

Blue School Grant

District increases school grant funding opportunities

With the new school year underway, it's time to think about the world of water.

The St. Johns River Water Management District has enhanced its Blue School Grants, offering up to \$3,000 per school to educators in its 18-county service area for school year 2023–24. This year's application cycle opened Aug. 1 and runs through 5 p.m. on Sept. 15, 2023, with up to \$60,000 in funding available for this program. Teachers in grades K–12 at public and charter schools within the District are eligible.

The District now offers up to \$3,000 per teacher/school for project proposals that address key concepts of watershed/ecosystem understanding, water quality, and human use (supply and conservation). Through this funding, the District supports efforts to engage students in understanding and appreciating Florida's freshwater and estuarine systems. Since 2016, the District has funded 89 projects and reached more than 12,440 students, providing more than \$125,000 in funding.

Want to get involved and learn more? Visit the District's website or call Laura La Beur, education and outreach coordinator, at 321-473-1339 or LLaBeur@sjrwmd.com.

- Learn more about Blue School Grants www.sjrwmd.com/education/blue-school
- See video comments from the District's Executive Director <https://youtu.be/WYW1plGE66k>
- Submit an application https://floridaswater.formstack.com/forms/blue_school_grant_application_23_24