

GRANT AGENDA ITEM:

BOARD MEETING DATE:
September 29, 2025

Title:	2025 ACS-Hach High School Chemistry Classroom Grant
Administration Recommendation:	It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the acceptance of a grant award for the 2025-2026 school year; in the amount of \$1,800 for Northbrook High School from American Chemical Society-Hach.
Authority for this action:	Policy CDC (LOCAL)-X states that any gift with a cost or market value of \$5,000 or more, any gift that the potential donor has expressly made conditional upon the district's use for a specified purpose, or any gift of real property, shall require Board approval.
Plan addressed:	The purpose of the funding is to enhance student engagement through hands-on chemistry experiments and phenomena-based inquiries. Once the classroom laboratory supplies are received, they will be distributed to all of the chemistry teachers at Northbrook so that they all have adequate supplies.
Background:	Clifford Hach, co-founder of the Hach Company, later established the Hach Scientific Foundation which co-funds the grant with the American Chemical Society (ACS). The Board approved two ACS-Hach Professional Development grants for MHS and SWHS in April 2025.
Impact of this action:	If the grant award is approved, SBISD will implement these plans. If the grant awards are not approved, the Principal of Northbrook High School will evaluate other funding options.
Budget information:	The entire budget will be spent on classroom laboratory supplies (electronic pocket scales, hot plates, beakers, test tubes, Molymod molecular model sets, clamps and flasks.) The Principal for Northbrook High School will serve as the budget manager.
Monitoring and reporting timeline:	Chemistry teachers will evaluate project outcomes and compile a report on student performance and feedback. This will be done through summative assessments, lab reports utilizing rubrics, and student surveys where students will help them determine what is engaging and what is not. They will use this information to make improvements for the following academic year.
Resource personnel:	Annie Wolfe, Ed.D, Associate Superintendent for Academics HP Hyder, Principal of Northbrook High School Julie Hodson, Director for Grants
Attachment:	None

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Title:	CITGO Petroleum Corporation grant award
Administration Recommendation:	It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the acceptance of \$6,000 from CITGO Petroleum Corporation for the Science Department
Authority for this action:	Policy CDC (Local) states that any gift with a cost or market value of \$5,000 or more, any gift that the potential donor has expressly made conditional upon the district's use for a specified purpose, or any gift of real property, shall require Board approval.
Plan addressed:	SBISD's Director of Science will encourage teachers in the after-school STEM clubs at Landrum, Northbrook, Spring Oaks and Spring Woods Middle Schools to compete in robotics competitions hosted by Region IV. She will also have Spring Woods Middle School teachers pilot teaching how to build with Lego Robotics in their afterschool STEM club. After-school robotics is anticipated to help spark student interest in enrolling in the high school robotics courses.
Background:	SBISD received a 2025 CITGO STEM Program Mini Grant invitation and responded to it through SBEF. As a result, CITGO donated \$6,000 to SBEF specifically for a project entitled "Robotics in After School Stem Clubs". SBEF forwarded the earmarked funds to the SBISD Science Department.
Impact of this action:	If the grant award is approved, SBISD will implement the project. If the award is not approved, SBISD will evaluate funding options.
Budget information:	For this STEM project, \$1,100 is budgeted for payroll for teacher extra duty pay and related benefit contributions and \$4,900 for competition fees, robotics kits and other miscellaneous supplies. The funds must be spent in the fall semester of 2025.
Monitoring and reporting timeline:	Funds must be spent, and all project activities completed no later than December 31, 2025. A Post Event Report is required upon completion of the project. It must be submitted through the Versaic platform. It will be submitted by the Director of Grants with data collected from the Director of Science and the Finance Department. The data will include attendance numbers, awareness of CITGO investment numbers, a success story of community impact, a beneficiary testimony with permission of release and possibly a photo with a photo release.
Resource personnel:	Annie Wolfe, Ed.D., Associate Superintendent, Academics Rhoda Goldberg, Director, Science Department Julie Hodson, Director, Grants Department
Attachment:	None

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Title:	HCDE CASE Debates Grant Award
Administration Recommendation:	It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the acceptance of up to \$7,500 through the Harris County Department of Education (HCDE) Center for Afterschool, Summer, and Enrichment (CASE) for NHS, SWHS and WAIS.
Authority for this action:	Policy CDC (LOCAL)-X states that any gift with a cost or market value of \$5,000 or more, any gift that the potential donor has expressly made conditional upon the District's use for a specified purpose, or any gift of real property, shall require Board approval.
Plan addressed:	<p>The plan is for 2 teachers at NHS, 1 teacher at SWHS and 1 parent sponsor at WAIS to coach four to 25 students per school during the 2025-2026 school year to prepare them for CASE Debates tournaments. HCDE will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide a Coach's Supplemental Duty Pay not to exceed \$2,500 per campus• Provide transportation to an in-person CASE Debates sponsored seminar.• Conduct CASE Debates seminars, tournaments, and other sponsored activities, providing breakfast, lunch and snacks at seminars, tournaments, and field trips and dinner at tournaments.• Provide scholarships for the Summer Debate Camp.• Provide technical assistance, training & coach support; and• Provide curriculum, materials & a starter supply kit.
Background:	HCDE's CASE for Kids and Houston Urban Debate League (HUDL) operate a joint project to provide debate seminars, tournaments, and camps for Harris County School Districts. SBISD has participated annually in CASE Debates since the 2017-2018 school year.
Impact of this action:	If the grant award is approved, SBISD will agree to provide transportation to CASE DEBATES tournament programming. If the grant award is not approved, the campuses will consider other funding options for the coaches.
Budget information:	HCDE will reimburse SBISD for up to \$7,500 (\$2,500 per campus) within 60 days of receiving an invoice for expenses and the stipend verification forms. The Grants Department will collect the forms and records of expenditures as well as generate the invoice.
Monitoring and reporting timeline:	<p>SBISD must commit to participate in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ongoing evaluation of the CASE Debates program such as student, parent, and teacher surveys and focus groups.• Site visits to assess program quality; and• Collection and sharing of student level data
Resource personnel:	Annie Wolfe, Ed.D., Associate Superintendent for Academics Melissa Ramirez, Director of Humanities Julie Hodson, Director, Grants Department
Attachment:	None.