

## **Pets in the Classroom Grant Summary**

Grant Overview: An instructor from the Learning Enrichment Center would like to apply for a Pets in the Classroom grant for the building. As the name implies, the grant provides grants for small animals, fish, or reptiles, and/or living environments for them.

Grants are available to Pre-K through grade 8 classes only, and only one grant per teacher, per year, is allowed. Grants are provided to help teach children how to bond with and care for pets responsibly.

Grants may take the form of a rebate that reimburses teachers for the purchase, or a direct award redeemable at one of six pet stores that participate in the grant. Animals available include: hamsters, guinea pigs, fish, bearded dragons, geckos, turtles, snakes, or fancy rats.

Amount of Award: Rebate or coupon redeemable at a participating pet retailer.

Due Date/Notification of Award: Upon review by the funder.

Alternatives if not Awarded: The instructor will have to find alternate means of funding a classroom pet.

WCSD Resources Required: None.

Administrative Recommendation: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to submit an application to the Pets in the Classroom Grant for a classroom pet as deemed appropriate by the requesting WCSD instructor.