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		Campus Name 746002325 9-Digit Vendor ID#	015909041 Campus Number 20 ESC Region
		NOGA ID# (Assigned by TEA)	Amendment #

### Texas Title I Priority Schools Grant

#### Schedule #1 - General Information

**Use of the Standard Application System:** This system provides a series of standard schedules to be used as formats by applicants who apply for funds administered by the Texas Education Agency. If additional clarification is needed, please call 512-463-9269.

**Program Authority:** P.L. 107-110, Section 1003(g), as amended by ARRA; CFDA # 84.377A & 84.388A

**Project Beginning Date:** 08/01/2010

**Project Ending Date:** 06/30/2013

**Select the appropriate eligibility tier for the campus included in this application:**

Tier I ☐ Tier II ☐ Tier III ☒

#### Part 1: Index to the Application


An X in the "New Application" column indicates those schedules that **must** be submitted as part of the application. The applicant must place an X in this column for each additional schedule submitted to complete the application. For amendments, the applicant must place an X in the Amendment Application column next to the schedule(s) being submitted as part of the amendment.

Sch No.	Schedule Name	Application	
		New	Amend
1	General Information	X	X
3	Purpose of Amendment	NA	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Program Requirements	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
4A	Program Abstract	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
4B	Program Description	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
4C	Performance Assessment and Evaluation	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
4D	Equitable Access and Participation	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Program Budget Summary	X	X
5B	Payroll Costs 6100	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5C	Professional and Contracted Services 6200	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5D	Supplies and Materials 6300	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5E	Other Operating Costs 6400	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5G	Capital Outlay 6600/15XX (Exclusive of 6619 and 6629)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6A	General Provisions	X	NA
6B	Debarment and Suspension Certification	X	NA
6C	Lobbying Certification	X	NA
6D	Disclosure of Lobbying Activities	NA	<input type="checkbox"/>
6E	NCLB Provisions and Assurances	X	NA
6F	Program-Specific Provisions and Assurances	X	NA

#### Certification and Incorporation

I hereby certify that the information contained in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, correct and that the organization named above has authorized me as its representative to obligate this organization in a legally binding contractual agreement. I further certify that any ensuing program and activity will be conducted in accordance with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations, application guidelines and instructions, the Provisions and Assurances, Debarment and Suspension, lobbying requirements, Special Provisions and Assurances, and the schedules attached as applicable. It is understood by the applicant that this application constitutes an offer and, if accepted by the Agency or renegotiated to acceptance, will form a binding agreement.

#### Authorized Official

Typed First Name	Initial	Last Name	Title
Saul		Hinojosa	Superintendent of Schools
Phone	Fax	Email	Signature/Date Signed (blue ink preferred)
1-866-852-9858	1-866-852-9860	Saul.hinojosa@sisdk12.net	 June 3, 2010

**Only the legally responsible party may sign this application.**

6 complete copies of the application, at least 3 with original signature(s), must be received by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, June 3, 2010:

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<b>Part 2: List of Required Fiscal-Related Attachments and Assurances</b>		
For competitive applications, the application will not be reviewed and scored if any of the required attachments do not accompany the application when it is submitted. Applicants will not be permitted to submit required attachments, or any revisions to those required attachments, after the closing date of the grant. Attach all required attachments to the <b>back</b> of the application as an appendix.		
1 <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Proof of Nonprofit Status</b>  <b>Required for all open-enrollment charter schools sponsored by a nonprofit organization:</b> <b>Check box to indicate that proof of nonprofit status is attached.</b> (See Part 1: General and Fiscal Guidelines and Part 3: Schedule Instructions for acceptable proof.)	
2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Assurance of Financial Stability</b>  <b>Required for all independent school districts, open-enrollment charter schools, and education service centers:</b> <b>Check box to indicate assurance that audit requirements have been met.</b> All public school districts, open-enrollment charter schools, and education service centers must be in compliance with submitting the required annual audit for the immediate prior fiscal year to TEA in the time and manner requested by TEA, and the audit must be determined by the TEA Division of Financial Audits to be in compliance with the applicable audit standards. TEA reserves the right to ensure that all applicants are deemed by TEA to be financially stable at the initial time of preliminary selection for funding to receive a grant award. The TEA Division of Financial Audits will determine financial stability based on the required annual audit for the immediate prior fiscal year.	
3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Assurance of Submittal of Reviewer Information Form</b>  <b>Required for all applicants:</b> <b>Check box to indicate assurance that reviewer information form will be submitted.</b> All applicants are required to complete the Reviewer Information Form and to submit it online by <b>Thursday, May 6, 2010</b> . (See Part 2: Program Guidelines, "Reviewer Information Form," for instructions on how to access and submit the form.)	

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### Schedule #1 – General Information

#### Part 3: Applicant Information

#### Local Educational Agency (LEA) Information

LEA Name				
Somerset Independent School District				
Mailing Address Line – 1	Mailing Address Line – 2	City	State	Zip Code
P. O. Box 269		Somerset	Texas	78069
U.S. Congressional District Number	Primary DUNS Number	Central Contractor Registration (CCR) CAGE Code	NCES Identification Number	
23	829314207	5EYL6	4840740	
Campus Name			County-District Campus Number	
Somerset Junior High School			015909041	
Mailing Address Line – 1	Mailing Address Line – 2	City	State	Zip Code
P.O. Box 279		Somerset	Texas	78069

#### Applicant Contacts

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P. O. Box 279		Somerset	Texas	78069

##### Secondary Contact

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**Schedule #3—Purpose of Amendment**

**Part 1: Schedules Amended (Check all schedules that are being amended.)**

When submitting a revision or an amendment, please indicate by checking the appropriate box what schedules are being revised/amended. Submit supporting budget schedules that are being revised or amended.

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule #1—General Information                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule #5—Program Budget Summary                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule #3—Purpose of Amendment                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule #5B—Payroll Costs 6100                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule #4—Program Requirements                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule #5C—Professional and Contracted Services 6200             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule #4A—Program Abstract                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule #5D—Supplies and Materials 6300                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule #4B—Program Description                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule #5E—Other Operating Costs 6400                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule #4C—Performance Assessment and Evaluation | <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule #5G—Capital Outlay 6600/15XX (Exclusive of 6619 and 6629) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule #4D—Equitable Access and Participation    |   |

**NOTE: The last day to submit an amendment to TEA is 90 days prior to the ending date of the grant.**

**Part 2: Revised Budget**

Complete this part if there are any budgetary changes.

Line No.	Sch. No.	Class/ Object Code	Grant Project Costs Previously Approved Budget	B Amount Deleted	C Amount Added	D New Budget
01	5B	6100	\$	\$	\$	\$
02	5C	6200	\$	\$	\$	\$
03	5D	6300	\$	\$	\$	\$
04	5E	6400	\$	\$	\$	\$
05	5G	6600/15XX	\$	\$	\$	\$
06	Total Direct Costs	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
07	Indirect Cost (      %)		\$	\$	\$	\$
08	Total Costs		\$	\$	\$	\$



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<b>Part 3: Reason for Amendment Request.</b> For all grants, regardless of dollar amount, check the appropriate box to indicate reason for amendment request.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Addition of a class/object code not previously budgeted on Schedule #5—Budget Summary	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Increase or decrease the amount approved in any class/object code on Schedule #5—Budget Summary (i.e., 6100-6600) by more than 25% of the current amount approved in the class/object code	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Addition of a new line item on any of the supporting budget schedules (i.e., Schedules #5B-5G)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Increase or decrease in the number of positions budgeted on Schedule #5B—Payroll Costs	
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Addition of a new item of computer hardware/equipment (not capitalized) approved on Schedule #5C—Supplies and Materials	
<input type="checkbox"/>	6. Addition of a new item or increase in quantity of capital outlay item(s) ≥ \$5,000 approved on Schedule #5G—Capital Outlay for articles costing \$5,000 or more.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	7. Addition of a new item of capital outlay items approved on Schedule #5G—Capital Outlay for articles costing less than \$5,000.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	8. Reduction of funds allotted for training costs	
<input type="checkbox"/>	9. Additional funds needed	
<input type="checkbox"/>	10. Change in scope of objectives, regardless of whether there is an associated budget revision requiring prior approval	
<input type="checkbox"/>	11. Other (Specify)	
<b>Part 4: Amendment Justification</b>		

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#### Schedule #4—Program Summary and Application Requirements

##### Part 1: Grant Program Information:

##### Summary of Program: Purpose and Goals

School Improvement Grants, authorized under section 1003(g) of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (Title I or ESEA) as amended by ARRA, are grants, through the Texas Education Agency, to local educational agencies (LEAs) for use in Title I schools identified for improvement, corrective action, or restructuring and other eligible campuses that demonstrate the greatest need for the funds and the strongest commitment to use the funds to provide adequate resources in order to raise substantially the achievement of their students so as to enable the schools to make adequate yearly progress and exit improvement status. Under the final requirements, as amended through the interim final requirements published in the Federal Register in January 2010 school improvement funds are to be focused on each State's "Tier I" and "Tier II" schools.

Tier I schools are a State's persistently lowest-achieving Title I schools in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring and certain Title I eligible elementary schools that are as low achieving as the State's other Tier I schools. Tier II schools are a State's persistently-lowest achieving secondary schools that are eligible for, but do not receive, Title I, Part A funds and certain additional Title I eligible secondary schools that are as low achieving as the State's other Tier II schools or that have had a graduation rate below 60 percent over a number of years. An LEA may also use school improvement funds in Title I schools in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring that are not identified as persistently lowest-achieving schools and certain additional Title I eligible schools ("Tier III schools").

In the Tier I and Tier II schools an LEA chooses to serve, the LEA must implement one of four school intervention models: turnaround model, restart model, school closure, or transformation model.

##### Allowable Activities

###### Tier I and Tier II Grantees

- Grantees must expend grant funds for the required activities delineated for the selected intervention model as defined in the final federal regulations.
- Grantees may expend grant funds for the permissible activities delineated for the selected intervention model as defined in the final federal regulations.
- Grantees may expend grant funds for other school improvement activities deemed needed to address identified needs not addressed by the intervention model selected.

###### Tier III Grantees

- Tier III grantees may select one of the four intervention models in the federal regulations or the state's Tier III Transformation Model.
- If selecting one of the four models in the federal regulations, grantees must expend grant funds for the required activities delineated for the selected intervention model as defined in the final federal regulations. Grantees may expend grant funds for the permissible activities delineated for the selected intervention model as defined in the final federal regulations.
- Grantees may expend grant funds for other school improvement activities deemed needed to address identified needs not addressed by the intervention model selected.

In addition, a Tier I, Tier II, Tier III grantee campus that has implemented, in whole or in part, either the Turnaround, Restart, or Transformation models within the last two years may continue or complete the implementation of the intervention model with the TTIPS grant funds. For example, if a grantee campus has replaced its principal within the last two years, the LEA/campus will not be required to hire another new principal. An LEA/campus that receives TTIPS SIG funds in accordance with this flexibility must fully implement the selected model as required by the final federal requirements. In other words, if the school had been implementing the model only in part, it must use the funds it receives to expand its implementation so that it fully complies with the federal regulatory requirements.

The detailed required and permissible activities for each intervention model, as defined in the final federal regulations are listed on Schedule #4—Program Requirements and are incorporated by reference herein.

