

DonorsChoose.ORG MATCH FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is eligible for a Match from The Advancement Center when they put a project on DonorsChoose.org?

Any certified staff member currently teaching in a classroom that is supporting students in The Metropolitan School District of Washington Township.

Are there any projects not able to be matched?

Yes, in order to give as many teachers access to matching funds as possible, make sure that requests align with our organizations grant philosophy and ensure that items received can continue to be supported by the District, the following requests are not eligible for matching dollars:

- Projects over \$1,500
- Professional Development Support
- Food, Clothing & Hygiene
- Computers & Tablets
- Flexible Seating

If my project request includes any of these exclusions are there still Advancement Center Resources available to support my idea?

Yes, we would encourage you to participate in the traditional grants process which will allow us to engage with your request at a deeper level and see what funding opportunities are available.

If my project meets the requirements, how will the matching funds be applied?

The system is automated by DonorsChoose.org. Once they have determined the project to be eligible they will apply a visual statement to your project page that states "Donations to this project are now being matched, thanks to support from The Advancement Center for Washington Township Schools". Once this statement appears every dollar donated will be immediately and automatically be matched by us.

Do I need to do anything to get the match set up?

No, the system is automated by DonorsChoose.org. If your project meets the criteria and matching dollars are still available the match will be applied automatically.

My project meets all the criteria, but It does not look like a match is being applied?

The Advancement Center fiscal year runs July 1- June 30th. Matching with DonorsChoose.org resets every fiscal year and are allocated on an annual basis. Once the budgeted funds are all used, the match is not available until it resets again the next school year. Typically, matching dollars last until April. If your project is being posted between April and August (when the new year typically starts) and meets the criteria but is not receiving a match, matching funds allocated for the budget cycle have probably all been applied to other projects.

What can I do if I put a project up in the window when matching funds are not available?

We suggest just being patient. Many times, a project will get funded by donors without matching funds. If however you put a project up during a time when matching funds are not available, if it has not been fully funded when the next cycle of matching funds becomes available, the match will automatically engage for future donations made after the match activates.

Where can I learn more about putting a project up on DonorsChoose.org?

<https://www.donorschoose.org/teachers>