

## **The Friends of the Hanover/Norwich Schools Funding Priorities**

The Friends of the Hanover / Norwich Schools, Inc. is a private non-profit organization that supports the “enrichment of the educational programs” of the public elementary and secondary schools in the Dresden School District. Founded in 1961 by a group of citizens, including former Dartmouth President John Kemeny, The Friends have made around \$500,000 available to the schools for diverse programs and projects. Contributions to The Friends are received in response to an annual appeal mailed to the Hanover/Norwich community each November. The Board currently consists of twelve members with representation from both communities, and there are two meetings each school year (October & March) to review proposals and award grants.

The current funding priority is for new and innovative projects that require “seed money” to get started. Teachers are encouraged to think of creative ways to enrich their curriculum and bring those requests to The Friends for funding consideration. The Friends will fund a hardware or software request if it is an unusual circumstance or is an integral part of a new project. Individual enrichment grants will not be funded. Grants typically range from several hundred dollars to several thousand. Requests for proposals are sent to each school in September and January; proposals are typically due one week in advance of the October/March board meetings. Teachers receiving support for a proposal are required to submit an evaluation report to The Friends upon completion of the project. New proposals from a past grant recipient will not be entertained until a report on the prior grant has been received.

### **Guidelines when evaluating Proposals**

How many students are involved? (the more the better)

Long-term benefits to the classroom and/or school

Creative/innovative

Demonstrate need for this project

Support from Principal - Does principal indicate need and/or enthusiasm for this project

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