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On May 5, 2005, Walker School was awarded a technology grant from the Beaumont Foundation of America in the amount of \$32,500. Paula Culver-Dickinson and Maria Lewis co-authored the grant entitled "Student-authored Multi-Media Review Tools (SMART) for Standards Based Success." The goal of this grant is to extend a pilot program in which 92% (11/12) of the students passed their Virginia Studies SOL test. With this award - all 5th grade students at Walker will use multi-media programs in their classrooms supporting scholastic student achievement and academic self-confidence in the areas of history, science and language arts. By integrating the use of laptops into the classroom, students will create PowerPoint presentations reflective of conceptual and factual essential understandings. In addition, these laptops will be support the Walker E.D.G.E program, an after-school curriculum, and parent/community technology workshops sponsored by the I Have a Dream and Talent Development programs.

This Beaumont Foundation of America grant has established new collaborative partnerships with Dr. Eleanor Wilson, at the University of Virginia Curry School, Dr. Glen Bull, at the University of Virginia Center for Technology and Teacher Education, and Mr. Kevin Lynch, Vice-Mayor of Charlottesville.

The Beaumont Foundation of America has awarded Walker School a 15-laptop mobile wireless cart bundles containing: fifteen (15) laptops, one wireless access point, one notebook cart, one B/W network laser printer, three (3) digital cameras, and one data projector with a detachable document camera.