



# Occupational Therapy Grant Leads to Independence and Success

Independence. For many of us, this has been our goal since we first ventured outside of the watchful eye of a protective parent of guardian. The sense of accomplishment and self-worth that accompanies increased independence is a feeling like none other.

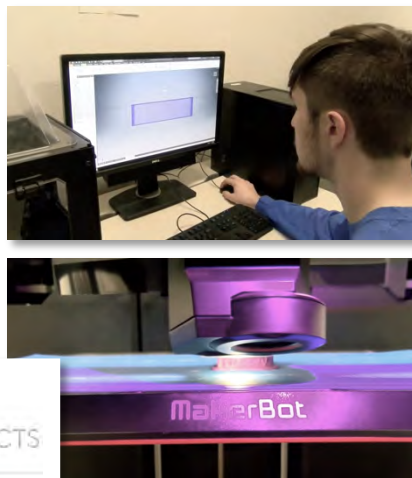
For the **six therapists and the 300+ students enrolled in HEB ISD's Occupational Therapy program**, this pursuit of independence is one of the primary goals. No one knows this better than Occupational Therapist Lori Lang, who said,

“Increased independence means a happier student, a happier teacher, and overall, a happier experience in the classroom.”



For many of the students in this program, increased independence in the classroom is a lofty goal. Students may require hands on intervention and the use of customized tools to assist in their day-to-day activities. Simple activities such as writing or feeding themselves can be challenging and with each situation uniquely different, “off the shelf” tools are not always a viable solution.

This is when Lori turned to the HEB ISD Education Foundation and applied for a grant through the Empowered to Excel grant program. The Occupational Therapy department was awarded the Huckabee Community Excellence Fund Grant - ABC's and 3D.

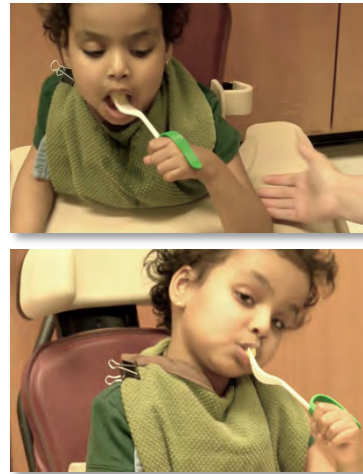


By writing a grant request for a 3D printer, Lori was able to engage the students in the AutoCAD program to begin designing and building customized tools for use in the classroom.

Constructed tools were built to assist students in writing or feeding themselves. Tools were also built to help students communicate with their teachers, a task that had proven frustrating for both student and teacher in the past.

District budgeted funds were not available to cover the costs associated with a 3D printer, so the funding made possible through the Foundation's **Empowered to Excel** grant program was the solution needed to purchase this technology for Lori and her fellow therapists.

The HEB ISD Education Foundation works to secure donations from generous donors interested in making a true difference in the classroom. For Lori, her fellow therapists, and these students and their families, the impact is real, providing these students with the sense of accomplishment we all seek to find.

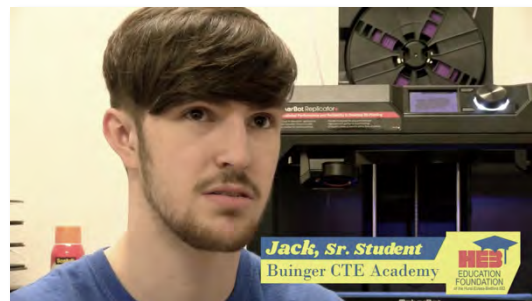


“The reward is when we assist the student to function at school at his or her greatest level of independence.”

*says Lori Lang, Occupational Therapist.*

“It's a big benefit to me knowing that I can make that tool for them and that we have the utilities at this school to help these students.”

*says Jack, Buinger CTE Academy AutoCAD student.*



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- Support the 2022-2023 "Empowered to Excel" classroom and campus grant program which provides funding for innovative classroom initiatives and distance learning opportunities.
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