



Empatico Spark Empathy Grants

Imagine if kids everywhere could discover what life is like for their peers across the globe... Spark Empathy Grants can help make that possible for your students.

What's Empatico? [Empatico](#), incubated by The KIND Foundation, is a free tool for educators of students ages 6-11 to connect their classrooms and groups with peers around the world. Educators do this through a combination of live video and standards- and [research](#)-based [activities](#) designed to foster meaningful connections that spark curiosity, kindness, and empathy. Empatico provides all the tools educators need in one place: a partner classroom, activity plans, and built-in video, messaging, and scheduling tools. Empatico is committed to connecting 1 million children to one another by 2020, and was named a [Fast Company 2018 World Changing Idea](#) and a [top edtech tool in 2019](#).

What's the opportunity? Empatico will provide grants to each school or program in order to amplify their efforts to spread empathy and kindness. We are looking for grantees to share in our commitment to and enthusiasm for developing students' social and emotional learning, specifically critical thinking, curiosity, perspective taking, and empathy, through virtual exchanges with peers across the U.S. and the world.

What do you get?

- Up to \$10,000, or more depending on the number of participating educators, in grant funding to help implement Empatico with a group of educators in your school / school network / after school program. For an example, read [this blog](#) about how Washington Township Public Schools implemented Empatico across all of its elementary schools
- Professional development resources and dedicated support with grant implementation from the Empatico team
- Opportunity to participate in Empatico's evaluation studies. Participants will receive the results
- Amplifying the stories generated by Grantees through social media and other media outlets
- Priority access to future grant funding applications

Eligibility: All U.S. based school districts, clusters of schools, individual schools, and networks of before/after school programming with 6-11 year olds (grades K-5) who can implement the grant between August 2019 and June 2020 are eligible to apply. Grants are awarded based on the number of educators participating in the initiative.

Who can apply?	Must be a leader or a group of leaders (e.g. Superintendent, Principal, Assistant Principal, technology coach, etc.) within a district, individual school or program working with 6-11 year olds (grades K-5) in the United States.
What can the funds be used for?	Spark Empathy Grants are flexible, customizable, and meant to address your network's specific needs. Examples include: • Technology needed to participate in Empatico • Professional development to support the implementation of the grant • Stipends for individuals who are leading the implementation of the grant • Funding of classroom and community-level initiatives that promote empathy and kindness
What do Grantees have to commit to?	1. Submit a complete application 2. Designate an implementation lead and a fiscal lead to assist with coordination and execution of the grant 3. Participate in implementation meetings with the Empatico team prior to the 2019-2020 academic year 4. Facilitate at least four Empatico exchanges per participating classroom/group during the grant period (two exchanges by December 2019, and two exchanges by June 2020)
When will funds be dispersed?	Grantees will receive 50% of the grant funds once all eligible teachers have signed up for and set up their Empatico accounts. The remaining grant funds will be released after the total exchanges on the Empatico platform have been completed.

Application and Timeline: The priority deadline for applications is Friday, April 26th, 2019 and decisions will be made by May 8th. Applications submitted after April 26th, will be considered on a rolling basis.

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If you are interested in applying, but have questions, please submit the quick form below. A member of the Empatico Team will be in touch.

[I want to apply, but I have questions](#)

Want to learn more about Empatico?

- Watch [this 90 second video](#) to see how Empatico works
- Check out this mention of Empatico as a [Big Idea for Education Innovation in 2019](#)
- Read [educator reviews](#) of Empatico on Common Sense

- Read this [Edutopia](#) article that features educators from Mexico and Kansas, USA who connected their students using Empatico
- Read this [EdWeek blog post](#) from educator Mike Soskil
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