

Educator Initiative Grant Evaluation Rubric/Checklist

The following rubric reflects the minimum expectations for a grant application. Use this as a guide when writing your proposal.	100 Total Points Possible
Project Need and Purpose	15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project description clearly conveys the need for the project, using data to inform and support the need. (0 – 9 points) • The project identifies where it falls on the key transition points of the cradle-to-career continuum and demonstrates how it prepares students for college and career readiness. (0 – 4 points) • The timeline reflects a logical sequence of project activities and indicates clearly when each major activity will start and end. (0 – 2 points) 	
Educational Impact	30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The potential for significant impact on student achievement is evident and demonstrable. (0 – 10 points) • The project is aligned with Ohio’s Learning Standards, and major activities of the project are linked to identified, specific standards. (0 – 10 points) • The proposal advances social emotional learning for all students, and, for grades K through 3, links directly to identified Ohio’s Learning Standards for Social Emotional Development. • The proposal identifies and clearly explains the means that will be used to evaluate project outcomes. (0 – 10 points) 	
Research-Based Professional Development	30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project promotes collaborative effort and professional development among a group of educators using research-based training. (0 – 5 points) • The project clearly explains the professional development plan for the project, what research-based program or model will be used (e.g. Lucy Calkins, Danielson, Buck Institute, others, etc.) and who will provide follow- on coaching. (GAR Foundation’s support of any teacher professional development requires a one-on-one coaching component.) (0-20 points) • The proposal indicates how educators will continue to develop their own learning as a result of the project. (0 – 5 points) 	
Best Practices	25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project is developmentally appropriate and shows evidence of creativity and innovation, critical thinking and problem solving, and the integration of technology. (0 – 5 points) • The project demonstrates the use of research-validated instructional practices, such as data analysis, formative assessment and differentiated instruction. (0 – 10 points) • The project has the likelihood of being sustained and/or replicated by others after funding is exhausted. (0 –5 points) • The proposal indicates how educators will promote and communicate the project to the encourage idea-sharing and replication. (0-5 points) 	