

District 163 has written for and received the following grant awards:

Title I

Title I is designed to support State and school reform efforts tied to challenging State academic standards in order to reinforce and amplify efforts to improve teaching and learning for students farthest from meeting State standards. Individual public schools with poverty rates above 40 percent may use Title I funds, along with other Federal, State, and local funds, to operate a “school-wide program” to upgrade the instructional program for the whole school.

Title II

The Title II, Part A, Teacher Quality grant provides the resources for hiring, retaining, and recruiting highly qualified teachers and for training teachers and paraprofessionals. Title II is designed to provide grants to State educational agencies, local educational agencies, State agencies for higher education, and eligible partnerships in order to:

- 1) Increase student academic achievement through strategies such as improving teacher and principal quality and increasing the number of highly qualified teachers in the classroom and highly qualified principals and assistant principals in schools: and
- 2) Hold local educational agencies and schools accountable for improvements in student academic achievement.

21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC)

This program supports the creation of community learning centers that provide academic enrichment opportunities during non-school hours for children, particularly students who attend high-poverty and low-performing schools. The program helps students meet state and local student standards in core academic subjects, such as reading and math; offers students a broad array of enrichment activities that can complement their regular academic programs; and offers literacy and other educational services to the families of participating children.

Career Education

The Career Education grant supports a wide range of activities that help prepare young people for further education and successful careers. Funds from this grant provide resources for middle school students to participate in an annual Career Education Day. Students are visited by working professionals who share their job responsibilities with the students and the educational requirements needed for each career.