

**INSTRUMENTAL BAND  
AFTERHOURS  
PROGRAM**

**UPSHUR COUNTY  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

**BUCKHANNON ACADEMY ELEMENTARY  
FRENCH CREEK ELEMENTARY  
HODGESVILLE ELEMENTARY  
ROCK CAVE ELEMENTARY  
TENNERTON ELEMENTARY  
UNION ELEMENTARY  
WASHINGTON DISTRICT ELEMENTARY**

**INNOVATION ZONE DESIGNATION  
COMPETITIVE GRANT APPLICATION**

**UPSHUR COUNTY SCHOOLS  
SUPERINTENDENT  
SCOTT LAMPINEN**

**DECEMBER 22, 2009**

**A. Cover Page**

**B. Information of Applicant:**

Entity Applying for Innovation Zone Designation

- A school
- One or more schools acting as a consortia
- A group of schools seeking designation across the same subdivision or department of the schools
- A school seeking designation of a subdivision or department
- A higher education institution

Name of Entity Applying: Upshur County Elementary Schools

County: Upshur

Superintendent: Scott Lampinen

Number of Professional Personnel: 345

Number of Service Personnel: 195

Institution of Higher Education: Not Applicable

County Location: Central West Virginia

**C. Narratives for the Innovation Zone Application**

**Project Design**

During the late 90’s, the Buckhannon- Upshur High School Band was in excess of 150 students and since that period of time, the size of the band has reduced to less then 100 students. In the mid 90’s, due to economic factors, the beginning band program for 5<sup>th</sup> graders had to be abandoned. This “feeder” program for the Middle School paid great dividends for both the Middle School and the High School. The interest, talent, and commitment from this beginning band program had immeasurable impact on the High School band. By 2003-2004, the High School band numbers had dropped to just over 100 members. The students in this band class at BUHS did not have the experience of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade beginning band program.

The elementary curriculum and 5<sup>th</sup> grade scheduling is very demanding at this period of 21<sup>st</sup> century instruction and taking time from the school day is not the best choice for beginning band instruction. Throughout the elementary schools and within the community, parents and children have expressed the interest of have a beginning band program for fifth grade boys and girls.

With funding, an Instrumental Band Afterhours Program would be the answer and would be well supported by the schools, students, parents and community. This could be achieved with instruction being delivered after the school day ends or in Saturday sessions, much like sports programs are handled with coaches.

The goal would be teach the beginning steps to becoming a concert/marching band musician by achieving the objectives of mastering the use of the instrument and reading the musical scores. The classes would be taught in the elementary schools after the regular school day or on Saturdays at Buckhannon Upshur Middle School.

Parents would be the key factors in transportation as they would be dealing with a program that is conducted outside the school day. The instructional manpower, the physical facilities, and the clients are readily available. This flexibility assists the school in meeting the needs of the students without compromising the academic needs of a rigorous 21<sup>st</sup> Century Curriculum.

Based on the figures from the 1990’s, 80 or more students would be participating in the program from 7 elementary schools. One or two professional staff members would be able to deliver the service in either the evening or Saturday instructional model. This will not change the daily operation of the school, but it will greatly affect the moral and interest of the students, staff and parents in the fine arts.

## Research Base

Elementary band in Upshur County began with the institution of the high school band in the 1920's. Beginning band was made available to the town schools within the city limits for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and finally, in 1973, the program was expanded to all elementary schools within the county. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade program was maintained when the 6<sup>th</sup> graders were consolidated into the Middle School in the fall of 1977.

Elementary band classes continued to be offered to 5<sup>th</sup> graders through the spring of 1996 until reduced funding forced the elimination of the program by the reduction of a band instructor. From the mid 1970's through the spring of 1996, the average number of 5<sup>th</sup> grade band students averaged between 80 and 90.

In 1996, when the 5<sup>th</sup> grade band program and one band director's position were eliminated, the size of the High School band, concurrently began to diminish in size by the year 2000. Due to the decline in middle and high school band membership caused by an absence of the beginning band program, another band instructor position had to be eliminated.

At the peak of the total band program for Upshur County in the mid 1980's, there were four band directors and there were 550 band students in grades 5 through 12. At that time, the Upshur County Band Program was considered to be one of the best in the State of West Virginia, both in the percentage of students involved and the quality of their musicianship.

