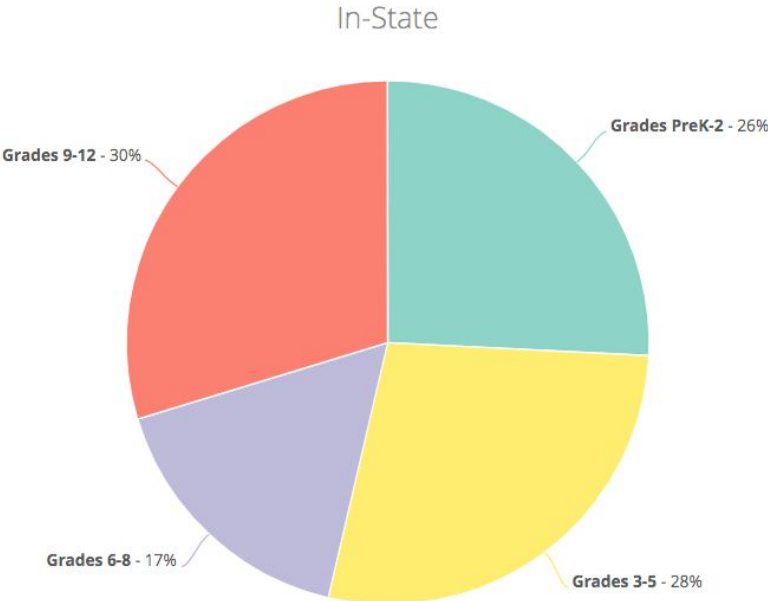
Resources Requested (high economic need)



Resources Requested (low economic need)



# In State vs. National Funding by Grade Level



# Project Examples

## Wheely Excited About Robots!

My students need the Wonder Workshop and Ozobot robots to see coding in action!

### My Students

I teach computer enrichment classes to students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. My students live in a rural community. Having access to more technology would enhance their curriculum and offer opportunities for them to keep up with the ever-changing technological world.

**My students have bright futures ahead of them, and I want them to succeed using technology!**

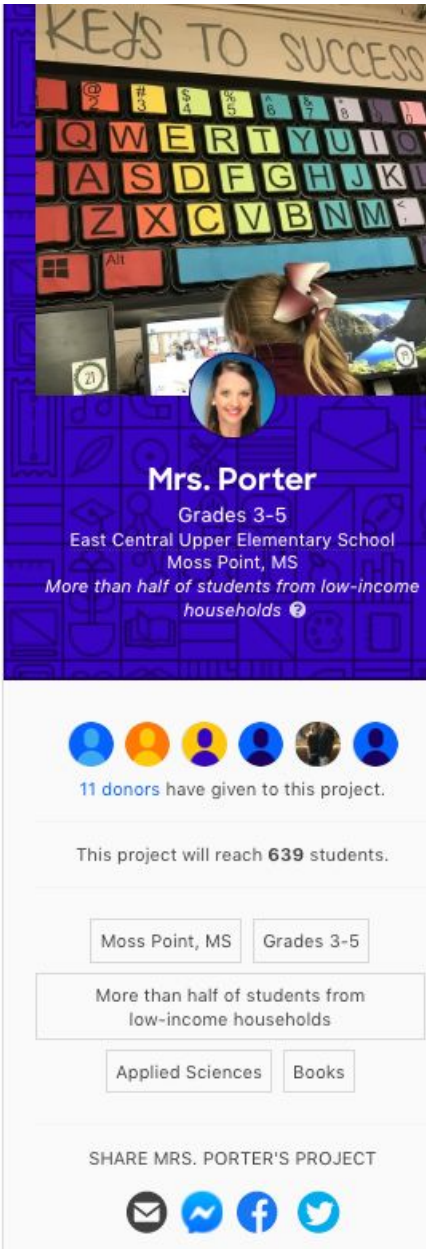
My students are eager to learn and are excited about the endless possibilities of using technology! They are very respectful and intelligent.

### My Project

The Ozobot and Dash and Dot robots will enhance our computer science curriculum! Students are learning the fundamentals of coding. Students in my class will code these robots to move through various courses. Students will love to see their coding skills in action!

**These robots will allow them to be creative, productive, and in control!**

It is so important for the current generation of students to feel comfortable using technology. Since our future is robotic, students need to have access to robots and learn how to control them. Robots will make an awesome addition to our classroom, and the hands-on experience will allow students to troubleshoot as they are learning to code.



