

## Teacher's Vision Grant Summary

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Year of Implementation: 2019 - 2020

Project Title: iPlay

To begin, I would first like to thank the Foundation for Public Schools in Edgefield County for their generosity in awarding this grant. Through the funding provided, I was able to purchase three iPads to use in my 6th, 7th, and 8th grade music classes. These iPads have proven to be invaluable tools for the students and will surely continue to be a fantastic resource for years to come. Additionally, by coordinating with the band teacher, who also received funding for iPads through the generosity of this foundation, we have been able to share our technology. This coordination has allowed me to give even more students access to these tablets at once.

My students have used the iPads in a variety of ways. For example, my music students have used the tablets to search for sheet music to perform on our classroom guitars and pianos. Then, by using the functionality of the MuseScore application, the students can rehearse their chosen music with built-in rehearsal tools. Students have also recorded their performances on the iPads, giving them a perfect avenue for self-reflection. These recordings serve as a means for me to give feedback to the students, helping them to better see the areas where they excel and where they need to improve.

These examples only show a small sample of what these tools offer the students in my classroom. I am excited to continue to implement projects where the students can utilize this

technology. My students and I are grateful to be able to use these iPads. Thank you again for your generosity and for all you do.