While the beginning band program was in place for the elementary schools, the high school band membership averaged 150 students. This membership level remained until the last elementary, beginning class began their sophomore year at Buckhannon-Upshur High School in the fall of 2000.

Historical data was provided by John Puffenbarger  
Retired Band Director  
Upshur County Schools  
West Virginia Music Educators Association

**Policies or Code that Prohibit or Constrain the Design:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ *Waiver Requested of County Policy:* \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Waiver Requested of WVBOE Policy or Regulation:* \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Waiver Requested of Statute:* \_\_\_\_\_
- *X* N/A (No Waiver Requested)

## Planning Narrative

After grant approval, the instructional leaders within the elementary schools and the music teachers will meet to outline the program and time frames. This group will continue to meet at the end of each quarter to monitor the program and made any necessary modifications to the delivery of the program to the students.

The Instrumental Band Afterhours Program Innovation Zone planning budget correlates to the instructional needs of 5<sup>th</sup> grade students wishing to gain a higher level of participation and learning with WV Music CSO's. The budget is focused on providing collaborative planning time for teachers and administrators to integrate 21<sup>st</sup> century skills into a 5<sup>th</sup> grade, beginning band instructional program. The program budget is based on the need for instructional time beyond the classroom day that will incorporate higher quality instruction in music for the students wishing to play band instruments.

The innovative side to this project is to engage in a collaborative effort with Buckhannon-Upshur Middle School, Buckhannon-Upshur High School, and West Virginia Wesleyan College to provide an opportunity for these band students to meet and model their talents for the 5<sup>th</sup> graders. At the end of each quarter, a Saturday session will be scheduled at the Buckhannon-Upshur Middle school Band room. During this session, selected/invited band members from BUMS, BUHS, and WVWC will be scheduled to participate in the lesson and provide some one-on-one modeling of advanced instrument performance. One can only imagine the excitement and interest of fifth grader as they play and learn from advanced role models.

Instructional time would be based on 7 – 1 hour sessions for 7 weeks each quarter for 80 students in 7 elementary schools. To meet this instructional need, the preparation and instructional time will equate to 280 hours of contracted services of Highly Qualified personnel.

The rate of pay for this contracted service would be \$35.00 per hour, which equals \$9,800 per year. To display the stated need of improvement, the program needs funding for a minimum of 4 years, for a total of \$39,200.

The Director of Curriculum will oversee the grant and keep records of instructional numbers and provide the instructional evaluation of the program. At the end of the fourth year, the Middle School band membership and the students going on to High School would indicate success by an increase in band participation, at which time, the county can look to other methods of funding the program.

The program could easily be duplicated to any county in the state.

## Budget for Instrumental Band Afterhours

Item	Amount per unit	Total	Vendor
½ day Professional Learning Community meeting to construct the delivery model (Committee will include Curriculum Director, 7 elementary principals, 3 elementary music teachers, Middle School Band instructor, and an External evaluator	\$35.00 per hour	\$1365	Professional Learning Community
Ongoing Professional Learning Community to sustain and build the program by regular, quarterly, 2 hour meetings	\$35.00	\$3640	PLC
External Evaluator	\$1,250	\$5,000	State Consultant
Highly Qualified contracted Services for 280 hours of instruction/preparation (based on 7 – 1 hour sessions per week for 7 weeks for 80 students each quarter	\$9,800	\$39,200	Instructor(s)

**Total Budget \$49,205**

### PLAN OF WORK

- Hold the first Professional Learning Community meeting
- Post the job description when the grant has been secured
- Interview the candidates
- Secure the instructional services
- Staff development will be incorporated with the regular county plan (18 hours)
- Begin instruction in September 2010
- Maintain Professional Learning Community meetings each quarter

### PROJECT EVALUATION

- Maintain external evaluation procedure
- Monitor the effect of 5<sup>th</sup> grade band on the enrollment for middle school band
- Monitor the numbers of students at the high school level to show a significant increase in 2014-2015 (a minimum of 10% growth)

**Supporting Documents:**

1. Record of Staff Commitment
2. LEA Report of Support or Concerns

**Certification**  
**School/Schools Staff Commitment**  
**Department/Departments/Subdivision/Subdivisions**  
**Staff Commitment**

**Use this form to report the staff commitment regarding the innovation application and plan. A copy must be forwarded to the Innovation Zone Committee with the application and the plan.**

