

Confucius Classroom Grant Program in WS/FCS

Confucius Classroom grant funds have been vital in supporting the Chinese programs at Konnoak Elementary, Philo Middle School (prior to becoming Philo-Hill), and Career Center. The grant has provided needed funding for professional development, instructional materials, and cultural events. The original grant was pursued because Konnoak Elementary was beginning a Chinese dual language immersion program and there were many needs with beginning and growing this program. Materials and resources were also needed for Chinese language instruction at Philo Middle and Career Center. The original grant was for three years, but the NC Center for International Understanding (CIU), now Go Global NC, continued to provide funding after that three year period. There is no specific Confucius Classroom programming nor curriculum. At the elementary level, these are immersion classes in which students are learning content from the NC Standard Course of Study as they would in any other class, and are learning Chinese language. At the middle and high school level, these are language elective classes, just as the district provides for six other languages, and teachers follow the NC Standard Course of Study for World Languages. Teachers are included in regular, district provided professional development for all teachers. The Chinese program at Philo-Hill experienced severe declines in enrollment and is no longer available there.

To respond to the records request, the original agreements from 2014 are included, along with budget reports. The requests from CIU/Go Global NC for expenditure reports have not been consistent with regard to format and timing. For years or periods of time not represented by a report it is because it was not requested. Funds not spent carry over from year to year.

Brief History:

- Provide funding for the new Chinese Immersion program at Konnoak Elementary
- Provide funding for existing Chinese elective programs at Philo Middle School and Career Center
- Original application was submitted in 2011-12; Annual funding began 2013-14
- Funding provided by Hanban (part of the Chinese Ministry of Education) , through the NC Center for International Understanding (now Go Global NC)
 - Note - North Carolina programs did not operate through the Asia Society as occurred in other states
- \$10,000 per year per school to be used for classroom supplies, instructional materials, professional development, events/materials related to sharing Chinese language and culture
- Original grant was for 3 years, but CIU/Go Global NC continued to provide funding after the first three years
- Philo-Hill stopped receiving funding after the 2016-2017 school year due to elimination of the Chinese program there

- Did not use Chinese Guest Teachers that were available through the Confucius Classroom program
- Did not work with Confucius Institutes

General Expenditure of Funds

- Instructional materials for Chinese literacy, language, culture, and other content area studies in Chinese
 - Textbooks
 - Readers
 - Digital subscriptions
 - Chinese language assessments (HSK/YSK)
- Classroom materials
 - Chinese cultural classroom decor
 - Calligraphy supplies
 - White boards
- Professional Development
 - Conference expenses for teachers
 - Foreign Language Association of NC (FLANC)
 - National Chinese Language Conference
 - AP Chinese Institute
 - American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL)
- Cultural Activities
 - Chinese Moon Festival
 - Chinese New Year
 - Parent nights

Curriculum

- No curriculum specific to receipt of Confucius Classroom grant funds
- All curriculum is from the NC Standard Course of Study
 - World Languages (Philo/Career Center)
 - K-5 Science, Social Studies, Mathematics (Konnoak Elementary dual immersion program)

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