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1	The LEA must demonstrate that the LEA has analyzed the needs of each school and selected an intervention for each school and selected an intervention for each school.	Comprehensive Needs Assessment	
2	The LEA must demonstrate that it has the capacity to use these grant funds to provide adequate resources and related support to each Tier campus identified in the LEA's application in order to implement, fully and effectively, the required activities of the school intervention model it has selected.	Project Management—Capacity Project Management—LEA Support	
3	If the LEA is not applying to serve each Tier I school (through a separate application for each campus), the LEA must explain why it lacks capacity to serve each Tier I school.	Project Management—Lack of Capacity	
4	The LEA must describe actions it has taken, or will take, to design and implement interventions consistent with the final federal requirements, including the services the campus will receive or the activities the campus will implement.	Program Abstract Intervention Model	
5	The LEA must describe actions it has taken, or will take, to recruit, screen, and select external providers, if applicable, to ensure their quality.	Project Management—External Providers	
6	The LEA must describe actions it has taken, or will take, to align other resources with the interventions.	Project Management—Resource Management Program Budget Summary	
7	The LEA must describe actions it has taken, or will take, to modify its practices or policies, if necessary, to enable its schools to implement the interventions fully and effectively.	Project Management—Management of Grant Activities	
8	The LEA must describe actions it has taken, or will take, to sustain the reforms after the funding period ends.	Project Management—Program Continuation and Sustainability	
9	The LEA must include a timeline delineating the steps it will take to implement the selected intervention in each campus.	Project Management—Activity Timeline	
10	The LEA must describe the annual goals for student achievement on the State's assessments in both reading/language arts and mathematics that it has established in order to monitor its Tier I and Tier II schools that receive school improvement funds.	Performance Assessment and Evaluation—Annual Performance Goals	
11	As appropriate, the LEA must consult with relevant stakeholders regarding the LEA's application and implementation of school improvement models on its campus	Comprehensive Needs Assessment—Groups of Participants Project Management—Partnerships/Involvement of Others	
12	Applicant provides assurance that financial assistance provided under the grant program will supplement, and not supplant, the amount of state and local funds allocated to the campus.	Program Assurances	
13	Applicant provides assurance that it will use its School Improvement Grant to implement fully and effectively an intervention in each Tier I and Tier II school that the LEA commits to serve consistent with the final federal requirements.	Program Assurances	

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14	Applicant provides assurance that it will establish annual goals for student achievement on the State's assessments in both reading/language arts and mathematics and measure progress on the leading indicators in section III of the final federal requirements in order to monitor each Tier I and Tier II school that it serves with school improvement funds, and establish goals (approved by the TEA) to hold accountable its Tier III schools that receive grant funds.	Program Assurances	
15	Applicant provides assurance that it will, if it implements a restart model in a Tier I or Tier II school, include in its contract or agreement terms and provisions to hold the charter operator, charter management organization (CMO), or education management organization (EMO) accountable for complying with the final federal requirements.	Program Assurances	
16	Applicant provides assurance that it will report to the TEA the school-level data required under section III of the final federal requirements.	Program Assurances	
17	<p>If the LEA/campus selects to implement the <b>turnaround model</b>, the campus <b>must</b> implement the following federal requirements.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replace the principal and grant the principal sufficient operational flexibility (including in staffing, calendars/time, and budgeting) to implement fully a comprehensive approach in order to substantially improve student achievement outcomes and increase high school graduation rates;</li> <li>Use locally adopted competencies to measure the effectiveness of staff who can work within the turnaround environment to meet the needs of students;               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Screen all existing staff and rehire no more than 50 percent; and</li> <li>Select new staff.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Implement such strategies as financial incentives, increased opportunities for promotion and career growth, and more flexible work conditions that are designed to recruit, place, and retain staff with the skills necessary to meet the needs of the students in the turnaround school;</li> <li>Provide staff ongoing, high-quality, job-embedded professional development that is aligned with the school's comprehensive instructional program and designed with school staff to ensure that they are equipped to facilitate effective teaching and learning and have the capacity to successfully implement school reform strategies;</li> <li>Adopt a new governance structure, which may include, but is not limited to, requiring the school to report to a new "turnaround office" in the LEA or SEA, hire a "turnaround leader" who reports directly to the Superintendent or Chief Academic Officer, or enter into a multi-year contract with the LEA or SEA to obtain added flexibility in exchange for greater accountability;</li> <li>Use data to identify and implement an instructional program that is research-based and vertically aligned from one grade to the next as well as aligned with State academic standards;</li> <li>Promote the continuous use of student data (such as from formative, interim, and summative assessments) to inform and differentiate instruction in order to meet the academic needs of individual students;</li> <li>Establish schedules and implement strategies that provide increased learning time (as defined in this notice); and</li> <li>Provide appropriate social-emotional and community-oriented services and supports for students.</li> </ol>	Program Assurances	

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18	If the LEA/campus selects to implement the <b>turnaround model</b> , the campus <b>may</b> implement the following federal requirements. a. Any of the required and permissible activities under the transformation model; or b. A new school model (e.g., themed, dual language academy).	Program Assurances	
19	If the LEA/campus selects to implement the school <b>closure model</b> , the campus <b>must</b> implement the following requirement. a. Enroll the students who attended that school in other schools in the LEA that are higher achieving within reasonable proximity to the closed school and may include, but are not limited to, charter schools or new schools for which achievement data are not yet available. b. A grant for school closure is a one-year grant without the possibility of continued funding.	Program Assurances	
20	If the LEA/campus selects to implement the <b>restart model</b> , the campus <b>must</b> implement the following federal requirements. a. Convert or close and reopen the school under a charter school operator, a charter management organization (CMO), or an education management organization (EMO) that has been selected through a rigorous review process. A CMO is a non-profit organization that operates or manages charter schools by centralizing or sharing certain functions and resources among schools. An EMO is a for-profit or non-profit organization that provides "whole-school operation" services to an LEA. b. Enroll, within the grades it serves, any former student who wishes to attend the school.	Program Assurances	
21	If the LEA/campus selects to implement the <b>transformation model</b> , the campus <b>must</b> implement the following federal requirements. 1. Develop and increase teacher and school leader effectiveness. (A) Replace the principal who led the school prior to commencement of the transformation model; (B) Use rigorous, transparent, and equitable evaluation systems for teachers and principals that-- (1) Take into account data on student growth as a significant factor as well as other factors such as multiple observation-based assessments of performance and ongoing collections of professional practice reflective of student achievement and increased high school graduation rates; and (2) Are designed and developed with teacher and principal involvement; (C) Identify and reward school leaders, teachers, and other staff who, in implementing this model, have increased student achievement and high school graduation rates and identify and remove those who, after ample opportunities have been provided for them to improve their professional practice, have not done so; (D) Provide staff ongoing, high-quality, job-embedded professional development (e.g., regarding subject-specific pedagogy, instruction that reflects a deeper understanding of the community served by the school, or differentiated instruction) that is aligned with the school's comprehensive instructional program and	Program Assurances	

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21	designed with school staff to ensure they are equipped to facilitate effective teaching and learning and have the capacity to successfully implement school reform strategies; and (E) Implement such strategies as financial incentives, increased opportunities for promotion and career growth, and more flexible work conditions that are designed to recruit, place, and retain staff with the skills necessary to meet the needs of the students in a transformation school. 2. Comprehensive instructional reform strategies. (A) Use data to identify and implement an instructional program that is research-based and vertically aligned from one grade to the next as well as aligned with State academic standards; and (B) Promote the continuous use of student data (such as from formative, interim, and summative assessments) to inform and differentiate instruction in order to meet the academic needs of individual students. 3. Increasing learning time and creating community-oriented schools. (A) Establish schedules and strategies that provide increased learning time; and (B) Provide ongoing mechanisms for family and community engagement. 4. Providing operational flexibility and sustained support. (A) Give the school sufficient operational flexibility (such as staffing, calendars/time, and budgeting) to implement fully a comprehensive approach to substantially improve student achievement outcomes and increase high school graduation rates; and (B) Ensure that the school receives ongoing, intensive technical assistance and related support from the LEA, the SEA, or a designated external lead partner organization (such as a school turnaround organization or an EMO).	Program Assurances	
22	An LEA <b>may</b> also implement other strategies to develop teachers' and school leaders' effectiveness, such as-- (A) Provide additional compensation to attract and retain staff with the skills necessary to meet the needs of the students in a transformation school; (B) Institute a system for measuring changes in instructional practices resulting from professional development; or (C) Ensure that the school is not required to accept a teacher without the mutual consent of the teacher and principal, regardless of the teacher's seniority.	Program Assurances	

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23	<p>An LEA <b>may</b> also implement comprehensive instructional reform strategies, such as--</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(A) Conduct periodic reviews to ensure that the curriculum is being implemented with fidelity, is having the intended impact on student achievement, and is modified if ineffective;</li> <li>(B) Implement a school wide "response-to-intervention" model;</li> <li>(C) Provide additional supports and professional development to teachers and principals in order to implement effective strategies to support students with disabilities in the least restrictive environment and to ensure that limited English proficient students acquire language skills to master academic content;</li> <li>(D) Use and integrate technology-based supports and interventions as part of the instructional program; and</li> <li>(E) In secondary schools--               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Increase rigor by offering opportunities for students to enroll in advanced coursework (such as Advanced Placement; International Baccalaureate; or science, technology, engineering, and mathematics courses, especially those that incorporate rigorous and relevant project-, inquiry-, or design-based contextual learning opportunities), early-college high schools, dual enrollment programs, or thematic learning academies that prepare students for college and careers, including by providing appropriate supports designed to ensure that low-achieving students can take advantage of these programs and coursework;</li> <li>(2) Improve student transition from middle to high school through summer transition programs or freshman academies;</li> <li>(3) Increase graduation rates through, for example, credit-recovery programs, re-engagement strategies, smaller learning communities, competency-based instruction and performance-based assessments, and acceleration of basic reading and mathematics skills; or</li> <li>(4) Establish early-warning systems to identify students who may be at risk of failing to achieve to high standards or graduate.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Program Assurances	
24	<p>An LEA <b>may</b> also implement other strategies that extend learning time and create community-oriented schools, such as--</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(A) Partner with parents and parent organizations, faith- and community-based organizations, health clinics, other State or local agencies, and others to create safe school environments that meet students' social, emotional, and health needs;</li> <li>(B) Extend or restructure the school day so as to add time for such strategies as advisory periods that build relationships between students, faculty, and other school staff;</li> <li>(C) Implement approaches to improve school climate and discipline, such as implementing a system of positive behavioral supports or taking steps to eliminate bullying and student harassment; or</li> <li>(D) Expand the school program to offer full-day kindergarten or pre-kindergarten.</li> </ul>	Program Assurances	



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25	The LEA <b>may</b> also implement other strategies for providing operational flexibility and intensive support, such as-- (A) Allow the school to be run under a new governance arrangement, such as a turnaround division within the LEA or SEA; or (B) Implement a per-pupil school-based budget formula that is weighted based on student needs.	Program Assurances	
26	An LEA that has nine or more Tier I and Tier II schools is prohibited from implementing the transformation model in more than 50% of those schools.	Program Assurances	
<b>By submitting the application and signing Schedule #1, the applicant is certifying that all requirements are met in these program narrative component descriptions and activities.</b>			
<b>Part 3: Statutory Assurances</b>			
<b>#</b>	<b>Statutory Assurance Description</b>		
1	Applicant provides assurance that financial assistance provided under the grant program will supplement, and not supplant, the amount of state and local funds allocated to the campus.		
2	Applicant provides assurance that it will use its TTIPS Grant to implement fully and effectively an intervention in each Tier I and Tier II school that the LEA commits to serve consistent with the final federal requirements.		
3	Applicant provides assurance that it will establish annual goals for student achievement on the State's assessments in both reading/language arts and mathematics and measure progress on the leading indicators in section III of the final federal requirements in order to monitor each Tier I and Tier II school that it serves with school improvement funds, and establish goals (approved by the TEA) to hold accountable its Tier III schools that receive school improvement funds.		
4	Applicant provides assurance that it will, if it implements a restart model in a Tier I or Tier II school, include in its contract or agreement terms and provisions to hold the charter operator, charter management organization, or education management organization accountable for complying with the final federal requirements.		
5	Applicant provides assurance that it will report to the TEA the school-level data required under section III of the final federal requirements.		
6	Applicant provides assurance that it will participate in any evaluation of the grant conducted by the U.S. Department of Education, including its contractors, or the Texas Education Agency, including its contractors.		
<b>Part 4: TEA Program Assurances</b>			
<b>#</b>	<b>TEA Assurance Description</b>		
1	Before full implementation funds are made available, the grantee must demonstrate that all early implementation activities have been completed. Successful completion of the early implementation will be measured in the Quarterly Implementation Reports (QIR), the Model Selection and Description Report, and through participation in TEA technical assistance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Model Selection and Description Report must be submitted to TEA no later than <b>February 1, 2011</b>. This report may be submitted at any time prior to the deadline. Grantees must demonstrate successful completion of the following activities:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Comprehensive Needs Assessment process.</li> <li>ii. Establish the grant budget by the required categories.</li> <li>iii. Identification and Selection of the intervention model.</li> <li>iv. Development of activities to implement selected intervention model.</li> <li>v. Development of Timeline of Grant Activities.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		



