

# ACHIEVE 121 ▪ IOWA



Reaching & Teaching Every Child!

## Mission Statement

The Achieve 121 Fund seeks to improve the academic and lifelong achievement of all children by funding innovative educational projects that transform teaching and learning in ways that focus intensely on one goal: reaching and teaching every child.

## Activities

The Achieve 121 Fund's number one activity is improving the academic achievement of *every* child in the classroom through one-to-one wireless technology environments that re-engineer the learning exchange, re-engage every child, and empower teachers, students, and parents to innovate and learn. Achieve 121-Iowa will use private and federal dollars to support schools with the vision for one-to-one learning.

Former Michigan House Speaker Rick Johnson created the Achieve 121 Fund with the vision of re-engaging students in the learning process and raising the academic achievement levels of all children. The Speaker's vision seeks to re-engineer the learning environment and bring every student to the front row by providing one-to-one access to wireless technology. The results are immediate and are focused on the crucial goal of leaving no child behind.

We have formed a partnership between technology providers, higher education institutions, and innovative charter and public schools in order to implement the vision of one-to-one learning. The Achieve 121-Iowa will provide grants to local schools to invest in a learning solutions package



developed by this partnership. This package includes professional development, content, wireless laptops, infrastructure, service, and support.

Achieve 121-Iowa will seek partnerships in Iowa similar to those partnerships in other states. Potential partners include:

- Heartland AEA 11 and/or University Education Departments.
- Local schools.
- Apple, Inc. – Wireless laptops, infrastructure, content, software, professional development, service and support.

## Achieve 121-Iowa Grants

The Achieve 121-Iowa will provide grants to elementary schools to help implement one-to-one technology solutions such as, wireless laptop learning environments through a total solutions package developed by our partners. These partners will provide the hardware, software, professional development, content, coordination, service and support to create a true learning environment change.

The cost of implementing the package will be different depending on the needs of the school district and their technology readiness. For example, some districts have the necessary infrastructure in

place and have started e-learning initiatives while others must start from the beginning. The highest approximate cost per student for the entire package of laptop, wireless infrastructure, professional development, content, service, support, warranty, etc. is \$2000 over four years or \$500 per year. The lowest approximate cost is \$1200 over four years or \$300 per student per year.

The Achieve 121 Fund will fund the costs depending on the availability of funds to the school, all schools will have to put existing local dollars toward the project before donated funds may be used. Schools will apply for support from the Achieve 121 Fund and will be judged based on several key criteria, including, but not limited to, the following:

### Grant Criteria

- The school's willingness to undertake a complete change in the teaching and learning environment.
- The school's inability to find or reorganize existing dollars in its budget to meet this need.
- The administration's support of the program.
- The school's vision for increasing academic achievement in core subject areas and meeting the standards of the federal No Child Left Behind Act through implementation of wireless one-to-one environments.
- The clear academic goals set by the school in its application.
- The school's timeframe for implementing the program and achieving goals (leaving no child behind immediately).

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