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Allen donates money to Cleveland High

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A \$450,000 grant from Microsoft Corp. co-founder Paul Allen will pay for computers and other technology at Cleveland High School in support of its reorganization as four small schools within a school.

Cleveland started the reorganization in September with financial backing from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The foundation has promoted small schools as a model for boosting student achievement.

At Cleveland, the 770 students are spread among four academies, each with its own academic theme. Students take classes only within the academy in which they enroll.

The three-year grant from the Paul G. Allen Virtual Education Foundation will help teachers and administrators test technological tools to see which work best to further the small-schools approach. The grant was announced yesterday by the Alliance for Education, an organization that raises money from private sources for Seattle Public Schools.

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