

RURAL INNOVATION GRANT FOR QUALITY TEACHING AND LEADERSHIP

New Tech Network's Rural Innovation Grant for Quality Teaching and Leadership supports Texas educators in implementing best practices in classroom instructional strategies, classroom culture practices, and school leadership practices. Valued between \$50,000 and \$60,000 of services, the Rural Innovation Grant is funded through the Bezos Family Foundation (BFF) and is designed specifically for schools in Texas communities classified as Rural or Town by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). **New Tech Network's Rural Innovation Grant will fund up to six Rural or Town Texas schools for the 2023-2024 school year to implement strategies to improve the quality of teaching and learning throughout an entire school.**

WHY APPLY?

- Implement a set of quality tier 1 instructional practices that utilize student-centered methods
- Develop classroom cultural practices that create safe, welcoming, and engaging spaces for students
- Calibrate on a common instructional language for returning and new staff members
- Support leaders with tools that facilitate changes in classroom instructional practices
- Get inspiration from campuses utilizing these practices and develop a plan to further your own campus vision

SERVICES INCLUDED

DEEPER LEARNING PRACTICES:

A two-day workshop designed for teaching and fostering college and career ready outcomes at a school by: 1) Unpacking the NTN Learning Outcome Rubrics, 2) Integrating learner-centered teaching practices aligned to outcomes that include current curriculum, and 3) Designing faculty collaboration structures.

CULTURE PRACTICES:

A one-day workshop designed to support educators in building awareness of student experience. Starting with reflection on current classroom and school culture, educators will build a plan to incorporate researchbased culture-building activities for their campus.

SCHOOL TOUR:

An onsite visit to a New Tech Network member school that has applied NTN's key concepts and practices. During the visit, participants will talk to school leaders, visit with teachers, tour classrooms and hear from students about their learning experiences.

Interested schools please reach out to Steffany Batik, sbatik@newtechnetwork.org.

