

KTEC receives federal charter school grant

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The Kenosha Unified School of Technology Enhanced Curriculum is one of 84 charter schools statewide awarded a federal grant for the 2012-13 school year.

State Superintendent Tony Evers said \$16.1 million in federal charter school grants were awarded to Wisconsin charter schools.

KTEC was awarded \$125,000.

“These grant funds help school districts establish quality charter schools that provide innovative and rigorous instruction to students, connecting them with real-world experiences,” Evers said.

Last year, Wisconsin had 232 charter schools, serving 40,329 students. According to information from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, charter schools are intended to be the research and development labora-

tories, free of government regulation, where new and better models for educating our students are developed.

The majority of the federal money awarded in Wisconsin, or \$6.4 million, will go to charter schools in their second year of operation. Another \$4.8 million was awarded in the form of planning grants, and \$3.9 million will go to charter schools in their first year of operation.

KTEC, chartered in 2007, is

one of eight schools that will share \$1 million in dissemination grants for sharing best practices with charter and traditional schools. It is a pre-K-8 school that touts an “innovative learning environment that immerses (students) in technology.”

According to the grant application, the intent of dissemination grants is to support the continued development and replication of successful charter schools.

KTEC Principal Angela Andersson said the school has shared information about its Lego education program and its school garden program with teachers from other schools.

“We are collaborating with many schools within the district and outside of it,” Andersson said. “The grant allows us to provide professional development opportunities to educators from those schools.”