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2	The applicant provides assurance that the LEA will designate an individual or office with primary responsibilities for supporting the LEA/campus' school improvement efforts. This individual/office will have primary responsibility and authority for ensuring the effective implementation of the grant option approved by TEA; serve as the district liaison to TEA and those providing technical assistance and/or contracted service to the LEA/campus as part of the approved grant.		
3	The applicant provides assurance that a team from the grantee LEA/campus will attend and participate in grant orientation meetings, technical assistance meetings, other periodic meetings of grantees, the Texas School Improvement Conference, and sharing of best practices.		
4	For the LEAs selecting the TEA Designed Models the applicant provide assurances that it will participate in and make use of technical assistance and coaching support provided by TEA, SIRC, and/or its subcontractors.		
5	The applicant will establish or provide evidence of a system of formative assessment aligned to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills which provides robust, targeted data to evaluate the effectiveness of the LEA's curriculum and its alignment with instruction occurring on the campus; assesses progress on student groups' academic achievement at the campus level; and guide instructional decisions by teachers for individual students.		
6	The applicant will participate in a formative assessment of the LEA's capacity and commitment to carry out the grant intervention models.		
7	The applicant will provide access for onsite visits to the LEA and campus by TEA, SIRC and its contractors.		
8	The applicant, if selecting the Restart Model, agrees to contract only with CMO or EMO providers on the State's approved list of CMO and EMO providers.		
9	The applicant, if selecting the Turnaround Model or Transformation Model (Tiers I and Tiers II only) agrees to the participation of the campus principal or principal candidates in a formative assessment of their turnaround leadership capacity.		
10	If the LEA/Tier III campus selects to implement the <u>transformation model</u> , the campus assures That it will it implement the following federal requirements. 1. Develop and increase teacher and school leader effectiveness. A. Evaluate the effectiveness of the current principal and use the results of the evaluation to determine whether the principal should be replaced, be retained on the campus, or be provided leadership coaching or training. B. Identify and reward school leaders, teachers, and other staff who, in implementing this model, have increased student achievement and high school graduation rates and identify and remove those who, after ample opportunities have been provided for them to improve their professional practice, have not done so; C. Provide staff ongoing, high-quality, job-embedded professional development (e.g., regarding subject-specific pedagogy, instruction that reflects a deeper understanding of the community served by the school, or differentiated instruction) that is aligned with the school's comprehensive instructional program and designed with school staff to ensure they are equipped to facilitate effective teaching and learning and have the capacity to successfully implement school reform strategies; and D. Implement such strategies as financial incentives, increased opportunities for promotion and career growth, and more flexible work conditions that are designed to recruit, place, and retain staff with the skills necessary to meet the needs of the students in a transformation school based on rigorous, transparent, and equitable evaluation systems for teachers and principals: 1. Takes into account data on student growth as a a factor as well as other factors such as multiple observation-based assessments of student performance and ongoing collections of professional practice reflective of student achievement and increased high school graduation rates; and 2. Are designed and developed and with teacher and principal involvement		

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10	2. Comprehensive instructional reform strategies. A. Use data to identify and implement an instructional program that is research-based and vertically aligned from one grade to the next as well as aligned with State academic standards; and B. Promote the continuous use of student data (such as from formative, interim, and summative assessments) to inform and differentiate instruction in order to meet the academic needs of individual students. 3. Increasing learning time and creating community-oriented schools. A. Establish schedules and strategies that provide increased learning time; and B. Provide ongoing mechanisms for family and community engagement. 4. Providing operational flexibility and sustained support. A. Give the school sufficient operational flexibility (such as staffing, calendars/time, and budgeting) to implement fully a comprehensive approach to substantially improve student achievement outcomes and increase high school graduation rates; and B. Ensure that the school receives ongoing, intensive technical assistance and related support from the LEA, the SEA, or a designated external lead partner organization (such as a school turnaround organization or an EMO).		
11	An LEA may also implement other strategies to develop teachers' and school leaders' effectiveness, such as-- (A) Provide additional compensation to attract and retain staff with the skills necessary to meet the needs of the students in a transformation school; (B) Institute a system for measuring changes in instructional practices resulting from professional development; or (C) Ensure that the school is not required to accept a teacher without the mutual consent of the teacher and principal, regardless of the teacher's seniority.		
12	An LEA may also implement comprehensive instructional reform strategies, such as-- (A) Conduct periodic reviews to ensure that the curriculum is being implemented with fidelity, is having the intended impact on student achievement, and is modified if ineffective; (B) Implement a school wide "response-to-intervention" model; (C) Provide additional supports and professional development to teachers and principals in order to implement effective strategies to support students with disabilities in the least restrictive environment and to ensure that limited English proficient students acquire language skills to master academic content; (D) Use and integrate technology-based supports and interventions as part of the instructional program; and (E) In secondary schools-- (1) Increase rigor by offering opportunities for students to enroll in advanced coursework (such as advanced Placement; International Baccalaureate; or science, technology, engineering, and mathematics courses, especially those that incorporate rigorous and relevant project-, inquiry-, or design-based contextual learning opportunities), early-college high schools, dual enrollment programs, or thematic learning academies that prepare students for college and careers, including by providing appropriate supports designed to ensure that low-achieving students can take advantage of these programs and coursework; (2) Improve student transition from middle to high school through summer transition programs or freshman academies; (3) Increase graduation rates through, for example, credit-recovery programs, re-engagement strategies, smaller learning communities, competency-based instruction and performance-based assessments, and acceleration of basic reading and mathematics skills; or (4) Establish early-warning systems to identify students who may be at risk of failing to achieve to high standards or graduate.		

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13	An LEA may also implement other strategies that extend learning time and create community-oriented schools, such as-- A. Partner with parents and parent organizations, faith- and community-based organizations, health clinics, other State or local agencies, and others to create safe school environments that meet students' social, emotional, and health needs; B. Extend or restructure the school day so as to add time for such strategies as advisory periods that build relationships between students, faculty, and other school staff; C. Implement approaches to improve school climate and discipline, such as implementing a system of positive behavioral supports or taking steps to eliminate bullying and student harassment; or D. Expand the school program to offer full-day kindergarten or pre-kindergarten.		
14	The LEA may also implement other strategies for providing operational flexibility and intensive support, such as-- A. Allow the school to be run under a new governance arrangement, such as a turnaround division within the LEA or SEA; or B. Implement a per-pupil school-based budget formula that is weighted based on student needs.		
15	The LEA/campus assures TEA that data to meet the following federal requirements will be available and reported as requested. a. Number of minutes within the school year. b. Average scale scores on State assessments in reading/language arts and in mathematics, by grade, for the "all students" group, for each achievement quartile, and for each subgroup. c. Number and percentage of students completing advanced coursework (e.g., AP/IB), early-college high schools, or dual enrollment classes. (High Schools Only) d. College enrollment rates. (High Schools Only) e. Teacher Attendance Rate f. Student Completion Rate g. Student Drop-Out Rate h. Locally developed competencies created to identify teacher strengths/weaknesses i. Types of support offered to teachers j. Types of on-going, job-embedded professional development for teachers k. Types of on-going, job-embedded professional development for administrators l. Strategies to increase parent/community involvement m. Strategies which increase student learning time		
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<b>Part 1: Grant Eligibility</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tier I Eligible Campus <input type="checkbox"/> Tier II Eligible Campus <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tier III Eligible Campus		
<b>Identify which timeline the LEA/Campus the applicant will implement.</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Option 1: LEA/campus currently engaged in aggressive reform <input type="checkbox"/> Option 2: LEA/campus in need of foundational technical assistance		
<b>Part 2: Grant Program Summary.</b> Provide a brief overview of the program you plan to implement on the campus. Be sure to address fundamental issues such as your local program goals and objectives that align with the RFA purpose and goals, rationale for program design, etc. Address the specific gaps, barriers, or weaknesses to be addressed by the intervention model to be selected. A response to this question must be completed in the original submission regardless of whether the LEA/campus has selected an intervention model at this time or not. Responses are limited to the space provided, front side only, with a font size no smaller than 9 point (Arial or Verdana).		
<p>The Southwest Center for Accelerated Schools (SWCAS), a satellite center of the Accelerated Schools Project (ASP) established in 1996, at the University of Texas at Austin has been selected to provide extensive technical support to Somerset Junior High School as well as the University of Texas State Teacher Advancement Program (TAP). The Southwest Center provides support to the campus to build leadership capacity through the implementation of the Accelerated Schools process that establishes the necessary environment to effectively transform campuses. Technical assistance is provided to the campus by providing high quality training and on-site weekly support by highly qualified and experienced field trainers. Campuses that have utilized ASP have shown significant increases in student achievement. (Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation Evaluation, 2002). Curriculum and Instruction will be extended beyond the basic curricular requirement with enriched approaches for all students. Teachers will be trained on how to enrich courses with added, challenging content which allows student to prepare for post-secondary course work. Assistance with completion rate will be among the tools to help student with academic challenges based on the school's barriers and weaknesses. The enriched curriculum is designed to better engage students in ways that have been shown successful through research by Dr. Henry Levin (Stanford University) in his study of ten years of Accelerated Schools in the United States. Accelerated Schools does not prescribe a curriculum but provides extensive training and support in the effective integration of a rigorous curriculum, flexible instructional program and alignment assessment with the States Standards. It allows for ongoing curriculum development and refinement that supports the desired student outcomes that align with the CSF's. Using the Accelerated Schools Powerful Learning Framework teachers will be provided job-embedded professional development in implementing a variety of proven teaching strategies. The Southwest Center for Accelerated Schools provides professional development and external technical assistance focusing on the TTIPS grant's purpose and goals of providing adequate resources in order to raise substantially the achievement of students as to enable schools to make adequate yearly progress (AYP) and, exit improvement status. Critical Success Factors (CST) and milestones indicated will be demonstrated by students at the campus or by adults working on their behalf. To meet these challenges we will make significant changes with the assistance of Accelerated Schools as Consultant in conjunction with the State TAP Program. We will gather and analyze data to understand our barriers, reach solutions and develop action plans through the use of inquiry. The Campus will use research-based methods or strategies to investigate academic performance, teacher quality, school climate, leadership effectiveness, data driven instruction, increased parental/community involvement and increased learning time. The goal is to improve student achievement, embrace community and parent support and to train and retain highly qualified teachers at Somerset Junior High School. The SWCAS has conducted initial training that focused on research skills, determine data for decision making, how to gather critical data about instruction, curriculum school climate, parental and community involvement and organizational issues such as learning time, scheduling that affect student learning. Subsequently the data will be analyzed by the campus leadership team, SWCAS and TAP, to determine the specific challenges of instruction, curriculum and the organization. The <i>transformation</i> of the current governance structure to include all stakeholders to share power and responsibility for making and implementing change on the campus will include the Accelerated Schools philosophy and the TAP model, a revision of curriculum focusing on implementation of research-based strategies, ongoing assessment, and detailed data analysis for intervention. The SWCAS and TAP will provide training to staff on establishing a governance structure that provides collaboration with all stakeholders, develops and oversees their search for the root causes, testing and creating of action plans that focus on the challenges.</p>		

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<b>Part 1: Comprehensive Needs Assessment</b>															
<b>Section A: Campus Grade Levels</b>															
<b>Type of School</b>	<b>Number of Students Enrolled in Grade Levels on the Campus to be Served with Grant</b>														
	<b>PK</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Public School</b>									249	291					540
<b>Open-Enrollment Charter School</b>															0
<b>Total Students:</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	540
<b>Total Instructional Staff</b>														<b>43</b>	
<b>Total Support Staff</b>														<b>15</b>	
<b>Section B: Data Sources Reviewed or to be Reviewed in the Comprehensive Needs Assessment Process</b>															
<b>1</b>	2008-2009 and 2009-2010 Attendance Data to include ADA, Drop-Out Rate, and Mobility Rate														
<b>2</b>	2008-2009 and 2009-2010 AEIS Reports DATA and Longitudinal Data of Sub-group Populations' DATA														
<b>3</b>	2008-2009 and 2009-2010 Teacher Retention DATA														
<b>4</b>	Longitudinal Student Performance Records														
<b>5</b>	Taking Stock Committee data sources: Instruction, Curriculum/Assessment, Climate and Culture, Organization, Staff/Leadership, Professional Development, Parent and Community Involvement														
<b>6</b>	Gathering of Baseline data: Disaggregated TAKS Data, SDAA data, ADA Data, Retention data, Teacher Certification Data, Discipline data, Course failure rate, dropout rate, and college readiness														
<b>7</b>	Highly Qualified Teacher Report and SISD Human Resource Dept. Records to include Alternative Certification of Teachers														
<b>8</b>	Parent Involvement Agendas, Sign-in Sheets, and Parent/Teacher Contact Logs														
<b>9</b>	2008-2009 and 2009-2010 Student Discipline Records														
<b>10</b>	ASP Student Engagement Survey, ASP Instructional Practices Inventory, ASP Learning Opportunity Survey for Teachers, School Culture Survey, Peer Observations and Interviews, and Focus Group Discussions														

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#### Schedule #4B--Program Description

#### **Part 1: Comprehensive Needs Assessment Cont.**

**Section C: Process** Responses are limited to the space provided, front side only, with a font size no smaller than 9 point (Arial or Verdana).

