

Celeste ISD Receives Rtech Grant

Celeste High School and Celeste Junior High students and teachers are about to get some much-needed assistance from a technology-based supplemental instructional program. Celeste ISD was recently awarded the TEA Rural Technology Grant Pilot program-Cycle 2, which yields \$55,000 from the state. Celeste ISD was one of only nineteen schools in Texas to receive the grant. Funding of this grant was determined by evidence of technical readiness to implement and support this grant program and specified requirements set by TEA.

The Rural Technology Grant pilot program is designed to improve student performance for students that are not currently meeting standards in English Language Arts, social studies, mathematics, science, or languages other than English and to supplement the education of students needing more opportunities than currently provided by the district. Celeste ISD will soon be opening the library to all high school and junior high students before and after school to provide students with individual access to technology-based supplemental instruction. This pilot program is designed to offer rural students with opportunities not normally found in rural school district course offerings. The pilot program will provide these students with technology-based supplemental instruction, research-based instructional support, academic tutoring or counseling, or distance-learning opportunities in the core curriculum areas and/or distance learning opportunities to earn college credit.

Celeste ISD is very excited about receiving this Rtech grant and is currently writing additional grants to support and expand the district's education program. The district is committed to keeping the most current technology in the hands of our teachers and students.