School: Buckhannon Academy Elementary

Department (If Applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Notice of Meeting (Date provided to Faculty or Department/Subdivision): ISE Day Schedule for 2009-2010

Meeting Date: December 23, 2009

Faculty Senate Elected Officers:

President: (Name) <u>Darla Streets</u> <u>Amy Hackett</u>	Signature: <u>Darla M. Streets</u> <u>Amy Hackett</u>
Vice-President: (Name) <u>Aimee Corkrean</u>	Signature: <u>Aimee Corkrean</u>
Secretary: (Name) <u>Kim Lantz / Vicki Sharp</u>	Signature: <u>Kim Lantz / Vicki Sharp</u>
Treasurer: (Name) <u>Kathy Turner</u>	Signature: <u>Kathy Turner</u>
Other: (Name) _____	Signature: _____

Service Personnel Representative:

Name: Susan Michael Signature: Susan Michael  
Position: Cook II

Parent Representatives:

Name: <u>Laura O'Hara</u>	Signature: <u>Laura E. O'Hara</u>
Name: <u>Sheila Louk</u>	Signature: <u>Sheila Louk</u>
Name: <u>Christy Lamb</u>	Signature: <u>Christy Lamb</u>

**We certify that 80 percent of the faculty affected by the application/plan has voted to support the application/plan.**

(This report certification is not required of institutions of higher education in their application or plan).

From John Haymond <jhaymond@access.k12.wv.us>

Sent Wednesday, December 23, 2009 8:35 am

To Amanda Craig <acraig@access.k12.wv.us> , Ann Mickle <amickle@access.k12.wv.us> , Cheryl Wayts <cwayts@access.k12.wv.us> , H Randall Roy <hroy@access.k12.wv.us> , Mendy Akers <mjakers@access.k12.wv.us> , Sara Stankus <sstankus@access.k12.wv.us> , Peggy Hall <pgghall@access.k12.wv.us> , jljohnso@access.k12.wv.us

Subject Innovation Zone Application Page for Afterhours Band Program for 5th graders

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School: French Creek Elem.

Department (If Applicable): Not Applicable

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Meeting Date: December 23, 2009

Faculty Senate Elected Officers:

President: (Name) <u>Marquin Godfrey</u>	<u>Ab.</u>	Signature: _____
Vice-President: (Name) <u>Chrissy Hull</u>	<u>Ab.</u>	Signature: _____
Secretary: (Name) <u>Tiffany Bailey</u>		Signature: <u>Tiffany Bailey</u>
Treasurer: (Name) <u>Lynn Frashure</u>		Signature: <u>Lynn Frashure</u>
Other: (Name)		Signature: _____

Service Personnel Representative:

Name: Alice M. Alkire Signature: Alice M Alkire  
 Position: kindergarten aide

Parent Representatives:

Name: _____	Signature: _____
Name: _____	Signature: _____
Name: _____	Signature: _____

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**Amanda Craig**

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School: Rock Cave Elementary  
Department (If Applicable): Not Applicable  
Notice of Meeting (Date provided to Faculty or Department/Subdivision): ISE Day Schedule for 2009-2010  
Meeting Date: December 23, 2009

Faculty Senate Elected Officers:

President: (Name)	<u>Sheryl K. Brown</u>	Signature:	<u>Sheryl K. Brown</u>
Vice-President: (Name)	<u>Sandra Kravok</u>	Signature:	<u>Sandra Kravok</u>
Secretary: (Name)	<u>Shanah D Carpenter</u>	Signature:	<u>Shanah D Carpenter</u>
Treasurer: (Name)	<u>Beverly A. Davis</u>	Signature:	<u>Beverly A. Davis</u>
Other: (Name)		Signature:	

Service Personnel Representative:

Name: Norma E. Hinkle Signature: Norma E Hinkle  
Position: Secretary

Parent Representatives:

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School: Tennerton

Department (If Applicable): Not Applicable

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Meeting Date: December 23, 2009

Faculty Senate Elected Officers:

President: (Name)	<u>J. Carol Collins</u>	Signature:	<u>J. Carol Collins</u>
Vice-President: (Name)	<u>Karen Leigh</u>	Signature:	<u>Karen Leigh</u>
Secretary: (Name)	<u>Bridgette Tenney</u>	Signature:	<u>Bridgette Tenney</u>
Treasurer: (Name)	<u>Denise Straight</u>	Signature:	<u>Denise Straight</u>
Other: (Name)	<u>Cheryl Wayts</u>	Signature:	<u>Cheryl Wayts</u>