**Describe, in detail, the process the LEA and campus followed/will follow to identify the needs of the campus.**

The Somerset Junior High School campus has taken a comprehensive look at "what we have then the school-as-a-whole identified what was needed to address the major barriers to student success under the guidance of SWCFAS utilizing the Taking Stock Process. This process was used to identify the needs of the campus. This process not only worked toward identifying the needs but also developed capacity for the whole school community to work together, enhanced research skills, identified the school's strengths and challenges as well as generated baseline data. Taking stock consisted of seven major steps:

- The first was to provide an overview and introduction to all staff and community on the needs assessment (Taking Stock).
- The next step was to form the taking stock committees around the areas of Instruction, curriculum/assessment, climate/culture, organization, staff/leadership, professional development and parent/community involvement. Everyone in central office/school was a member of a committee as well as representatives from student, parent and community groups.
- Each committee selected a chair that was composed of the taking stock coordinating committee along with the principal, internal facilitators' leadership team and the ASP field trainer. The role of the coordinating committee was to keep the focus on the process, trouble shoot problems, ensure each committee is researching information that is relevant to student achievement and success and to facilitate communication and sharing of information among committees.
- Each committee had a cross section representation. Each committee determined WHAT information they needed to obtain (ASP provided each committee with the data that it obtained). Committees added other information that was unique to their campus. The committees then determined the best sources for that information.
- The most critical step of this process was analyzing the data to determine the school's strengths and challenges. They did this by focusing on what does the data tell us, what doesn't it tell us and what else do we need to know. Once all data was collected and analyzed there was a whole school reporting out. Each committee prepared a written report of their findings and presented this information to the school community. Once all reports had been heard and all questions had been answered the school community was be asked to accept the report.
- The final report was distributed to all members of central office, school as well an interested members of the community. The report was presented to the school board for their information. The school created and will revisit their vision by gathering input from the school community, parents, students, professional and non-professional staff, central office.
- Members of the school community (staff, parents, students...) examined the discrepancies between the taking stock conclusions and the school's vision. From these gaps the school prioritized their challenges. Once the challenges were established in the areas of Instruction, Curriculum and Organization, strategic action teams (SATs) were formed around these barriers and the inquiry process to identify the root cause of the challenge was started.

All staff members were on a SAT team (cross representation) along with representatives of the school community, central office, parents and students. Each SAT team focused on the barrier by exploring and hypothesizing why the problem area exists. The tested hypotheses, interpreted the results of the testing and developed a clear understanding of the problem area. They then researched scientifically-based solutions, synthesize potential solutions and develop action plans for implementing the solutions. Their action plans included formative and summative evaluations and a plan to monitor, evaluate and assess the effectiveness after the plan was implemented. During the 2010-2011 school year, the SAT teams will revisit the action plan that was created the previous year and make adjustments based on new campus data and program evaluations.



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<b>Part 1: Comprehensive Needs Assessment Cont.</b>			
<b>Section D: Groups of Participants Contributing/to Contribute to Needs Assessment Process, ensuring Parents and Community Groups were involved in the process.</b>			
<b>1</b>	Parents/students will be involved on Taking Stock Committees		
<b>2</b>	Community members will be involved on Taking Stock Committees		
<b>3</b>	School Community will be involved in the final report and acceptance of the Taking Stock Report		
<b>4</b>	Parents/students will be asked for input on the school's vision (representatives will be on the committees)		
<b>5</b>	School community members will be asked for input on the school's vision (rep. will be on the committees)		
<b>6</b>	Parents/students will be involved in prioritizing the barriers (setting priorities) the barriers		
<b>7</b>	School community members will be involved in prioritizing the barriers		
<b>8</b>	Parents/students will be involved on the Strategic Action Teams		
<b>9</b>	School community members will be involved on the Strategic Action Teams		
<b>10</b>	All staff will be involved on a Taking Stock Committee, vision committee, setting priorities, cadres/strategic action teams		

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<b>Part 2: Project Management</b>		
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<b>Capacity:</b> Describe the LEA's capacity to use grant funds to provide adequate resources and related services/support to the campus to implement, fully and effectively, the required activities of the school intervention model.		
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<b>Partnership/Involvement of Others</b> — Describe how the LEA/campus consulted with relevant stakeholders (students, staff, parents, community) regarding this application and proposed implementation of a school intervention model.		
<p>The Transformation model of school intervention has already begun at Somerset Junior High School under the guidance of Southwest Center for Accelerated Schools, a part of the University of Texas at Austin, College of Education, Department of Education Administration. Community members, central office staff, and family members have worked with SWCFAS for the past three years at Somerset High School with the High School Restructure and Redesign Grant. Their guidance to the high school faculty and administration in the re-organization of that campus has made a tremendous change to the culture and climate of the campus and impacted the instructional delivery of the teachers to better address the needs of the students. In the Accelerated Schools Process the community has seen an educational resource providing a network of services to support the academic success of students as well. The campus is rated Academically Acceptable. The ASP Model provides authentic learning experiences outside the school, such as community service projects, internships, job shadowing, career investigations, field trips, etc. Business, community and education leaders regularly are involved in discussions, mentoring and modeling the skills needed to ensure student preparation for workplace and higher education. Accelerated Schools process allows for support and research of community programs within the school that can support high academic achievement of all students. The Accelerated Schools Project engages families in supporting student learning and achievement by providing professional development that assists staff with the knowledge and skills to involve families in improving student learning, Parent-training opportunities that provide a broad range of topics, for example parenting skills, curriculum, ESL, GED, etc. The proven success of SWCFAS at the district high school campus was proof that the ASP model would fit with the needs of the community. The district superintendent and Board of Trustees have given full support to SWCFAS in locating funds for the first year of implementation during the 2009-2010 school year.</p> <p>In the Spring of 2009-2010 school year, the campus voted to participate in the Teacher Advancement Program for professional development, master and mentor teachers, teacher incentive pay based on a value-added student growth modes, changes to the evaluation system, and on-going progress monitoring. Their commitment to change was already demonstrated. When this application was presented by TEA as a way to continue in the aggressive changes taking place at the junior high school, commitment of the campus was established and their willingness to participate a foregone conclusion.</p>		

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<b>Management of Grant Activities</b> – Describe how the LEA and campus will modify its practices and/or policies, as necessary, to ensure its implementation of the intervention(s) fully and effectively.		
<p>Campus administration and the District Sheppard with the guidance of Southwest Center for Accelerated School as technical assistance provider will monitor the plan through the duration of the grant and will formally meet to oversee and evaluate the project. The District Sheppard will provide participants with multiple opportunities to interact, provide feedback, and determine if the project is being implemented in accordance with the plan. Staff and the Grant Manager will evaluate if the campus is meeting the goals and performance measures established in the grant application. They will also monitor the grant activity timeline to ensure implementation aligns with the proposed schedule. Campus staff and SWCFAS Representative will report project progress to the district Board of Trustees; based on feedback, the grant application will be amended if the committee determines adjustments are necessary.</p> <p>Campus staff will work collaboratively to design, implement and analyze the effectiveness of the TTIPS grant to include the following task:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assist with data analysis and accountability and increase local data capacities to support instruction</li> <li>• Disaggregate, analyze and manage student performance on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS).</li> <li>• Conduct surveys to determine the effect that the transformation model has had on teacher practices.</li> <li>• Coordinate with district instructional leaders and campus administrators to determine the professional development needs of participating campuses.</li> <li>• Ensure the plan is being communicated effectively and accurately to all district stakeholders.</li> <li>• Oversee and manage the grant activity timeline.</li> <li>• Complete required reports</li> </ul>		

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<b>Resource Management</b> — Describe how the LEA/campus will align other resources (federal, state, local, and community) with the school improvement intervention.		
<p>Somerset Independent School District has a tradition of coordinating funds from multiple sources in order to maximize the impact on student learning. It has actively pursued grant initiatives to better serve the needs of its students and professionals. Its past history with the Beginning Teacher and Induction Grant, Pre-Kindergarten Early Start Grant, Head Start Initiative with ESC Region 20, High School Restructure and Redesign and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Grant are just a few examples. In facing the challenges of transforming the junior high school campus, the district has again aggressively pursued partnerships with outside agencies to include Communities in Schools-San Antonio, the Alamo Community College District, CITY YEAR-San Antonio, the University of Texas Teacher Advancement Program and the Milken Foundation. As the campus implements the transforming reforms of the TTIPS grant all campus and district resources will be aligned to support the improvement in student achievement. As the campus commits to sustaining the academic growth, cultural changes, and organizational changes; the district will commit to align current federal, state and local resources to ensure the success of the change process.</p>		

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<b>Grant Project Manager Qualifications</b> Describe the qualifications of the person selected to be the project manager for this grant on the campus.		
<p>Somerset ISD has selected Margie Willems to be the Project Manager for the TTIPS Grant. She has a master degree in school administration and has completed the course work for her superintendence certification through the Leadership Academy Program with ESC 13 and ESC 20. She has 33 years experience in education at the secondary level in grades 6-12 having served as teacher, department chairperson, AP teacher, vice principal, secondary facilitator, grant writer and Assessment Coordinator.</p> <p>She is currently the State and Federal Programs Administrator for the district.</p> <p>Through her efforts as grant writer and State and Federal Programs Administrator, Somerset ISD has entered into successful partnerships and memorandum of understandings with educational related institutions that include: Parent/Child, Inc (a local Head Start Agency), Alamo Community College District for Gateway to College and College Connection, Community in Schools-San Antonio for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Grant, Southwest Center for Accelerated School-UT Austin for the High School Restructure and Redesign Grant and Resources for Learning for the Beginning Teacher Induction and Mentoring Grant. She has served as grant manager for quarterly activity and expenditure reporting.</p> <p>She is uniquely qualified to serve as grant manager for the junior high school TTIPS Grant due her experience with the campus as an assistant principal on the campus and central office staff member assigned to the campus during state assessments. She has a strong working relationship with the campus principal and leadership team. She is frequently called to serve on hiring committees for the campus and this past month has participated with the hiring of campus master teachers with the campus representatives and TAP personnel for UT-Austin.</p>		

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<p>Somerset ISD plans to implement the position of District Sheppard as required by the TTIPS Grant to serve as additional grant support for the junior high school campus. This position will be uniquely qualified to work with the campus principal and leadership team to ensure that all grant requirements are met and the grant reporting is submitted in a timely manner. The District Sheppard will served as voice for the reform strategies being implemented on the campus and will report all activities to the superintendent. He will also serve as an advocate for the changes being proposed as part of the transformation of the campus. He will work with all stakeholders on the campus planning committee to include parents, campus and central office staff, technical assistance providers, partnership agencies, community members and board of trustees. It will be his responsible to maintain open communication with the stakeholders to included TEA and SIRC of the strategies and activities being implemented on the campus.</p>		

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<b>Program Continuation and Sustainability</b> – Describe how the LEA will sustain the campus reforms after the funding period ends.		
<p>Somerset Junior High School will continue using the Accelerated Schools process to sustain the transformation changes implemented during the TTIPS grant and to build leadership capacity and opportunities of professional growth within the school in order to continue to effectively address challenges. Actions and initiatives that will be continued include updated training for all staff on the Accelerated Schools process, governance and inquiry, orientation training for any newly hired staff members, updated training for board members, central administration, review and realignment of curriculum as needed and an annual evaluation of the effectiveness of the process. Continuing training will occur throughout the year centering on powerful learning and teaching. Staff development time will be included in the school calendar specifically for updated training on the cadres and strategic action team's inquiry process and to provide additional resources.</p>		

