

Original Work Proposal

The Idea:

For the Original Work, the project up for consideration will be to develop a corrective lenses drive to benefit individuals in need in Third World countries. The purpose behind this idea is to help children who may need glasses but are not able to afford them. With optometry, glasses can be expensive and getting corrective lenses for an individual may not be their top priority.

A successful life begins with sight and being able to see with ease to keep up with others is crucial. This necessity should be the least of an individual's worries if they are financially unable to purchase the correct glasses. This drive will hopefully bring awareness to people who do not know they need glasses, which may be a factor that's inhibiting their daily behavior and tasks. In order to successfully raise enough new/used glasses to be donated to the McKinney Noon Lions Club, a partnering organization whom will package and screen the donated glasses, the drive will be geared more toward elementary students. These students will be more attentive and excited to willingly participate in the drive.

Additional contacts and researching will be the top priority for the Original Work, as planning and figuring out what works with an elementary schedule is key. The end goal of the drive would be to apply and expand the drive throughout Frisco, hopefully making the drive an organization, club, or yearly event. After ISM, if the drive could continue outside the walls of one school, not only could more people be reached, but this idea could reflect a positive light on Frisco ISD.

Becoming a Reality:

In order to bring the drive to life, steps must be planned and completed in order to ensure that the drive goes outside of the idea realm and planted into the community. First, I will need to develop a specific plan for the drive. This would include a title for the drive, a timeline with deadlines and a timeframe, along with any specific goals that will need to be hit by a certain time. Along with putting together a proposal for the drive, additional contacts will need to be talked to. There are a few individuals I personally know that are involved with Frisco FastPacs, elementary book fairs, and elementary/middle school nursing. With a supporting organization, such as the McKinney Noon Lions Club, steps such as screening and packaging the glasses would be much easier. Depending on how the Original Work turns out, the Final Product will feed off of any success or failure from the Fall.

The Future:

The goal is that the drive could become something bigger, hopefully established in every elementary school in Frisco ISD, or at least as an organization in FISD in general. This drive would be a great way for children to donate and recognize at a young age that some people may not be able to afford glasses. From previous interviews with professional optometrists, it has been brought to my attention that most people are not well educated or aware of the fact that they may need glasses. Additionally, not many people may have insurance that covers the medical expenses. In these conditions, the drive would seem most beneficial for persons in Third World countries, where glasses are needed most.

The Overall View:

Throughout this entire Original Work journey, I hope to develop a drive that will further bring the FISD community together, to go toward something larger than just our city. Ideally, the idea is to create not only a drive in one elementary in Frisco, but eventually in all elementary schools in Frisco. Planning and contacting individuals for the drive is the Original Work, and the actual execution of the drive and how much of a success it is, will be the Final Product. This concept that is proposed for the Original Work will take time, patience, and communication, but it should be attainable as long as I maintain an open mind and remain flexible throughout the process.

Overall, this corrective lenses drive is tentative. As of right now this idea is the most creative, attainable, helpful, and feasible idea I have for my ISM journey. I look forward to attempting to work through this idea and challenging myself as an individual in ISM.