



PTO GIFTS PROGRAM

Requests for PTO Funding 2023-2024

Any teacher, parent, student, or community member who has a request for funds from the PTO must fill out this form. Please answer these questions as thoroughly as possible, providing supporting detail and information.

Please email the completed form to the PTO President-Elect (president_elect@district29pto.org) by **Friday, October 27, 2023**.

Name:

Role (Teacher/Parent/Student/Community Member):

Benefiting School:

1. Define your request:

2. Amount requested:

3. Can this project be funded in stages? If yes, what timetable is involved? If no, please explain your due date for funds.

This project would need to be funded all at once so that I can place the order for the Kindles. There is no rush or expected timetable. As soon as we're able to, I'll place the order!

4. Has this request been reviewed by the school administration? What was their response as to its merit and priority?

Yes! I spoke with Ivy about this idea and she approved of the idea and agreed to support this pilot program for Kindle ebooks.

5. Number of Students that will be impacted or benefit from your request:

This initiative would benefit any students at Sunset Ridge interested in borrowing a Kindle from the library! It would be available for all 4th-8th graders.

6. Is this a one-time request or do you envision needing additional PTO funds in the future or long range? If you will require additional PTO funds, please explain why this cannot be added into your annual budget.

Currently, this is a one-time request. If the Kindle ebook program really takes off and becomes popular, there is a chance that I would submit a proposal for more Kindles in the future. Kindles are expensive, and I would like to prioritize my annual budget to physical library books that I know will be regularly utilized.

7. What is the intended goal of your request? Would it have any other uses or applications? Is this a start up program or is it enhancing an existing program? Use additional notes section on last page if needed.

The intended goal of this request is to get more students easy access to ebooks and audiobooks. This is a start up program, but I'm optimistic that many students would be interested in borrowing Kindles for ebooks and audiobooks. This will also be a convenient way for students to quickly have access to bestsellers, popular titles, and new releases without having to wait in long hold lines through the Learning Center.

8. What are the long range benefits of your request?

Long range benefits of a Kindle library include increased love and interest in reading, increased access to popular book titles, and possibly expanding to include more tech-related items for "checkout" through the Learning Center.

9. If you are requesting a capital asset/investment, please provide a minimum of two options/pricing quotes on the item and attach with this form. Please identify your first choice and why.

Kindles are only available through Amazon. I price checked a variety of Kindle types, but the Kindle Paperwhite Kids is the best option for our students. It will allow me to lock students into "kid" accounts managed by me, through the school. It will also only give students the ability to read ebooks or listen to audiobooks. The only other option would be a Kindle Fire, but this kind of device would be a tablet with apps/games. Because the focus here is literacy and book access, we want to specifically go with the Paperwhite tablet.

10. Have you exhausted all other funding options before coming to the PTO Gifts Program?

I am prioritizing my library budget for purchasing physical copies of books. Similarly, the tech budget is already fully tapped for student and teacher devices. PTO Gifts would be the most ideal way to fund this pilot program. If it takes off, we can look into other funding options for the future to expand our Kindle collection.

Additional Notes: