

2023-2024 Teacher Vision Grant Summary

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For the 2023/2024 school year, I applied for a Vision Grant to receive a digital subscription to Scholastic Scope for all 8th grade students at Merriwether Middle School. In my application, I mentioned my previous use of Scholastic Scope at my prior school, and the great admiration I hold towards this resource. It provides a comprehensive amount of engaging resources to help students grow and succeed in English Language Arts.

Overall, I believe that my use of Scholastic Scope this year was an incredible success. My students have been highly engaged with the colorful images and text features present in the magazine, which contribute greatly to learning the actual information from the text. We have read about the inventions of bicycles and jet-packs, studied articles and infographics about endangered animals, and learned about how your phone spies on you, among other things. We used the debate essay kits embedded in Scholastic to evaluate arguments and write argumentative essays. We used the resources in Scope to inspire our own informational and expository writing in the form of creative infographics, incorporating not only information from the texts, but research from outside sources as well.

Throughout the times I have used Scope as a supplementary resource in the classroom, I have seen and overheard students commenting about how much they enjoy the information in the magazine because it is colorful and engaging, while also providing a challenge to test their knowledge of new vocabulary, skills, and information. Using a resource like Scholastic has provided so much engagement to even the most reluctant readers in my classroom.

I know that my students have grown and learned so much through using Scholastic Scope as a resource. It has been successfully used to the point where my principal has agreed to get a subscription for next year for all of our teachers, which is what my hope was when I originally applied for the vision grant.

I appreciate the foundation so much for funding my use of Scholastic Scope this year. My students have greatly benefited from and enjoyed the resource!