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To: Superintendents and Principals

From: Anna Shults, Chief Academic Officer

Date: Friday, February 20, 2026

Subject: 2026 Digital Learning Grant

The application for the 2026 Digital Learning Grant is open through Monday, April 6, 2026. This competitive grant opportunity, funded by the David C. Ford Educational Technology fund, is open to any Indiana public school corporation or public charter school that completed the 2025 School Tech Plan Survey. Applicants can request funding* to leverage technology in one of the key priority areas listed below. The grant implementation cycle begins July 1, 2026, and ends June 30, 2027. Applicants can access the application [here](#). The scoring rubric can be found [here](#).

Grant Priorities

Improving Student Outcomes and Academic Achievement

- Purchase and implementation of digital intervention tools, assistive technology and/or Artificial Intelligence (AI) Powered Platforms* for high dosage tutoring, to increase student outcomes in areas such as:
 - literacy instruction
 - alternative education settings
 - math instruction and intervention

Strengthening Enrollment, Employment, and Enlistment Pathways

- Purchase and implementation of digital tools, including but not limited to, Artificial Intelligence (AI) Powered Platforms* to strengthen student exposure and access to:
 - career opportunities, work-based learning experiences, and industry professionals
 - student access to enrollment pathways and enrollment preparation

Leveraging Data & Innovation for Student Success

- Purchase and implementation of digital tools, including but not limited to, Artificial Intelligence (AI) Powered Platforms* to:
 - analyze instructional practices using data-driven decision making to provide feedback to inform and enhance instruction and personalize learning experiences for students
 - support instructional coaches with coaching cycle implementation and data recording in blended and virtual environments



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Enhancing School Choice and Parental Involvement

- Purchase and implementation of digital tools to engage parents and caregivers,
- Create opportunities for corporations to support parents with internet safety, enrollment, enlistment, and/or employment options; artificial intelligence literacy; and digital literacy.

*Applicants should reference the Allowable Funding Allocations table below when planning their application and budget for the maximum allowable funding for their corporation size. *If applications include the purchase of an Artificial Intelligence (AI) platform that will be utilized with students the platform must meet [these](#) vendor requirements.

Allowable Funding Allocations		
	Number of Students Served	Maximum Allocation
Award Levels	<1,000	\$12,500
	1,000-1,999	\$25,000
	2,000-9,999	\$37,500
	10,000+	\$50,000

Grant Timeline	
Friday, February 20, 2026	Grant Application Opens
Wednesday, February 25, 2026 1:30 pm ET	Grant Information and Support Session
Monday, April 6, 2026	Grant Application Deadline
Friday, June 5, 2026	Grant Award Notification
Wednesday, July 1, 2026 - Wednesday, June 30, 2027	Grant Implementation Cycle

Contact the Indiana Department of Education's [Digital Learning Team](#) with any questions.