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<b>Site Visits</b> – If the intervention program includes site visits to other campuses successfully implementing the intervention model, describe the process for selecting the locations and the expected outcomes of the site visit.		
<p><b>Site Visits for SWCFAS Transformational Model</b></p> <p>The Southwest Center for Accelerated Schools will provide, upon request, a selection of campuses that are successful in utilizing the process of Accelerated Schools by building leadership capacity and changes in governance and inquiry along with success in the expected outcomes of academic improvement for all students and a positive change in culture and climate of the campus.</p> <p>Expected outcomes of the site visits.</p> <p>The site visit is intended to provide peer to peer collaboration on Accelerated Schools preparation (buy in), activities and implementation. Communication at the site visit will help teachers and administrators gain an understanding of how the Accelerated Schools Process benefits them and moves a campus toward their academic goals. The visitors will also see how their effort contributes to the larger goal.</p> <p>The site visit hosts will be able to answer many of the day to day questions and logistics of ASP. Upon completion of the site visit, the host campus can become a mentor and begin networking that allows for clear and consistent support, opportunities to reflect, listen openly and provide guidance in conjunction with the Southwest Center for Accelerated Schools.</p> <p><b>Site Visits for TAP Teacher Advance Program Model</b></p> <p>District Personnel and the District Needs Assessment and Selection Committee members have visited area campuses participating in the Teacher Advancement Program that included campuses in Lytle ISD and Southside ISD to assess program components and methodologies of delivering job-embedded professional development and the SKR Appraisal System. Furthermore, co-chairmen for TAP implementation in the district attended the Differentiated Compensation Conference in Houston, Texas in the Fall of 2009. With the campus vote to implement TAP, plans were made to attend the TAP/TIF conference in San Antonio, Texas at the end of June. The SISD Board of Trustees has approved the exemption of the campus in the usage of the PDAS Appraisal instrument with the SKR Model at the May BOT meeting. Campus Administration, Master Teachers and Mentor Teachers will be attending the intensive training for implementation of the SKR in July. These activities demonstrate the campus's commitment to providing the instructional support for its students and new teachers on the campus.</p> <p><b>Site Visits for CITY YEAR</b></p> <p>SISD Superintendent and a district principal attended the national conference for City Year this past month in order to judge the programs' potential impact on the campuses in the district.</p> <p>The resources from both state and local funds have been used for these site visits and is another example of both the district's and campus's commitment to reform.</p>		



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<b>Lack of Capacity</b> -- If the LEA is not applying to serve each Tier I school (is not applying for grant funding for each Tier I school), provide a detailed explanation of why the LEA lacks capacity to serve each Tier I school.		
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<b>Intervention Model to be Implemented</b> – Indicate the model(s) being considered by the LEA/campus for implementation. Indicate whether the LEA/campus will participate in the TEA Approved Model with Technical Assistance provided by the TEA-funded School Improvement Resource Center or the LEA/campus will implement its own intervention design within the requirements of the grant program.		
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<p><b>The timeline for implementation of the Southwest Center for Accelerated Schools ASP process follows:</b></p>		
<p><b>June-August 2010</b></p>		
<p><b>SIRC required meetings/data</b></p>		
<p><b>August 2010</b></p>		
<p><b>Five Day Leadership Team training</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>5 days</b></span></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction and modeling of leadership team's role in professional development and initiating the process for Taking Stock and the Extending Data Day, Analysis of Data, Forging a Shared Vision, Setting Priorities, Powerful Learning and Governance and Inquiry.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Powerful Learning Summer Institute</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>3-4 day</b></span></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Available for new Accelerated Schools.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>August 2010-May 2011</b></p>		
<p><b>Introduction to staff, Initiate Taking Stock Process</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>2 days</b></span></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Philosophy and Process Overview</li> <li>• On-site weekly technical support</li> <li>• Classroom visits by external field trainer</li> <li>• Establishing Accelerated Schools presence within school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actions include using "Accelerated Schools" in school's name; establishing an accelerated Schools office in each school for the external field trainer and internal facilitators; including Accelerated Schools news in school website, newsletter, etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Monthly meetings for principals, internal facilitators and external field trainers</li> <li>• Develop timeline for year's activities with principal</li> <li>• Meet with appropriate district staff, invite them to activities and request their participation and support</li> <li>• Establish Accelerated School's staff development sessions on weekly basis with whole school. <i>Always include the ASP philosophy in these sessions</i></li> <li>• Initiate Taking Stock process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Essential to ensure good communication for building a culture for change as well as deepening data collection</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Have SIRC (Region XIII required data available prior to five day leadership training</li> </ul>		
<p><b>September 2010-October 2010</b></p>		
<p><b>Completion of Taking Stock Process</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>1 day</b></span></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data day presentation to the school community</li> <li>• Publication and distribution of Taking Stock report to staff, parents, central office, school board</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Organize to forge a shared vision</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>1 day</b></span></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vision process including celebration</li> <li>• Vision committee reports and community meeting</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Powerful Learning I Leadership Team training</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>2 days</b></span></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct one day PL training on campus for entire staff</li> <li>• On-going walkthroughs</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Continue classroom powerful learning exploration, Effective Lesson Design</b></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Snapshot walkthroughs for baseline data</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Analysis and Enhancement of current programs to maximize academic impact (September-May)</b></p>		
<p><b>November 2010-December 2010</b></p>		
<p><b>Governance and Inquiry Leadership Team training</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>2 days</b></span></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Train staff in use of inquiry (action research for problem solving <span style="float: right;"><b>1/2 day</b></span>)</li> <li>• Establish school governance structure (include entire school community)</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Continue classroom powerful learning exploration, small teacher-group sessions</b></p>		
<p>On-going walkthroughs and reflection of instructional strategies</p>		

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<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 70%;"> <b>And Set Priorities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This process will identify the challenge areas establish the focus of the school's work for the next several months</li> <li>Establish cadres/strategic action teams, challenge statements and timeline</li> </ul> </div> <div style="width: 25%; text-align: right;"> <b>1/2 day</b> </div> </div>		
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 70%;"> <b>Principal Leadership Seminar TBA</b> </div> <div style="width: 25%; text-align: right;"> <b>1 day</b> </div> </div>		
<b>January 2011</b>		
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 70%;"> <b>Cadre Leader Training</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Train cadre leaders in use of inquiry and meeting management</li> <li>Train strategic action team leaders and set meeting calendar and timeline</li> </ul> </div> <div style="width: 25%; text-align: right;"> <b>2 days</b> </div> </div>		
<b>Reflective coaching and mentoring-Analysis of fall walkthrough data</b>		
<b>February 2011-April 2011</b>		
<b>Cadre work</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Majority of work is conducted to determine root causes of challenges, research conducted by cadres/strategic action teams, solutions and action plans</li> <li>Monitoring of Strategic action Team progress</li> <li>Exploration of challenges, known facts, mini-vision, hypothesizing and testing</li> <li>Research and Solutions</li> <li>Action Plans will become the Campus Improvement Plan</li> </ul>		
<b>Continue classroom powerful learning exploration, embedded professional learning in the regular schedule</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working with leaders to develop their facilitation skills and implementation of a collaborative model</li> </ul>		
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<b>May 2011</b>		
<b>Campus Improvement Plan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop master plan from Strategic Action Teams' work, professional development plan, resource, scheduling and budget plan</li> <li>Reset Priorities establishing new cadres/strategic action teams and determining challenge statements for 2011-2012</li> </ul>		
<b>Reflective coaching and mentoring-Analysis of spring walkthrough data</b>		
<b>Annual Site Visit</b>		
<b>June 2011-August 2011</b>		
<b>Powerful Learning Institutes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Institutes will be conducted regionally at a reduced rate for current Accelerated Schools</li> <li>30 hours of GT credit (TAGT) available for four day sessions</li> <li>Three day True Colors Institutes available</li> <li>Intense seminar on best practice strategies for teachers that help them design learning experiences that engage all students</li> </ul>		
<b>Years Two-Three</b>		
<b>September 2011-June 2013</b>		
<b>Trainings to be scheduled and dates determined based on individual campus needs</b>		
<b>Required Training for Year Two</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Powerful Learning II, III and IV</li> <li>Cadre Leader II, Cadre Leader follow up</li> <li>New teacher orientation annually</li> <li>Mini Taking Stock</li> <li>Resetting priorities</li> <li>Governance and Inquiry Update</li> </ul>		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Principal Leadership Seminars</li> <li>• Networking Session</li> <li>• Summer Institutes for differentiated instruction</li> </ul> <b>Continuing Services</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Continuous on-site professional development with teachers in the areas of</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Transforming teaching practices and student learning</li> <li>◦ Reflective coaching and mentoring</li> <li>◦ Using data to improve academic success through the use of inquiry</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>On-going work with teachers that provide meaningful collaboration</b></li> <li>• <b>Analysis and Enhancement of current programs to maximize academic impact</b></li> <li>• <b>Embedded Professional learning in the regular schedule</b></li> <li>• <b>Leadership capacity building work sessions with administrators that connect principals, teachers and students</b></li> <li>• <b>Working with teacher leaders to develop leadership capacity, facilitation skills and implementation of a collaborative transformational model</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Accelerated Schools Process to support whole school change</b></p> <p><b>The Teacher Advancement Program TAP timeline follows:</b></p> <p><b>December, 2010</b>            <b>TIF/TAP Differentiated Compensation Conference</b></p> <p><b>February-March, 2010</b>            <b>Committee Presentations and Site visits to view Implementation of TAP</b></p> <p><b>April, 2010</b>            <b>Campus Vote to Participate in the TAP Model of Teacher Advancement</b></p> <p><b>May, 2010</b>            <b>Board of Trustees Presentation and Approval of the SKR Appraisal Model to replace PDAS and Hiring of Master and Mentor Teachers</b></p> <p><b>June, 2010</b>            <b>Campus Leaders, Master and Mentor teachers attended TAP Conference</b></p> <p><b>July, 2010</b>            <b>Campus Leaders Training on the SKR Appraisal System</b></p> <p><b>July, 2010</b>            <b>TAP Training on Program Components</b></p> <p><b>August, 2010-May, 2011</b>            <b>Formal Implementation of TAP Program on campus Bimonthly Research-Based Job-Embedded Professional Development, Classroom observations for fidelity to program components, on-going student progress monitoring, data analysis, and data-based decisions on instruction for response to intervention (3-Tier Model).</b></p> <p><b>Somerset ISD will provide teacher and support staff retention stipends to those campus employees that have returned to year two and three of the grant funded through the TTIPS grant.</b></p>		

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CITY YEAR unites young people of all backgrounds for a year of full-time service, giving them the skills and opportunities to change the world. As tutors, mentors, and role models, these diverse young leaders make a difference in the lives of children and help transform school and communities across the United States. A City Year Team of volunteers will target At-Risk students at Somerset Junior High School who are considered in danger of not graduating and dropping out. The seven member team of Americorps Volunteers are trained mentors, tutors, and role models. The program's focus is the ABC's Impact Metrics: Attendance, Behavior, Course Performance, and School Connectedness with identified students. Their program will be used to provide academic and socio-emotional support in the classroom to assigned student during the school day. They will maintain attendance contact logs and make contact with parents to encourage attendance of the high risk student. The CITY YEAR team will be used to extend the regular school day in the after school program. The team will provide academic enrichment and tutoring, develop student interest clubs and organizations, and create school/community connections through community service projects. They will serve as positive role models working on student's leadership capacity and character development and forge meaningful relationships with students as their near-peer mentors to the at-risk student.

September, 2010-May, 2013

Provide Campus Support Monday-Thursdays , 7:00 am -5:30 pm before school greeting of parents, during school mentoring of students and classroom support, and after school enrichment and tutoring.

Professional Development Training on Fridays with City Year

Community in Schools, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers operate along the same calendar as the school district to provide after school enrichment and hands on learning experiences in math and science. The program extends student learning time by 2.5 hours a day Monday-Friday. Through the partnership with the district, student transportation is provided so that all students have an opportunity to participate in this service.

Somerset ISD will purchase an on-line curriculum system to address the need of its students to access academic course work 24/7. The system can be used in the classroom through computers on wheels technology and at home through the internet. Those families without computer access at home will be able to check out handheld devices that will provide intervention support of the classroom instruction in the areas of math, reading/ELA, science and social studies. This response to intervention strategy will provide lessons in both English and Spanish for LEP students and their families.

Somerset Junior High School will address each of the seven critical success factors through these partnerships providing guidance and support to the district and campus. During the Comprehensive Needs Assessment and Annual Taking Stock Review additional Annual Improvement Activities will be added.

