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Grant Application

Next Generation of Philanthropy Grant

Contact Information

Name of student group: Wichita East Marketing Class - Outdoor Seating Group

High School or Middle School Name: Wichita East High School

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Project Information

What is your idea? (500 Words):

East High has a spacious courtyard that is rarely used, but our idea will put this space to productive use. The idea is to provide an additional outdoor seating space for our students to congregate at lunch. Also, this provides a way for students to meet new people as well as to get fresh air. The seating will add new areas to the school where kids can sit, which will reduce crowded spaces inside of the school. With so much stress in school, the outdoor space will help students relax while staying within school property. Our current use of the space isn't an efficient use of the space, and we hope to change that.

What is your need? (500 Words):

East High School, a school with over 2400 students, has a large courtyard that is completely outside. It barely has anything in it, which would be a waste of space. “Staying indoors all day may fuel anxiety, insomnia, and that too familiar sense that humans just aren't meant to spend the whole day inside” said Markham Heid in a Time article on the consequences of staying indoors. An outdoor learning center would provide a hands-on learning opportunity that isn't available in most classrooms at East. It would provide a refreshing alternative to the sometimes stuffy indoor classrooms. It will need to be spacious enough to seat almost an entire classroom if possible. Classroom materials will also need to be in the outdoor classroom. By creating an outdoor classroom, several needs will be met that will help the school out.

Who will this project impact? (500 Words):

This project will impact all the students who go to East High. It will be very beneficial, the outdoor seating would have many uses for students and teachers such as: socializing outside, getting a breath of fresh air, and teachers using the outdoor seating as a way to expand teaching and a change of environment for students. This will help them focus more and will provide a nice alternative to the regular everyday schedule. Outdoor seating would appeal students to go outside more. This is also favorable because according to “medicaldaily.com”, “spending time outside is good for your mental health and can help with seasonal depression”. Good mental health is important for students because it can help decrease anxiety from school, and decreases depression.

What is the budget? Please itemize your proposed expenses.:

We are looking for a budget of \$2500 to purchase as many all weather benches and tables as possible. We hope to maximize the budget by looking to vendors who will provide discounts for schools. Our bookkeeper and purchasing department will help select vendors.

If you have one tweet to describe your idea, what would it be?:

Hey Aces! Looking to get your daily dose of fresh air? Check our new outdoor seating in the courtyard during lunch!

Additional Requirement

Shoot a 30 - 90 second video showing the need for funding.

This portion will not be judged on the quality of the video, but rather the uniqueness of the content. Feel free to shoot on your phone - no problem at all.

Email video to cbengtson@wichitacf.org by application deadline.