

Review Your Application



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Contact Information

School name* Sunset Ridge School
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City* Northfield
State* Illinois
Zip* 60093
School phone number* 847-881-9400
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 School's EIN - Federal Tax ID number 36-6001873
Teacher/Applicant's first name* Carol
Teacher/Applicant's last name* Broos
Teacher/Applicant's email address* carolbroos@comcast.net
Teacher/Applicant is a previous recipient of a Best Buy Teach Award* No
Number of years teacher/applicant has been working at this school* One
How did you hear about Teach Awards?* Email
Principal's first name* Mr. Bryan
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 Superintendent's last name Vieth
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School Information

Select the category that most accurately describes your accredited, nonprofit K-12 school* Public

Select the category that most accurately describes your school's grade levels* Middle School (6-8)

What is the total number of students enrolled in the school?* 296

How many years has the program or experience been in place?* One year or more

Select the grade level(s) that directly benefited from this program*

K
 1
 2
 3
 4
 5
 6
 7
 8
 9
 10
 11
 12

How many students have directly benefited from the program or experience?* 296

What subject area(s) does your project support?*

Art
 Business/Economics
 English/Language Arts
 Health
 History
 Home Economics
 Humanities
 Math
 Music
 Physical Education
 Science
 Social Studies
 Technology
 World Languages
 Other

If other, please list Theater

Has the project or work students have completed improved any of the following areas?

Student's engagement in class?* Yes

Student's comprehension of material being studied?* Yes

Student's class attendance?* Yes

- Which of the following technology products do your students currently use in connection with the project or program you are submitting for a Teach Award?***
- TVs
 - VCR/DVD Players
 - MP3 Players
 - Digital Cameras
 - Film Cameras
 - Camcorders
 - Notebook Computers
 - Desktop Computers
 - Printers
 - Scanners
 - LCD Projector
 - Overhead Projector
 - Wireless Network
 - Internet
 - Video Conferencing
 - Video Games
 - Movies
 - Music
 - Global Positioning System (GPS)
 - Graphing Calculators
 - Microscopes
 - Science Lab Probes
 - Smart Boards
 - Other

If other, please list on-line mentoring

Ethnicity of children in your school

Asian* 3%

American Indian* 0%

Caucasian* 89%

Hispanic* 3%

Black* 3%

Other* 2%

Total* 100%

What percentage of students in your school qualify for free or reduced lunch?* 2%

What is the average percentage of students in your district who qualify for free or reduced lunch?* 2%

Question 1: Tell us about the program or project you are submitting for a Best Buy Teach Award and describe how your students have used

the technology products you identified earlier in creative, fun and hands-on ways to learn the curriculum in the classroom.

I create an environment in my class for discovery, opportunity, and expression. Three years ago, Sunset Ridge School installed a MIDI lab. It has a GEC3 controller, where students each have a headset/microphone and communicate using a "call" button. The lab is hands-on and has transformed the music classes. Students create music projects/podcasts in the MIDI lab with MIDI keyboards, GarageBand, and Sound Studio. They use iLife (iMovie, iPhoto, iDVD, GarageBand, iWeb, and iTunes) with Flash. Students add pictures/video to their projects. The music files are posted on www.carolbroos.com, where students can subscribe, download, and comment of the music project/podcast. Sunset Ridge is part of the Vermont MIDI project (www.vtmidi.org) for the third year. Students compose compositions and on-line professional composers comment concerning their work. Spring Storm is an example of a student composition; along with www.chordsville.com Everything is student produced. Just visit the site and you can listen to ALL of the files. EVERYONE posts. It just recently won the 2007 Digital Education Achievement Best of the Web (BOW) Award 2007 for Student-Focused from THE CENTER OF DIGITAL EDUCATION. The universities such as: Illinois State University, Northwestern University and University of Illinois – Urbana use it for their music education students to view compositions composed by junior high students. Since September 2006, it has over 12,800 hits. It has received the "School Website of the Week" for March 16, 2007 by techlearning.com. I traveled to Japan October 2006, as part of the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program. I have a blog and podcast of my experience, and "Question of the Day," which students email me the answers. I am also setting up a mentoring program with a school in Ohio and Illinois concerning GarageBand. Since my students are quite good at the program, they will be videoconferencing with fellow students at other schools.

Question 2: If you answered earlier that student engagement, comprehension and/or attendance have improved as a result of being able to use technology hands-on in the classroom please describe what the impact has been.

The Sunset Ridge School District MIDI lab is the center of the school. I often say it's the "best place to be in the school." Students come in before school, during lunch, and stay after school to work. Students all work independently and often there are a vast amount of projects that are happening at the same time. I have witnessed low achieving students, produce; selective mutes, talk; and gifted students, feel at home. Due to the headset set-up, I have developed a close relationship with the students. They feel they can call in and nobody will know what their questions or concerns are. With headset communication, students work environment is child-centered, allowing for collaboration, interaction, comments from others, and creating. Multi-tasking is the centerpiece of the classroom and depending upon their interests, students work on a variety of projects at the same time. I use technology as a vehicle to reach the general population about music, not the talented or gifted students that most schools do.

Question #3: What will be purchased with the Best Buy Gift Card?

Best Buy Product/Item	Qty	Cost/Item	Total Cost
Roland - Edirol WAV/MP3	5	\$280	\$1400
San-Disc reader 5-1	3	\$15	\$45
USB headsets with microphones	10	\$42	\$420
San Disc Memory card	5	\$28	\$140
		\$	\$0

additional awards, you will need a copy of your application for reference.

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