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**Homewood-Flossmoor High School receives grant from Illinois Environmental Protection Agency**

March 22, 2011 (Flossmoor, Ill.) — A \$500 Lake Education Assistance Program grant has been awarded to Homewood-Flossmoor High School by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for supplies and equipment that help students conduct water field studies.

The grant was garnered by Gina Slusinski, H-F's *Biology* and *A.P. Environmental Science* teacher. She said her classes will be assessing the water quality of the school's mid-campus pond this spring and correlate that with the productivity of vegetation and the presence of wildlife. The funds will also be used for a special project for a new student group, the Environmental Vikings Club.

"I am going to be including the club members in the field research this year," said Slusinski. "I will teach them techniques and content knowledge that they need to know in order to design and conduct a field research project, collect and analyze the data, and prepare a scientific manuscript to be submitted to the IEPA."

H-F's pond is also used by the Physical Education Department during its *Outdoor Education Skills* class for Juniors and Seniors, which includes lessons on kayaking and canoeing.

Homewood-Flossmoor High School is a three-time National Blue Ribbon award-winning school, located at 999 Kedzie Avenue in Flossmoor, Ill. For more information, visit [hfhighschool.org](http://hfhighschool.org) or call 708-799-3000.

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*Homewood-Flossmoor High School is a comprehensive community high school located in the South Suburbs of Chicago. The district serves the villages of Homewood and Flossmoor, and portions of Chicago Heights, Glenwood, Hazel Crest and Olympia Fields. A tradition of excellence is the cornerstone of H-F – the result of commitment on the part of district residents to the idea of a community high school with high standards for students and staff, and a solid goal of excellence in education.*

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