Critical Success Factors	SWCFAS	TAP	City Year	Community in Schools	On-line curriculum
Improve Academic Performance	X	X	X	X	X
Increase Use of Data to Drive Instruction	X	X			X
Increase Leadership Effectiveness	X	X	X		
Increase Learning Time		X	X	X	X
Increase Parent/Community Involvement	X		X	X	X
Improve School Climate	X		X	X	X
Increase Teacher Quality	X	X			

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<b>Section C: Groups of Participants</b> – List the groups of participants who will actively assist in the process to select a school intervention model that aligns to the identified needs of the campus.			
1	Parents and students		
2	Community Members		
3	Campus Teachers and Staff		
4	Campus Leadership Team to include Contracted Service with SWCFAS Technical Assistance Provider, TAP Representative, and City Year		
5	Representative of the Board of Trustees		
6	Representative of Chamber of Commerce and City Government		
7	Central Office Representative		
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9	* Campus has implemented aggressive reform. It has chosen the modified Transformational Model.		
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<p>On the following pages of charts applicants should describe all other school improvement activities that will be incorporated with the model to be selected.</p> <p>For each additional improvement activity entered, enter the Critical Success Factor Code(s) from this table, enter the LEA/campus' rationale for including the activity, provide the supporting research that indicates the activity will be effective, and indicate the beginning and ending date of the activity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 – Improve Academic Performance, including (but not limited to) Reading/ELA and Math             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Data-driven instruction</li> <li>B. Curriculum Alignment (both horizontal and vertical)</li> <li>C. On-going Monitoring of Instruction</li> </ul> </li> <li>2 – Increase the Use of Quality Data to Drive Instruction             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Data Disaggregation/Training</li> <li>B. Data-driven Decisions</li> <li>C. On-going Communication</li> </ul> </li> <li>3 – Increase Leadership Effectiveness             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. On-going Job Embedded Professional Development</li> <li>B. Operational Flexibility</li> <li>C. Resource/Data Utilization</li> </ul> </li> <li>4 – Increase Learning Time             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Flexible Scheduling</li> <li>B. Instructionally-focused Calendar</li> <li>C. Staff Collaborative Planning</li> </ul> </li> <li>5 – Increase Parent/Community Involvement             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Increased Opportunities for Input</li> <li>B. Effective Communication</li> <li>C. Accessible Community Services</li> </ul> </li> <li>6 – Improve School Climate             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Increased Attendance</li> <li>B. Decreased Discipline Referrals</li> <li>C. Increased Involvement in Extra/Co-Curricular Activities</li> </ul> </li> <li>7 – Increase Teacher Quality             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Locally Developed Appraisal Instruments</li> <li>B. On-going Job Embedded Professional Development</li> <li>C. Recruitment/Retention Strategies</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

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**Critical Success Factor 1: Improve Academic Performance including (but not limited to) Reading/ELA and Math**

CSF Milestone	Additional Improvement Activity	Rationale	Supporting Research	Timeline Begin Date	Timeline End Date
1A	Improve Student Achievement in Reading/ELA	Instructionally Focused Accountability	Teacher Advancement Program (TAP) Accelerated School Process (SWCFAS)	September, 2010	June, 2013
1A	Improve Student Achievement in Mathematics	Instructionally Focused Accountability	TAP SWCFAS	September, 2010	June, 2013
1A	Improve Student Achievement in Science	Instructionally Focused Accountability	TAP SWCFAS	September, 2010	June, 2013
1A	Improve Student Achievement in Social Studies	Instructionally Focused Accountability	TAP SWCFAS	September, 2010	June, 2013
1B	Incorporate CSCOPE Curriculum in all core classes for alignment	Provide a vertical and horizontally aligned curriculum system to promote student success	ESC 20 Cooperative Program aligned with TEKS and State Assessments	September, 2010	June, 2013
1C	Biweekly classroom observations by mentor and master teachers of the TAP Program	Promote fidelity to TAP program components	TAP	September, 2010	June, 2013
1C	Implement SKR Observation system for all full time professional staff	Promote fidelity to TAP program components	TAP	September, 2010	June, 2013

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<b>Critical Success Factor 2: Increase the use of Quality Data to Drive Instruction</b>					
CSF Milestone	Additional Improvement Activity	Rationale	Supporting Research	Timeline Begin Date	Timeline End Date
2A	Implement SWCFAS Data Disaggregation Training	Provide professional development on data driven decision process	SWCFAS ASP Process TAP	September, 2010	June, 2013
2A	Implement student progress monitoring for immediate response to intervention	Promote Data driven decisions to provide instructional interventions	TAP SWCFAS ASP Process On-line Curriculum System	September, 2010	June, 2013
2B	Implement SWCFAS data driven decisions training	Provide professional development on data driven decision process	SWCFAS ASP Process TAP	September, 2010	June, 2013
2B	Implement response to intervention for students based on data	Promote Data driven decisions to provide instructional interventions	TAP SWCFAS On-line Curriculum System	September, 2010	June, 2013
2C	Improve campus communication through weekly cluster meetings (TAP) lead by Master Teachers	Promote external and internal communication	TAP	September, 2010	June, 2013

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<b>Critical Success Factor 3: Increase Leadership Effectiveness</b>					
CSF Milestone	Additional Improvement Activity	Rationale	Supporting Research	Timeline Begin Date	Timeline End Date
3A	Implement TAP job-embedded professional development with the master teacher and SKR observation tool	Develop multiple career paths for teachers and build campus leadership capacity	TAP	September, 2010	June, 2013
3A	Improve leadership capacity training provided by SWCFAS	Develop multiple career paths for teachers and build campus leadership capacity	TAP	September, 2010	June, 2013
3B	Implement organization structure that enables flexibility within campus to meet grant goals	Provide opportunities for data driven decisions by campus leadership	TAP	September, 2010	June, 2013
3C	Implement TAP on-going research-based instructional strategies to impact student success	Provide ongoing applied professional growth	TAP	September, 2010	June, 2013

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<b>Critical Success Factor 4: Improve Learning Time</b>					
CSF Milestone	Additional Improvement Activity	Rationale	Supporting Research	Timeline Begin Date	Timeline End Date
4A	Implement use of City Year Team to increase student learning time	Provide opportunities before and after school for tutoring and mentoring of students to impact student performance	City Year Community in School 21 <sup>st</sup> CCLC	September, 2010	June, 2013
4B	Extend instructional calendar to increase student learning time	Provide Intervention support through tutoring, mentoring, and summer school	SWCFAS City Year	September, 2010	June, 2010
4C	Implement a common planning time for departments and clusters (TAP)	Encourage Collaboration and Collegial support and growth	TAP SWCFAS	September, 2010	June, 2013

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<b>Critical Success Factor 5: Increase Parent/Community Involvement</b>					
CSF Milestone	Additional Improvement Activity	Rationale	Supporting Research	Timeline Begin Date	Timeline End Date
5A	Provide opportunities for parent participation	Renew parent interest in the school setting	City Year SWCFAS Community in Schools SA-21 <sup>st</sup> CCLC	September, 2010	June, 2013
5B	Improve means of communication to parent to include newsletters, progress monitoring reports, and bulletins	Provide information to parents and community of school activities and parent learning opportunities	City Year SWCFAS Community in Schools SA-21 <sup>st</sup> CCLC	September, 2010	June, 2013
5C	Implement opportunities for adult education at the junior high campus	Encourage adult learning on the campus	City Year SWCFAS Community in Schools SA-21 <sup>st</sup> CCLC	September, 2010	June, 2013

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<b>Critical Success Factor 6: Improve School Climate</b>					
CSF Milestone	Additional Improvement Activity	Rationale	Supporting Research	Timeline Begin Date	Timeline End Date
6A	Increase student attendance through Daily Parent Contact Logs by City Year	Increase learning time through improved attendance	City Year  US Sec. of Educ. Arne Duncan	September, 2010	June, 2013
6B	Decrease student referrals through the City Year Near Peer mentoring program	Impact student behavior through positive role models and character development	Near-Peer Relationships DR. Mike Nakkula	September, 2010	June, 2013
6C	Implement enrichment clubs/organizations in the after school program	Increase learning time through improved attendance	City Year/Community in Schools  US Sec. of Educ. Arne Duncan	September, 2010	June, 2013

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<b>Critical Success Factor 7: Increase Teacher Quality</b>					
CSF Milestone	Additional Improvement Activity	Rationale	Supporting Research	Timeline Begin Date	Timeline End Date
7A	Implement the TAP SKR model of appraisals on the junior high campus	On-going classroom observations to ensure program fidelity	Teacher Advancement Program TAP	September, 2010	June, 2013
7A+7C	Implement performance based value-added incentives for teachers	Identify and Reward school Leaders and staff for program fidelity and student achievement	Teacher Advancement Program TAP	September, 2010	June, 2013
7B	Implement weekly cluster professional development provided by Master Teachers	Improve teacher quality through professional development	Teacher Advancement Program TAP	September, 2010	June, 2013
7B	Implement Powerful Learning Summer Institutes SWCFAS to address needs of special pops	Improve classroom instruction through differentiated instruction strategies	Southwest Center for Accelerated Schools POWERFUL LEARNING, Rudy Brandt	June, 2011	June, 2013
7C	Provide on-going job-embedded professional development	Improve teacher quality through professional development	Teacher Advancement Program TAP	June, 2010	June, 2013
7B	Provide on-going beginning teacher support through mentoring	Encourage Beginning Teacher growth through cognitive coaching and mentoring	TAP Resources for Learning, INC	August, 2011	June, 2013

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#### Schedule #4B—Program Description

#### Part 4: Waiver Requests

Applicants must check the waivers in which the LEA/campus intends to implement.

XXXX Extending the period of availability of school improvement funds.

*This waiver extends the "life" of the funds for two additional years; allowing the state to fund the grant period for three years to the LEA on behalf of the eligible campus, as long as the campus meets the requirements of implementation of the grant program.*

**Note:** Since TEA has requested and received a waiver of the period of availability of these school improvement grant funds, this waiver automatically applies to all LEAs in the state and *must* be checked.

- ☐ "Starting over" in the school improvement timeline for Tier I and Tier II Title I participating schools implementing a turnaround or restart model.  
*Under this waiver, the LEA with an eligible Tier I or Tier II campus implementing the turnaround model or restart model may have their School Improvement status reset regardless of the actual AYP status and other school improvement interventions, such as School Choice and Supplemental Education Services (SES) would not be applicable. This waiver allows the campus two years to effectively implement the selected turnaround or restart model of reform without additional statutory school improvement interventions being required.*
- ☐ Implementing a school wide program in a Tier I or Tier II Title I participating school that does not meet the 40 percent poverty eligibility threshold.  
*This waiver allows a Tier I Title I campus that otherwise does not qualify to operate a Schoolwide program to do so in order to implement the Tier I reform model selected.*

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<b>Section A: Ongoing Monitoring/Continuous Improvement</b> - Describe the LEA/campus process for providing on-going monitoring of grant activities to ensure continuous improvement.		
<p>On-going monitoring of grant activities will be provided by Southwest Center for Accelerated schools (SWCFAS) through the ASP process as well as by University of Texas Teacher Advance Program representatives. Somerset Junior High School with the guidance of SWCFAS will utilize the Accelerated Schools tools for Assessing School Progress which includes: Compilation and Conclusion of all committee, cadre, Strategic action teams and steering committee meetings; Student Engagement survey results and conclusions; SWCAS Questionnaires on the process, launch, governance and inquiry and action plans for completing each of these to demonstrated status; Instructional Practices Inventory, Walkthrough Summary, Observation notes, External Provider Service Record, Accelerated Schools Standards and Indicators Summary Document, Tools for Assessing School Progress Reflection Summary Sheet. These activities will be showcased through the Mid-year site visit and annual site visit, frequent Accelerated Schools networking and principals meetings to assess on-going implementation and student academic achievement, utilization of the Accelerated Schools Target for Student Success, as well as develop and implementation of a campus-wide rigor rubric. Benchmarks will be established and monitored for implementation and fidelity to program components. Teacher and student Reflections will be part of the ongoing monitoring of the success of the program.</p> <p>The Teacher Advancement Program will also provide on-going monitoring of the TAP Program components. Classroom observations conducted by the administration, master teachers, and mentor teachers will be a key component in measuring the fidelity of the program and success on the teachers on the SKR appraisal system. Frequent locally developed assessments by the master teachers will also promote program fidelity to the researched-based strategies used in the classroom. Debriefing of classroom observations during the weekly cluster meetings will promote professional growth as well as monitor program activities.</p> <p>The creation of the District Sheppard position will promote on-going communication with all stakeholders in the successful implementation of the grant and its activities. Open discussions of issues as they arise and commitment to data driven decisions will maintain focus of the campus on all components of implementation.</p>		

