

Makerspace Supplies and Funding

Ask parents, teachers, and local businesses to collect and send in materials, new or used (specify all items should be clean and dry!). Ask your custodians for help with finding treasures around school that aren't being used.

Ideas:

- Old electronics (ask them to cut off power cords for safety)
- Cardboard
- Drinking straws
- Toilet paper and paper towel rolls
- Nuts, bolts, springs, etc.
- Bottle caps
- Pipe cleaners
- Hot glue & hot glue guns
- Boxes, especially shoebox size and smaller
- Plastic bottles
- CDs
- Egg cartons
- Fabric, felt, thread, needles, buttons, and other sewing supplies
- Yarn, knitting needles, crochet hooks
- Tools- hammers, screwdrivers, pliers, measuring tape, sandpaper, etc.
- Legos/K'nex/Tinker Toys/Erector sets
- Duct and masking tape
- Yard sticks and rulers
- Art supplies- markers, crayons, paper, pencils, scissors, beads, paint, paintbrushes, etc.
- Magnets
- Safety goggles/glasses
- Plastic bins/drawers for storage
- Playdoh/clay
- Popsicle sticks/toothpicks
- Broken toys
- Glue bottles/sticks

Grants:

- Ask if there are any in-district, local, or national grant funds available (PTA, Rotary International, local foundations, Battelle STEM Arts, etc.) Many districts have a grant writer/resident expert on staff who can assist with the process.

Sponsors:

- If there are any large, locally owned businesses in the area, ask if they might be willing to sponsor the makerspace. Many sports facilities are sponsored by local businesses, why not your makerspace? Sponsors could receive naming rights, recognition on your website, a logo banner or plaque in your makerspace, etc.