

NCLB Project Sheet

TITLE IID

Please use a separate sheet for *each* of your Title IID funded projects. Attach additional sheets as needed.

Unit MSAD 75 Project Title Big6 Training

If non-public school project, provide non-public School Name

1. Project Description: (Include staff development information)

This grant targets each of the elementary school libraries and the middle school library. The Big Six Skills program provides the framework for staff to follow in teaching students how to effectively research. Librarians will focus on teaching research strategies that incorporate technology, locating and accessing information relevant to a given subject, and then synthesizing and presenting the information that reflects the students' understanding of the subject.

To effectively implement the approved "Research Process: The Big Six Skills" program each library must provide students and staff access to quality computer equipment, appropriate hardware and software, and effective staff development and student training. Each library across the district requires a minimum of 2 student accessible computers to perform Internet and Intranet research. Access to workstations facilitates card catalog searches, online database subscription access, and Internet research tools. At present libraries are not equipped with the necessary computers, printers and multimedia devices.

2. Outcomes/Performance Indicators: (A well written outcome is realistic, clear, specific and measurable) How will you know your project is successful?

1. Students will be able to recite multiple strategies for gathering information using technology.
2. Students will be able to evaluate resources for accuracy and relevance to a subject
3. Students will be able to use the on-line catalog as a tool for locating resources
4. Students will be able to extract information from a resource, synthesize it into their own words that reflects understanding, and then organize and present it in a variety of ways using technology.

3. Staff Development: A minimum of 25% of your Ed Tech funds must be used for staff development. Indicate how you plan to comply with the regulation.

MerryMeeting Adult Education - 20 sessions @ \$80 per session: \$1600
Substitutes required during teacher training (18 max @ \$75/day): \$1350
Training supplies: \$ 480

(additional funding for substitutes must be provided from school discretionary funds)

The library staff at each site will be trained on the use and maintenance of the equipment. Librarians will serve as the primary technicians, on site staff developer, and student trainer for the new equipment. MerryMeeting Adult education will provide off-site staff development for teachers. Larger schools will receive additional on-site training provided by MerryMeeting Adult education. Two distinct staff development opportunities will be provided to ensure staff have the knowledge and skill to effectively support students in the research process. The first is a suite of training opportunities to ensure technology literacy skills. This is the focus of efforts of the MerryMeeting Adult education office.

The second focus is specific training on the research process. Implementing the Big6 Model, as it has been adapted for MSAD 75, is going to take a three-fold approach. In the beginning, each school librarian will present an overview of the model to the entire school staff. This will be followed by specific classes and/or teachers who, in collaboration with the librarian, will pilot the model. Berkowitz, the librarian/teacher and author of the Big6, highly recommends that initially librarians identify a few teachers who will work to build experience and credibility in using the Big6 model. He cautions against trying to do too much too soon. A few well-developed lessons will go a long way in helping others see how easily the model can be incorporated into existing curriculum. The third stage is when experienced teachers act as consultants for other educators and serve in a "train the trainer" model.

4. Project Budget: Use whole dollars only (no cents)

Salaries & Benefits (100, 200)	Contracts (300-500)	Travel (500)	Supp/ Books (600)	Equipment (700)	Capital Equipment (780)	Other (890)	Project Total ⌘ [Copy to Pg. E-10 Row (b)]
\$0	\$2950	\$0	\$480	\$10285	\$0	\$0	\$13715

⌘ If this is a REAP-Flex project, see REAP-Flex Transfer Sheet. Do not copy this amount to Pg. E-10.