



ST. HELENA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION & ENDOWMENT TRUST

Cultivating Better Schools. Harvesting Brighter Futures.™

2013–2014 GRANT REPORT

The St. Helena Public Schools Foundation (SHPSF) provided 66 grants totaling \$54,500 to teachers and students for educational projects during the 2013-2014 school year. The generosity of our donors enabled us to support the energy and creativity of our teachers as well as the interests of our children by providing funds toward these enriching programs and activities.

St. Helena Public Schools Foundation fully or partially funded the grants listed on this report.
A sampling of grants awarded by the SHPSF over the past year follows.

21 SHPSF SCIENCE & MATHEMATICS GRANTS

Total funded \$23,145

Family Math Night Festival, St. Helena Primary School

A SHPSF grant provided funds for this comprehensive math program, a coordinated and connected package offered to the entire SHPS community. **K–2 students, parents, and teachers**

Simulations in the Classroom, St. Helena Elementary School

Interactive simulations, funded through a SHPSF grant, allow students to be involved in their own learning. A program for students to work collaboratively on a variety of tasks to gain a deeper understanding of a given topic through discovery learning. **Grade 4**

Food Rules Kick-off Event, RLS Middle School

SHPSF grant funds supported a local, sustainable and organic food truck service to come to RLS to provide a lunch to the students as a kickoff event for a school project focused on school lunches. Last year's project students planned, cooked and then defended their recipes, was based on Michael Pollan's book, Food Rules. **Grades 6–8**

Anatomical Models, St. Helena High School

With a SHPSF grant, science teacher Chris O'Connor purchased anatomical models of various bones and skeletal structures to enhance the SHHS Anatomy and Physiology program. **Grades 9–12**

5 SHPSF HISTORY GRANTS

Total funded \$4,676

Young Readers Learn American Symbols & Holidays, St. Helena Primary School

First grade teachers were able to purchase materials relating to their Social Studies curricula with funds from a SHPSF grant. The materials gave students opportunities to learn about American symbols and holidays through easy-to-read texts explaining the significance of those symbols, and will be used for years to come. **Grade 1**

Places, Everyone, Places, St. Helena Elementary School

A SHPSF grant provided the funds to purchase materials for the Manifest Destiny Festival, a program where students write and perform plays set during the expansion period of our country. **Grades 6–8**

EL Immigration Exploration Field Trip, St. Helena High School

Bus transportation and visiting fees for a field trip to SF's Chinatown, Mission Dolores, and the Russian Cathedral were funded through a SHPSF grant. The field trip provided 30 EL students the opportunity to compare their own immigration experience with that of other cultures who have made California their home. **Grades 9–12**

History & Poetry: A Cross-Curricular Learning Experience, St. Helena High School

A SHPSF grant brought author, playwright, actor, and former WWII Japanese Internment Camp internee, Hiroshi Kashiwagi, to SHHS to meet with the Junior US History class and many other students to talk about his experiences during WWII, read and discuss his poetry, and lead a poetry writing workshop. **Grades 11–12**

5 SHPSF LIBRARY GRANTS

Total funded \$6,000

The SHPSF provides consistent grant funding every year for new books and materials to each of the four public school libraries.





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5 SHPSF SPECIAL EDUCATION GRANTS

Total funded \$2,076

Tricycles for Exploring Community, RLS Middle School

Three additional tricycles and a storage/security rack were purchased with a SHPSF grant, adding to the tricycles that the SHPSF funded last year. **Grades 6–8**

Cooking Together, St. Helena High School

A SHPSF grant funded the purchase of cookbooks that combine life-skill lessons with recipes. **Grades 9–12**

6 SHPSF LITERATURE & LANGUAGE GRANTS

Total funded \$3,720

Birthday Books, St. Helena Primary School

One of the SHPSF's most enduring programs, all students enrolled at the St. Helena Primary School receive a book on their birthday that is chosen just for them based on their interests and reading level. The books are purchased through a SHPSF grant every year. **Grades K–2**

SHES Reads (SHES Bilingual FAMILY BOOK CLUB), St. Helena Elementary School

The SHPSF provided grant funds to purchase books for the first-ever school-wide book club called "Let's Read! Family Book Club." The grant covered the cost of books and a moderator for this well-attended program. **Grades 3–5**

20th-Century Classroom, RLS Middle School

Conversion of the VHS library to DVD. These educational resources can now continue to be used to support the curriculum at RLS Middle School.

Painting is Silent Poetry, St. Helena High School

A SHPSF arts grant awarded funds towards the printing cost of the student-written and edited SHHS Art and Literary Journal, "The Spirit of the Saints/El espíritu de los Santos." **Grades 9–12**

11 SHPSF SUMMER GRANTS

Total funded \$5,990

The innovative SHPSF Summer Grant Program funds student and teacher grant requests ranging from student academic and art programs to teacher workshops, conferences, and continuing education.

Student Art Programs: Total funded \$3,370

Students Academic Programs: Total funded \$1,500

Workshops and Conferences: Total funded \$1,120

10 SHPSF FINE & PERFORMING ARTS GRANTS

Total funded \$5,847

Hawaiian Music & Culture, St. Helena Primary School

A SHPSF grant provided funds for materials needed for a study unit on Hawaiian Music and culture. The students were taught traditional songs and dances and were given instruction on the water cycle and environmental awareness. **Grades K & 1 with follow-up extension for 2nd Grade**

Doorways to Private Worlds, St. Helena Elementary School

Elementary school teachers purchased 100 sketchbooks and sets of drawing books for classroom reference for all 3rd grade students with funds from a SHPSF grant. The students used the sketchbooks for various projects throughout the school year. **Grade 3**

RLS Band–CMEA Band Festival, RLS Middle School

A SHPSF grant provided funds for registration fees for the RLS 7th and 8th grade band to participate in the CMEA Band Festival in Benicia, CA. **Grades 7 & 8**

"Wizard of Oz" Production, St. Helena High School

The SHPSF granted funds toward the production costs of the SHHS Drama Department's Spring Musical. Fifty students from all four public schools in the district participated in the production.



3 SHPSF UNCATEGORIZED GRANTS

Total funded \$3,050

Academic Decathlon, St. Helena High School

A SHPSF grant provided training materials and financed entrance fees for this important award-winning program. **Grades 9–12**

Those Healing Beads, St. Helena High School

Wire, beads, bags, and tools to make comfort beads for students to distribute to patients at St. Helena Hospital were purchased through a SHPSF grant. **Grades 9–12**