The image shows a project page for Mrs. Porter. At the top, there is a photo of a keyboard with the words 'KEYS TO SUCCESS' written above it. Below the photo is a circular profile picture of Mrs. Porter. The text on the page reads: 'Mrs. Porter', 'Grades 3-5', 'East Central Upper Elementary School', 'Moss Point, MS', and 'More than half of students from low-income households'. Below this is a row of 11 donor avatars and the text '11 donors have given to this project.' Further down, it says 'This project will reach 639 students.' There are two buttons: 'Moss Point, MS' and 'Grades 3-5'. Below these is a box that says 'More than half of students from low-income households'. There are two more buttons: 'Applied Sciences' and 'Books'. At the bottom, it says 'SHARE MRS. PORTER'S PROJECT' and has icons for email, a messaging app, Facebook, and Twitter.

# In 3D, We Can Print Our Dreams!

Help me give my students a 3D printer and filament so that they can see their creations come to life.

## My Students

My students are a diverse group who strive to learn more about science and technology. My students love hands-on activities and work well in groups together coming up with ideas, bouncing processes off each other, and putting designs together.

They are eager to get their hands on the tools and equipment so that they can test their designs and theories.

Many are seeking further education in the STEM field, while others wish to take their knowledge and pursue a place in the workforce.

## My Project

My students already invent on CAD software. They show their skills in the drawings they make. With these materials they can make their drawings and sketches come to life. Enabling them to print their projects will allow them to check their designs in a real life setting and show them the actual 3-D scale. This will build self confidence when their measurements are precise, thus for enhancing the academic achievement for each of my 140 students!


Donating towards these items will not only allow you to help draw in the student's focus and attention, it will also push them towards the future, holding a tighter grasp on some 21st century skills.

Being able to print the CAD drawings will provide a strong reach for attention and focus. Imagine the looks on the students faces as they watch their hard work appear before their eyes, a touchable, realistic, 3-D printed object.

This printer will provide a tool that draws in attention for new and upcoming engineering students as well as students who like to do hands-on projects. I feel that this will be very positive for my students!



**Mrs. Ring**  
Grades 9-12  
George County High School  
Lucedale, MS  
More than half of students from low-income households



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1 donor has given to this project.

This project will reach 140 students.

Lucedale, MS   Grades 9-12

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Applied Sciences

Instructional Technology

SHARE MRS. RING'S PROJECT



# Nothing Beats a Wonderful Book and a Welcoming Reading Corner!

Help me give my students an inviting reading area that has comfortable seats, a cozy rug, lap desks, and a terrific selection of wonderful books.

## My Students

My students make me smile. They find joy in the small things, and are eager to share that joy with others. This is my first year teaching sixth grade, and these children have shown me how wonderful it can be. They are a very diverse group with varied abilities. I have many book-lovers, quite a few avid writers, and some very reluctant readers, but they have all come together to form classroom communities dedicated to learning and helping each other.

My students love to participate in class and try out new things.

They get excited when working with partners or in small groups, and they love to learn about topics that are new to them. One of their favorite stories this year has been Number the Stars. They are very curious, and they come up with some amazing questions. Many of them are determined to make a positive impact on the world when they get older. I look forward to watching them grow this year, and I know they will do fabulous things!


## My Project

It can be hard to get lost in a good book when you're sitting in a hard desk at school. Some of my students have difficulty sitting in a desk at all. They would love a comfortable, inviting reading area within our classroom. The saucer chairs and bean bag chair could be used by students during our regular lessons with the help of the lap desks, and they can also be utilized for independent reading. The more students read, the better they get at it. I want to encourage them to read every chance they get! The fluffy rug would also be a terrific addition to our classroom. I have many students who like to sit on the floor if they had the option.

My students would feel more relaxed, and they would be much more likely to pick up a good book in an inviting reading area.



**Mrs. Danjanic**  
Grades 6-8  
Saucier Elementary School  
Saucier, MS  
*More than half of students from low-income households*



This classroom project was brought to life by Chevron Fuel Your School.

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This project will reach 65 students.


Saucier, MS Grades 6-8

More than half of students from low-income households

Literacy Literature & Writing

Flexible Seating

SHARE MRS. DANJANIC'S PROJECT



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