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<b>Section B: Formative Evaluation-</b> Describe the LEA/campus' process for formative evaluation, including how the results of the evaluation will be used to improve the grant program		
<p>Somerset ISD and the junior high school campus will use the SWCFAS' Tools for Assessing School Progress. It is a formative Accelerated Schools, University of Texas at Austin, College of Education evaluation focusing on the school's attention to the curriculum, instruction, data analysis, research, course work and leadership development.</p> <p>Schools build capacity when they learn how to collect and analyze their own data about their own progress and to craft an action plan designed to address areas of challenge in curriculum instruction and organization. An external site visitor from the Southwest Center for Accelerated Schools will provide additional data that is objective to assist in the reflection process.</p> <p>The school will complete a self-study so that they own the process and the results. In the assessment process the school and the site visitors study the process and the impact at the school site.</p> <p>Both the school and the site visitors will complete the annual Summary Analysis for the TTIPS Program . After discussing all data gathered from each assessment task throughout the mid-year/year and summary report, the school will create a school action plan, which addresses each area of implementation. The professional development as well as the assessment in on-going.</p> <p>Further on-going formative evaluations will be conducted in order to provide data for the submission of the quarterly activity and expenditure reports that are part of the grant requirements. The District Sheppard will be instrumental in involving all stakeholders in discussions of grant activities, ongoing successes and the needs for revisions to the grant proposal. The campuses flexibility in organizational structure will be instrumental to the ongoing success of the grant</p>		

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<b>Section C: Qualitative and Quantitative Data Collection Methods.</b> Describe the LEA/campus' process for data collection methods to be implemented and 1) how the data will be disaggregated; 2) used to improve instruction; and 3) obtain continuous improvement results.		
<p>Somerset ISD and the junior high campus will incorporate the ASP process in collecting required data on the implementation of grant requirements and activities. The qualitative data collection process of Accelerated Schools includes: frequent interview by the external coach (field trainer) and Southwest Center for Accelerated School's staff with the principal, internal facilitators, teachers, parents, central office staff and students; classroom and school observations' Powerful Learning questionnaire; school climate questionnaires; student engagement survey; and the required school portfolio. Board members will also be interviewed. Other products used will be meeting minutes, newsletters, reports generated by committees, cares and strategic action teams, as well as the effectiveness of the dissemination process of this information. Quantitative data collection includes; Mid-year and annual Accelerated Schools site visits and summary documents; analysis of student work and student achievement data; attendance rates; TAKS passing, State Assessment proficiency and exemption rates; graduation and completion rates; AP participation and credit rates; SAT./ACT scores and the percentage of students on grade level in each content area.</p>		

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<p><b>Somerset Junior High School will use the same ASP process for developing the Campus Needs Assessment to develop the Campus' performance goals. The process will involve all stakeholders in the TAKING STOCK process.</b> Taking stock consisted of seven major steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The first was to provide an overview and introduction to all staff and community on the needs assessment (Taking Stock).</li> <li>• The next step was to form the taking stock committees around the areas of Instruction, curriculum/assessment, climate/culture, organization, staff/leadership, professional development and parent/community involvement. Everyone in central office/school was a member of a committee as well as representatives from student, parent and community groups.</li> <li>• Each committee selected a chair that was composed of the taking stock coordinating committee along with the principal, internal facilitators' leadership team and the ASP field trainer. The role of the coordinating committee was to keep the focus on the process, trouble shoot problems, ensure each committee is researching information that is relevant to student achievement and success and to facilitate communication and sharing of information among committees.</li> <li>• Each committee had a cross section representation. Each committee determined WHAT information they needed to obtain (ASP provided each committee with the data that it obtained). Committees added other information that was unique to their campus. The committees then determined the best sources for that information.</li> <li>• The most critical step of this process was analyzing the data to determine the school's strengths and challenges. They did this by focusing on what does the data tell us, what doesn't it tell us and what else do we need to know. Once all data was collected and analyzed there was a whole school reporting out. Each committee prepared a written report of their findings and presented this information to the school community. Once all reports had been heard and all questions had been answered the school community was be asked to accept the report.</li> <li>• The final report was distributed to all members of central office, school as well an interested members of the community. The report was presented to the school board for their information. The school created and will revisit their vision by gathering input from the school community, parents, students, professional and non-professional staff, central office.</li> <li>• Members of the school community (staff, parents, students...) examined the discrepancies between the taking stock conclusions and the school's vision. From these gaps the school prioritized their challenges. Once the challenges were established in the areas of Instruction, Curriculum and Organization, strategic action teams (SATs) were formed around these barriers and the inquiry process to identify the root cause of the challenge was started. All staff members were on a SAT team (cross representation) along with representatives of the school community, central office, parents and students. Each SAT team focused on the barrier by exploring and hypothesizing why the problem area exists. The tested hypotheses, interpreted the results of the testing and developed a clear understanding of the problem area. They then researched scientifically-based solutions, synthesize potential solutions and develop action plans for implementing the solutions. Their action plans included formative and summative evaluations and a plan to monitor, evaluate and assess the effectiveness after the plan was implemented.</li> </ul> <p><b>Using this same organizational structure, committees will be created to gather necessary longitudinal data from various sources in the areas of academic performance, leadership effectiveness, increasing learning time, parent and stakeholder involvement, improving school climate, and teacher quality as well as other areas to be addressed.</b></p>		



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<p><b>The campus committee would then create realistic, attainable Annual Performance Goals. Grant Annual Performance goals will be revisited each year of the grant after the Comprehensive Needs Assessment and review of Taking Stock data has been completed. Additional Performance Goals will be added by the committee based upon current data and setting of priorities to address new needs. Quarterly review of the performance goals and setting of milestones will be necessary for reporting of progress to TEA.</b></p>		

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<b>Improve Academic Performance</b> – Enter the annual goals for student achievement, on both the State's assessments and other measures identified by the LEA, to which the LEA is holding the campus accountable						
#	Performance Measure	Assessment Instrument/Tool	Most Recent Year Performance	Year 1 Progress Goal	Year 2 Progress Goal	Year 3 Progress Goal
1	Improve Student Achievement in Reading/ELA 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade (AEIS 08-09/Projected 09-10)*	TAKS	83%/78%	85%	90%	95%
2	Improve Student Achievement in Reading/ELA 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade (AEIS 08-09/Projected 09-10)*	TAKS	90%/78%	85%	90%	95%
3	Improve Student Achievement in Math in 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade (AEIS 08-09/Projected 09-10)*	TAKS	62%/62%	70%	75%	80%
4	Improve Student Achievement in Math in 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade (AEIS 08-09/Projected 09-10)*	TAKS	55%/64%	68%	72%	77%
5	Improve Student Achievement in Science in 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade (AEIS 08-09/Projected 09-10)*	TAKS	51%/52%	60%	75%	80%
6	Improve Student Achievement in Social Studies in 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade (AEIS 08-09/Projected 09-10)*	TAKS	76%/79%	85%	90%	95%
<b>Increase the Use of Quality Data to Drive Instruction</b> – Enter the annual goals for increasing the use of quality data to drive instruction, to which the LEA is holding the campus accountable						
#	Performance Measure	Assessment Instrument/Tool	Most Recent Year Performance	Year 1 Progress Goal	Year 2 Progress Goal	Year 3 Progress Goal
1	Implement Teacher use of Locally Developed Assessment data to improve student achievement *	TAP Locally Developed Assessments	0%	70%	80%	90%
2	Implement Teacher use of on-line data to improve student achievement*	On-Line Curriculum Assessments	0%	70%	80%	90%
3	Improve Teacher use of LEA Benchmark Assessment data to improve student achievement*	TAKS Release Test	60%	70%	80%	90%
4						
5	*Performance Goals to be revisited by Campus CNA committee in fall of 2010					

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**Part 3: Annual Performance Goals**

**Increase Leadership Effectiveness**— Enter the annual goals for increasing the effectiveness of campus leadership, to which the LEA is holding the campus accountable.

#	Performance Measure	Assessment Instrument/ Tool	Most Recent Year Performance	Year 1 Progress Goal	Year 2 Progress Goal	Year 3 Progress Goal
1	Implement TAP Leadership Training/Classroom Observations *	SKR Evaluation	0%	90%	95%	100%
2	SWCFAS Cadre Leaders Training*	Sign-in sheets and Agendas	80%	85%	90%	95%
3						
4						
5	*Performance Goals to be revisited by Campus CNA committee in fall of 2010					

**Increase Learning Time** – Enter the annual goals for increasing learning time on the campus, to which the LEA is holding the campus accountable.

#	Performance Measure	Assessment Instrument/ Tool	Most Recent Year Performance	Year 1 Progress Goal	Year 2 Progress Goal	Year 3 Progress Goal
1	Increase Participation in ACE Afterschool Program*	Student Attendance Sheets	76 Students	100 Students	100 Students	100 Students
2	Implement City Year Tutoring and Student Mentoring*	Student Sign in Sheets	0%	70 Students	70 Students	70 Students
3	Improve ADA through Parent Contact*	City Year Phone Logs	94%	95%	95.5%	96%
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5	*Performance Goals to be revisited by Campus CNA committee in fall of 2010					

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<b>Increase Parent/Stakeholder Involvement</b> – Enter the annual goals for increasing parent and community involvement, to which the LEA is holding the campus accountable.						
#	Performance Measure	Assessment Instrument/Tool	Most Recent Year Performance	Year 1 Progress Goal	Year 2 Progress Goal	Year 3 Progress Goal
1	Increase opportunities for adult learning on the campus*	Parent Sign-in Sheets	15%	25%	40%	50%
2	Implement opportunities for parental support programs*	Parent Sign-in Sheets	25%	35%	45%	60%
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5	*Performance Goals to be revisited by Campus CNA committee in fall of 2010					
<b>Improve School Climate</b> – Enter the annual goals for improving the school climate, to which the LEA is holding the campus accountable.						
#	Performance Measure	Assessment Instrument/Tool	Most Recent Year Performance	Year 1 Progress Goal	Year 2 Progress Goal	Year 3 Progress Goal
1	Implement opportunities for Student Leadership Programs *	Student Sign-in Sheets	0%	25%	40%	60%
2	Implement Ace Afterschool Programs Community Service Projects*	Student Sign in Sheets/Project Presentations	0%	100 Students	100 Students	100 Students
3	Implement City Year Enrichment Clubs and Organizations*	Club Rosters	0%	70 Students	100 Students	200 Students
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**Increase Teacher Quality** – Enter the annual goals for increasing teacher quality by measures identified by the LEA, to which the LEA is holding the campus accountable.

