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OTHS Educational Foundation Awards Over \$20,000 in Teacher Grants

The Ottawa Township High School (OTHS) Educational Foundation awarded teacher grants totaling \$22,317 to 11 programs at OTHS for the 2026-2027 academic year. The grants fund classroom needs beyond the school budget, from new speakers for the Fine Arts department to a Promethean panel for math students.

The largest grants were awarded to the Fine Arts department for speakers for the 2027 Fine Arts festival (\$7,500), a motivational speaker for Pirate Nation (\$3,500), and a Promethean panel, cart, and geometry supplies for the math department (\$2,892). Other grants support technology upgrades in the school weight room, ceramics supplies for art students, website registration for the school newspaper, attendance incentives, AbiliTees supplies for special education, Wellness Day materials, Seal of Biliteracy exam costs, and giveaways for incoming freshmen at the January 2027 Open House.

The Foundation's 2026 support for OTHS went beyond teacher grants. It also provided \$7,250 in club and activity grants, and in March made a \$16,500 matching donation for a new automotive alignment machine for the Vocational Education department. In all, the Foundation committed \$46,067 to the school so far this calendar year.

"The support of the OTHS Foundation continues to enhance the educational opportunities afforded to all students attending Ottawa Township High School," says OTHS Superintendent Dr. Michael Cushing. "We are thankful for the continued support of volunteer board members who oversee the distribution of teacher grants and other funding requests."

Since 2012, the Foundation has awarded more than \$275,000 in teacher grants. OTHS teachers apply for the grants each year for projects and equipment beyond the school budget. With additional club and activity grants and large project funding such as the school Wi-Fi upgrade, the auditorium lighting board, and the Kingman Gym sound system, the Foundation's total support for OTHS since 2012 exceeds \$377,000.

The Foundation funds its work through donations, Hall of Fame events, sales of limited-edition art prints, engraved personalized bricks, and sponsorships for other features in the Spangler-Scherer Courtyard.

Donations can be made online at othseducationalfoundation.org/donate.

A full history of the Foundation's grants is at othseducationalfoundation.org/grants.

About the OTHS Educational Foundation

The OTHS Educational Foundation is a 501c3 that supports students and teachers at Ottawa Township High School through teacher grants, Pirate Pride scholarships, the OTHS Hall of Fame, the Spangler and Scherer courtyard, and other initiatives. Learn more at othseducationalfoundation.org.