

**MATCHING FUNDS-PARENT
TEACHER ORGANIZATION/
BOOSTER GROUPS**

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To encourage the participation and efforts of organized booster and parent-teacher groups in support of the schools, the Orange County Board of Education has established and operates a matching fund program. Each fiscal year, one group per school may request a one-time matching grant of up to \$1000 per year on a dollar for dollar basis to match an amount of money generated by the group of the benefit of the school. School principals with more than one eligible group will establish rotating schedules for all groups which may allow one or more requests per year; however, the amount per school will be limited to \$1000 per year.

Booster groups that represent more than one school are also eligible for this annual matching grant, provided the project benefits all schools represented by the multi-school booster group. Such groups shall submit matching grant requests directly to the superintendent for funds separated and apart from those made available to the individual schools. Matching funds for multi-school booster groups shall also be limited to \$1000 per year.

To qualify for matching funds, the applicant group must agree to spend the total amount (both matching grant and collect funds) on a project that benefits a wide school group population and has a lasting value to the students.

Each request must be submitted to the superintendent for his/her recommendation to the school board for its action prior to any expenditure. The request must include a list of the item(s) to be purchased, the total cost of the item or project, and a short description of the benefits to the schools. All requests for matching funds should be submitted as early in the school year as possible so that students can receive the full benefit of the project in the year funded. Requests will not be accepted after March 15 and projects must be completed in the same fiscal year unless you are granted administrative approval to exceed the standard completion date.

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