

## Example SMART Grant application

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**Title:** Purchase Differentiated Instruction text for all classroom teachers

**Funding Requested:** \$550

**SMART Goal:** South School's SMART goal is to improve all reading scores by one quartile by June, 2012 through use of differentiated instruction.

**Needs Statement:** South School teachers need professional development to learn specific strategies and practices to differentiate reading instruction in their classrooms

**Project description:** In the fall, all teachers will be learning about differentiated instruction and using their PLCs to discuss ways to implement it to improve reading in their classrooms. In the winter, teachers will read *How to Differentiate Literacy Instruction in Mixed-Ability Classrooms* by Goody Maestra. Teachers will discuss and practice strategies introduced with support from the ILT. We are applying for this grant based on the research of Dr. Knowit which states that students in classrooms of teachers trained in differentiated learning strategies demonstrate measurable learning gains. To reach our SMART Goal we need a common understanding of, and approach to, the complex subject of differentiation. This book has been found to be useful by several other schools' ILT teams.

**How will you measure success?** 75% of teachers in the school will read the Maestra book and be able to list (3) new DLI strategies to be incorporated into their classroom experience. 50% of teachers in the school will craft (1) DLI lesson plan and incorporate these strategies into (1) class - including debrief with others in teaching team.

**Budget:** We would like to purchase 33 copies of *How to Differentiate Literacy Instruction in Mixed-Ability Classrooms* by Goody Maestra. The book is currently priced at \$15.00 on Amazon; we request \$550, calculated as follows:

Item	Unit Cost	Quantity	Total
Maestra Book	\$15	33	\$495
Tax + Shipping			\$55
Total			\$550

**Partial Funding Plan:** If we do not receive funding for all 33 books, we will purchase as many as we can and pass them around. This will delay our implementation of differentiated learning.