

**SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH OF CARONDELET
LOS ANGELES PROVINCE**

**Grant Application for Secondary Schools
2001-2002**

**Carondelet High School
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Submitted by:

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SPECIFIC PURPOSE for which funds are requested:

(Provide precise answers to the what, why, and who questions relating to this project)

What:

A four day workshop will be used to develop a theme based "across the curriculum" project Ten teachers, two from each of five departments, Social Studies, English, Religion, Science and Art, will participate in developing the project.

The English Department will approve the selection of a novel that focuses on issues from a certain era. This will provide the themes for the project. All of the departments will create lessons based on these themes. During the school year these completed lessons will become part of an interconnected hypertext document that will be published on the Carondelet High School web site.

This document will become a research resource for the novel and for the variety of themes brought out by the novel.

Why:

One educational need to move secondary curriculum forward is to address a way to provide cross-curricular emphasis using a technology based project. I think that at its completion all four of our schools will benefit.

Educators historically have divided knowledge into discrete disciplines. This fragmentation is dysfunctional for most students seeking to make sense of the bits and pieces of information they memorize and manipulate. An applied and integrated curriculum can transform disjointed courses into a meaningful and practical experience.

This project will use the knowledge of several disciplines to show students the holistic nature of research. It will allow students to work in problem-solving teams, each of which will contribute to the group process of completing this huge project.

The completed project will be a resource for others studying this material. It will also be a model for our teachers and for others who would like to create similar projects. The project materials including lesson plans, outlines and grading rubrics will be available to all of our schools.

Who:

The Carondelet High School Technology Resource Consultant will lead the workshop, coordinate the research and upload the web pages when the students have completed them.

Ten teachers from Carondelet High School will participate in the project. Each of the five departments involved will select two participants. These teachers will create the lessons during the four day workshop and assign them during the school year.

BUDGET for the grant:
(Provide as much specific information as possible)

10 Teacher Stipends @ \$200 each	\$ 2000
1 Instructor Stipend	\$ 1000
Lunches for participants	\$ 250
Total	\$ 3250

Cost: **Total request: \$3250**

EVALUATION: How will the outcomes/effectiveness of this project be evaluated?

The project will be published on the Carondelet High School web site. The workshop participants will set goals for the project. A rubric will be created to assess these goals. Teachers and students will both complete the rubrics at the end of the program