

# **Grant Evaluation Criteria**

## Thirty (30) Point Rating System

Grant applications with a cumulative score of under ten (10) points will be rejected.

Innovation, Creativity and Uniqueness: Weight: 1 to 5 points SCORE:
<ul> <li>Introduces new and creative educational methods, materials, and/or technologies that promote distinctive learning experiences for students, while providing increased learning opportunities that encourage development in specifically identified skill areas.</li> </ul>
Student Educational Need:
Weight: 1 to 5 points SCORE:
<ul> <li>Identifies a clearly stated, specific, and significant need of the school program, tying it to student learning, while enriching or enhancing existing educational programs.</li> </ul>
Student Impact:
Weight: 1 to 5 points SCORE:
<ul> <li>Provides lasting or sustainable educational value for the student population.</li> </ul>
Alignment to Strategic Goals, Mission, Vision and Values:  Weight: 1 to 5 points SCORE:
<ul> <li>Aligns with the program curriculum and one or more of the Agency's strategic goals, as well as the mission, vision, and values of Nassau BOCES and the Nassau BOCES Educational Foundation.</li> </ul>
Budget:
Weight: 1 to 5 points SCORE:
<ul> <li>Falls outside of the regular Nassau BOCES or school program budgeting process and includes a reasonable, accurate, and detailed budget.</li> </ul>
Plan Evaluation, Submission and Presentation:
Weight: 1 to 5 points SCORE:
<ul> <li>Adheres to all grant application requirements by ensuring all questions are answered and complete information is provided, offers realistic and measurable methods for assessing student performance, and identifies the program's potential for future replication if successful.</li> </ul>

TOTAL SCORE (All Categories) \_\_\_\_\_



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Central Office Administrator's Name (Print)	
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District Superintendent or Designee's Name (Print)	
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# **Strategic Goals**

### **Cultivate Success for Every Learner**

Nassau BOCES is committed to preparing individuals for lifelong learning, academic achievement and active citizenship by enhancing essential competencies in an inclusive and equitable environment. All learners will gain the knowledge, skills and mindset to excel in an ever-evolving world. By fostering social and emotional growth, we will enable individuals to achieve personal fulfillment.

### Shape the BOCES of the Future

Nassau BOCES will lead, innovate and adapt to create future-focused educational environments and services. Through collaborative partnerships, the Agency will continue to optimize our physical spaces, foster sustainability and enhance equity to fulfill the diverse needs of our communities.

### **Optimize the Employee Experience**

Nassau BOCES embraces talent, promotes inclusivity and strives to ensure that every employee feels valued and empowered. A supportive employee experience fosters engagement, trust and success by enhancing communication, advancing professional development and being responsive to our employees.

#### **Maximize Efficiencies and Cost-Effectiveness**

Nassau BOCES is committed to optimizing our resources and investments to support our mission. The Agency will increase operational efficiencies by leveraging innovative practices, strategic management and data-driven decision making.

### **Promote Economic Growth and Development**

Nassau BOCES will enhance the productivity of Long Island's workforce. Collaborating with school districts, community organizations, institutions of higher education and industry partners, the Agency will equip individuals with the skills they need for employment and economic stability.

## **Short Versions**

**Cultivate Success for Every Learner:** because nothing matters more for the future.

**Shape the BOCES of the Future:** to maximize excellence through leadership, innovation and adaptability.

**Optimize the Employee Experience:** because our employees are our greatest resource.

Maximize Efficiencies and Cost-Effectiveness: so we remain competitive and responsive.

Promote Economic Growth and Development: to respond to the needs of Long Island.



### Mission

The mission of the Nassau BOCES is to partner with school districts and communities to provide premier educational and support services that ensure equity, opportunities and access for all.

### Vision

The vision of the Nassau BOCES is to be the leading educational and service organization, empowering students, districts and communities to maximize potential.

### **Values**

**Compassion:** We treat each other with empathy, kindness and patience. We are supportive, caring and understanding of each other's needs.

**Equity:** We promote an environment of inclusion, diversity and access where all have the opportunity to thrive and perform at their highest levels. We believe that quality education should be available for all.

**Excellence:** We hold ourselves to the highest standards of performance. We value our employees' talents and passion, encouraging a culture where innovation is celebrated and opportunities are embraced.

**Integrity:** We are committed to the practice of ethical conduct, embracing honesty, fairness and transparency in our actions. We value character, dedication and personal accountability.

**Respect:** We treat others with professionalism, courtesy and dignity. We value all individuals and welcome their positive engagement.



## Mission, Vision and Values

#### Our Mission:

The Nassau BOCES Educational Foundation is an independent, non-profit, school community-based organization, dedicated to enriching the lives and learning opportunities of all Nassau BOCES students. Our goal is to secure and allocate funding that supports our programs and staff, encourages creative ideas, and enhances educational experiences. We actively seek donations and grants to empower students and promote excellence in education.

#### Our Vision:

Our vision is to create a thriving educational environment where every student has access to innovative programs, resources, and experiences that inspire lifelong learning and success. We envision a community that values education as a catalyst for growth, equity, and positive change.

### Our Values:

**Commitment:** We are dedicated to the success of every student. Our commitment drives us to advocate for equitable access, foster collaboration, and champion educational excellence.

Community: We believe in the power of community engagement. By cultivating partnerships with education partners, school district program administrators, businesses and industry leaders, we strengthen educational pathways and create lasting impacts.

Compassion: We endeavor to establish a culture where every student feels acknowledged and valued, creating an environment of empathy and understanding.

**Innovation:** We embrace creativity, adaptability, and forward-thinking. We strive to fund programs that ignite curiosity, promote critical thinking, and prepare students for a dynamic future.

**Stewardship**: We responsibly manage resources to maximize their impact. Transparency, accountability, and ethical practices guide our financial decisions as we support educational initiatives.