Service Personnel Representative:

Name:	<u>Steve Long</u>	Signature:	<u>Steve Long</u>
Position:	<u>Custodian</u>		

Parent Representatives:

Name:	_____	Signature:	_____
Name:	_____	Signature:	_____
Name:	_____	Signature:	_____

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School: Union Elementary School

Department (If Applicable): N/A

Notice of Meeting (Date provided to Faculty or Department/Subdivision):

Meeting Date:

Faculty Senate Elected Officers:

President: Gabrielle Rhodes

Signature:

Vice-President: Susan Long

Signature:

Secretary: Debra Weese

Signature:

Treasurer: Katie Keener

Signature:

Service Personnel Representative:

Name: Margaret Strouth

Signature:

Position: supervisory aide

Parent Representatives:

Name: Sandra Orth (Library Coordinator)

Signature:

Name: Beth Bohman (Parent Volunteer Coordinator)

Signature:

Name:

Signature:

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**Ann Mickle**

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School: Hodgesville Elementary  
 Department (If Applicable): Not Applicable  
 Notice of Meeting (Date provided to Faculty or Department/Subdivision): ISE Day Schedule for 2009-2010  
 Meeting Date: December 23, 2009

**Faculty Senate Elected Officers:**

President: (Name) <u>Jennifer Struble</u>	Signature: <u>Jennifer Struble</u>
Vice-President: (Name) <u>Christy Gaudet</u>	Signature: <u>Christy Gaudet % Struble</u>
Secretary: (Name) <u>Doris Sandreth</u>	Signature: <u>Doris Sandreth</u>
Treasurer: (Name) <u>Elizabeth McClain</u>	Signature: <u>Elizabeth McClain</u>
Other: (Name) <u>Ann Mickle</u>	Signature: <u>Ann Mickle</u>

**Service Personnel Representative:**

Name: Wilma H. Small Signature: Wilma H. Small  
 Position: Kindergarten Aide

**Parent Representatives:**

Name: RANDALL CARRICO Signature: R Carrico  
 Name: Traci Payne Signature: Traci Payne  
 Name: Robert Word Signature: Robert Word

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**Peggy Hall**

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School: Washington District  
 Department (If Applicable): Not Applicable  
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 Meeting Date: December 23, 2009

## Faculty Senate Elected Officers:

President: (Name)	<u>Ronna Smallridge</u>	Signature:	<u>Ronna Smallridge</u>
Vice-President: (Name)	<u>Lori Woods</u>	Signature:	<u>Lori Woods</u>
<u>av</u> Secretary: (Name)		Signature:	
Treasurer: (Name)	<u>Sue Armentrout</u>	Signature:	<u>Sue Armentrout</u>
Other: (Name)	<u>Rebecca Wilfong</u>	Signature:	<u>Rebecca Wilfong</u>

## Service Personnel Representative:

Name: Barbara L. Riffle Signature: Barbara L Riffle  
 Position: Cafeteria Manager

## Parent Representatives:

Name: Stephanie J. Lane Signature: Stephanie J Lane  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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County Board or Boards  
**Report on Innovation Application/Plan**

**Use this form to report the county board or boards and superintendent's support or concerns, or both, about the innovation to the principal and faculty senate. A copy must be forwarded to the Innovation Zone Committee with the application and the plan.**

School: Upshur County Schools

Department (If Applicable): N/A

Date of School/Department/Subdivision Receipt of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Application/plan must be accompanied by Staff Commitment Certification (Phase 1 and 2)
2. Support evidence from students, parents, local school improvement council and school business partners for the application (Phase 1)

Date of Regularly Scheduled County Board of Education Meeting: December 22, 2009

County Board of Education Elected Officers:

President: (Name) Lance Koury

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Vice-President: (Name) Patrick Long

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Members:

Name: Diane Godwin

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Keith Nichols

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Alan Suder

Signature: Absent

Report: Instrumental Band Afterhours Program

Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Report of the local education agency must be forwarded to school/department/subdivision for submission to West Virginia Board of Education with their application/plan). (This report certification is not required of institutions of higher education in their application or plan).