#	Performance Measure	Assessment Instrument/ Tool	Most Recent Year Performance	Year 1 Progress Goal	Year 2 Progress Goal	Year 3 Progress Goal
1	Implement High Quality Research-Based Professional Development through TAP*	Teacher Sign in sheets and Classroom Observations	0%	100%	100%	100%
2	Improve Accelerated Schools Powerful Learning Professional Development*	Teacher Sign-in sheets/PD Participation	70%	75%	80%	85%
3	Increase opportunities for professional advancement and Retention (TAP)*	Campus Retention Rate	78%	85%	90%	95%
4						
5	*Performance Goals to be revisited by Campus CNA committee in fall of 2010					

**Other** – Enter any other annual goals for improvement to which the LEA is holding the campus accountable.

#	Performance Measure	Assessment Instrument/ Tool	Most Recent Year Performance	Year 1 Progress Goal	Year 2 Progress Goal	Year 3 Progress Goal
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<b>No Barriers</b>					
<b>#</b>	<b>No Barriers</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Others</b>	
000	The applicant assures that no barriers exist to equitable access and participation for any groups.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Barrier: Gender-Specific Bias</b>					
<b>#</b>	<b>Strategies for Gender-specific Bias</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Others</b>	
A01	Expand opportunities for historically underrepresented groups to fully participate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
A02	Provide staff development on eliminating gender bias	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
A03	Ensure strategies and materials used with students do not promote gender bias	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
A04	Develop and implement a plan to eliminate existing discrimination and the effects of past discrimination on the basis of gender	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
A05	Ensure compliance with the requirements in Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
A06	Ensure students and parents are fully informed of their rights and responsibilities with regard to participation in the program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
A99	Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Barrier: Cultural, Linguistic, or Economic Diversity</b>					
<b>#</b>	<b>Strategies for Cultural, Linguistic, or Economic Diversity</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Others</b>	
B01	Provide program information/materials in home language	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
B02	Provide interpreter/translator at program activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
B03	Increase awareness and appreciation of cultural and linguistic diversity through a variety of activities, publications, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
B04	Communicate to students, teachers, and other program beneficiaries an appreciation of students' and families' linguistic and cultural backgrounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
B05	Develop/maintain community involvement/participation in program activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
B06	Provide staff development on effective teaching strategies for diverse populations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
B07	Ensure staff development is sensitive to cultural and linguistic differences and communicates an appreciation for diversity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
B08	Seek technical assistance from Education Service Center, Technical Assistance Center, Title I, Part A School Support Team, or other provider	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
B09	Provide parenting training	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
B10	Provide a parent/family center	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
B11	Involve parents from a variety of backgrounds in decision making	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
B12	Offer "flexible" opportunities for parent involvement including home learning activities and other activities that don't require parents to come to the school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
B13	Provide child care for parents participating in school activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
B14	Acknowledge and include family members' diverse skills, talents, and knowledge in school activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
B15	Provide adult education, including GED and/or ESL classes, or family literacy program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
B16	Offer computer literacy courses for parents and other program beneficiaries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	



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<b>Barrier: Cultural, Linguistic, or Economic Diversity (cont.)</b>					
#	Strategies for Cultural, Linguistic, or Economic Diversity	Students	Teachers	Others	
B17	Conduct an outreach program for traditionally "hard to reach" parents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
B18	Coordinate with community centers/programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
B19	Seek collaboration/assistance from business, industry, or institution of higher education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
B20	Develop and implement a plan to eliminate existing discrimination and the effects of past discrimination on the basis of race, national origin, and color	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
B21	Ensure compliance with the requirements in Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, national origin, and color	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
B22	Ensure students, teachers, and other program beneficiaries are informed of their rights and responsibilities with regard to participation in the program	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
B23	Provide mediation training on a regular basis to assist in resolving disputes and complaints	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
B99	Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Barrier: Gang-Related Activities</b>					
#	Strategies for Gang-related Activities	Students	Teachers	Others	
C01	Provide early intervention.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
C02	Provide Counseling.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
C03	Conduct home visits by staff.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
C04	Provide flexibility in scheduling activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
C05	Recruit volunteers to assist in promoting gang-free communities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
C06	Provide mentor program.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
C07	Provide before/after school recreational, instructional, cultural, or artistic programs/activities.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
C08	Provide community service programs/activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
C09	Conduct parent/teacher conferences.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
C10	Strengthen school/parent compacts.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
C11	Establish partnerships with law enforcement agencies.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
C12	Provide conflict resolution/peer mediation strategies/programs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
C13	Seek collaboration/assistance from business, industry, or institution of higher education.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
C14	Provide training/information to teachers, school staff, & parents to deal with gang-related issues.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
C99	Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Barrier: Drug-Related Activities</b>					
#	Strategies for Drug-related Activities	Students	Teachers	Others	
D01	Provide early identification/intervention.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
D02	Provide Counseling.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
D03	Conduct home visits by staff.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
D04	Recruit volunteers to assist in promoting drug-free schools and communities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
D05	Provide mentor program.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	



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<b>Barrier: Drug-Related Activities (cont.)</b>					
D06	Provide before/after school recreational, instructional, cultural, or artistic programs/activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
D07	Provide community service programs/activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
D08	Provide comprehensive health education programs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
D09	Conduct parent/teacher conferences.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
D10	Establish school/parent compacts.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
D11	Develop/maintain community partnerships.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
D12	Provide conflict resolution/peer mediation strategies/programs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
D13	Seek collaboration/assistance from business, industry, or institution of higher education.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
D14	Provide training/information to teachers, school staff, & parents to deal with drug-related issues.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
D15	Seek Collaboration/assistance from business, industry, or institution of higher education.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
D99	Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Barrier: Visual Impairments</b>					
#	Strategies for Visual Impairments	Students	Teachers	Others	
E01	Provide early identification and intervention.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
E02	Provide Program materials/information in Braille.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
E03	Provide program materials/information in large type.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
E04	Provide program materials/information on tape.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
E99	Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Barrier: Hearing Impairments</b>					
#	Strategies for Hearing Impairments	Students	Teachers	Others	
F01	Provide early identification and intervention.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
F02	Provide interpreters at program activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
F99	Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Barrier: Learning Disabilities</b>					
#	Strategies for Learning Disabilities	Students	Teachers	Others	
G01	Provide early identification and intervention.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
G02	Expand tutorial/mentor programs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
G03	Provide staff development in identification practices and effective teaching strategies.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
G04	Provide training for parents in early identification and intervention.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
G99	Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Barrier: Other Physical Disabilities or Constraints</b>					
#	Strategies for Other Physical Disabilities or Constraints	Students	Teachers	Others	
H01	Develop and implement a plan to achieve full participation by students with other physical disabilities/constraints.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
H99	Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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<b>Barrier: Absenteeism/Tuancy</b>				
#	Strategies for Absenteeism/Tuancy	Students	Teachers	Others
K01	Provide early identification/intervention.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
K02	Develop and implement a truancy intervention plan.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
K03	Conduct home visits by staff.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
K04	Recruit volunteers to assist in promoting school attendance.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
K05	Provide mentor program.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
K06	Provide before/after school recreational or educational activities.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
K07	Conduct parent/teacher conferences.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
K08	Strengthen school/parent compacts.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
K09	Develop/maintain community partnerships.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
K10	Coordinate with health and social services agencies.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
K11	Coordinate with the juvenile justice system.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
K12	Seek collaboration/assistance from business, industry, or institution of higher education.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
K99	Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Barrier: High Mobility Rates</b>				
#	Strategies for High Mobility Rates	Students	Teachers	Others
L01	Coordinate with social services agencies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
L02	Establish partnerships with parents of highly mobile families.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
L03	Establish/maintain timely record transferal system.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
L99	Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Barrier: Lack of Support from Parents</b>				
#	Strategies for Lack of Support from Parents	Students	Teachers	Others
M01	Develop and implement a plan to increase support from parents.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
M02	Conduct home visits by staff.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
M03	Recruit volunteers to actively participate in school activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
M04	Conduct parent/teacher conferences.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
M05	Establish school/parent compacts.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
M06	Provide parenting training.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
M07	Provide a parent/family center.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
M08	Provide program materials/information in home language.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
M09	Involve parents from a variety of backgrounds in school decision making.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
M10	Offer "flexible" opportunities for involvement, including home learning activities and other activities that don't require coming to school.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
M11	Provide child care for parents participating in school activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
M12	Acknowledge and include family members' diverse skills, talents, acknowledge in school activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
M13	Provide adult education, including GED and/or ESL classes, or family literacy program.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
M14	Conduct an outreach program for traditionally "hard to reach" parents.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
M99	Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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<b>Barrier: Shortage of Qualified Personnel</b>					
<b>#</b>	<b>Strategies for Shortage of Qualified Personnel</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Others</b>	
N01	Develop and implement a plan to recruit and retain qualified personnel.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
N02	Recruit and retain teachers from a variety of racial, ethnic, and language minority groups.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
N03	Provide mentor program for new teachers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
N04	Provide intern program for new teachers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
N05	Provide professional development in a variety of formats for personnel.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
N06	Collaborate with colleges/universities with teacher preparation programs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
N99	Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Barrier: Lack of Knowledge Regarding Program Benefits</b>					
<b>#</b>	<b>Strategies for Lack of Knowledge regarding Program Benefits</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Others</b>	
P01	Develop and implement a plan to inform program beneficiaries of program activities & benefits.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
P02	Publish newsletter/brochures to inform program beneficiaries of activities and benefits.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
P03	Provide announcements to local radio stations & newspapers about program activities/benefits.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
P99	Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Barrier: Lack of Transportation to Program Activities</b>					
<b>#</b>	<b>Strategies for Lack of Transportation to Program Activities</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Others</b>	
Q01	Provide transportation for parents and other program beneficiaries to activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Q02	Offer "flexible" opportunities for involvement, including home learning activities and other activities that don't require coming to school.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Q03	Conduct program activities in community centers and other neighborhood locations.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Q04	Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Barrier: Other Barrier</b>					
<b>#</b>	<b>Strategies for Other Barrier</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Others</b>	
Z99	Other Barrier:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Other Strategy:				

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<b>Texas Title I Priority Schools Grant</b> <b>Schedule #5—Program Budget Summary</b>				
<b>Program Authority:</b> P.L. 107-110, Section 1003(g), as amended by ARRA, P.L. 111-5 CFDA # 84.388A & 84.377A		<b>Fund Code</b> ARRA (CFDA# 84.388A): <b>286</b> Regular (CFDA# 84.377A): <b>276</b>		
<b>Project Period: August 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013</b>				
<b>Class/Object Code and Description</b>	<b>Campus Grant Costs</b>	<b>LEA Admin Grant Costs</b>	<b>Pre-Award Cost</b>	<b>Total Grant Funds Budgeted</b>
Payroll Costs	5B 6100	\$ 2,138,406	\$ 60,000	\$ 0
Professional and Contracted Services	5C 6200	675,000	28,752	0
Supplies and Materials	5D 6300	270,000	0	0
Other Operating Costs	5E 6400	54,000	0	0
Capital Outlay (Exclusive of 6619 and 6629) (15XX for charter schools only)	5G 6600/15XX	126,600	0	0
	Total Direct Costs	3,264,006	88,753	0
	.03% Direct Costs		100,583	0
<b>Grand Total</b>				
Total Budgeted Costs:		\$ 3,264,006	\$ 189,336	\$ 0
<b>Administrative Cost Calculation</b>				
Enter total amount from Schedule #5 Budget Summary, Last Column, Total Budgeted Costs				3,352,759
Multiply by .03 (3% limit)				X .03
Enter Maximum Allowable for Administration, including Indirect Costs				100,583

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**Texas Title I Priority Schools Grant**  
**Schedule #5—Program Budget Summary**

**Budget Request by Grant Year: Enter the amount of grant funds requested for each year of the three year grant period.**

Year 1: SY 2010-2011 \$1,271,581.00

Year 2: SY 2011-2012 \$1,090,880\*

Year 3: SY 2012-2013 \$1,090,880.00\*

\* Any Budget Request entered for funds in Year 2 and/or Year 3 constitutes the LEA/campus requesting approval of the waiver for extending the period of availability of these grant funds, whether indicated on Schedule #4B—Program Description: Waiver Requests or not.

**Provide any necessary explanation or clarification of budgeted costs**

Position/Contracted Service/Strategy	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Total for Grant
Program Sheppard	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$225,000
Data Entry Clerk	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$60,000
Master Teachers (2)	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$360,000
Mentor Teacher /BT Support (5)	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$750,000
Transition Summer School Salaries	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$45,000
Substitute Pay	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$15,000
Retention Stipend for professional EOY		\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000
Professional Staff Extra Duty Pay	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$30,000
Retention Stipends for Support EOY		\$17,000	\$17,000	\$34,000
Support Extra Duty	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$6,000
Staff Benefits	\$124,469	\$124,469	\$124,469	\$373,407
Audit Costs	\$9,584	\$9,584	\$9,584	\$28,752
Technical Support SWCFAS	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$375,000
City Year	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$300,000
Materials and Supplies	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$30,000
Handheld Curriculum/ Math and Reading (600)	\$240,000	\$0	\$0	\$240,000
Travel Out of State	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$9,000
Operating cost	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$45,000
Computer on Wheels (3)	\$114,000	\$0	\$0	\$114,000
Web-based Intervention Curriculum 24/7	\$0	\$6,300	\$6,300	\$12,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,238,053</b>	<b>\$1,057,353</b>	<b>\$1,057,353</b>	<b>\$3,352,759</b>
Indirect Cost (-03)	\$33,528	\$33,527	\$33,527	\$100,583
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$1,271,581</b>	<b>\$1,090,880</b>	<b>\$1,090,880</b>	<b>\$3,453,342</b>

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<b>Schedule #5B--Payroll Costs (6100)</b>						
<b>Budgeted Costs</b>						
Employee Position Titles		Justification	#Full-Time Effort	#Part-Time Effort	Pre-Award	Amount Budgeted
<b>Instruction</b>						
1	Teacher	TAP Mentor for weekly observation and BT support	5		\$	\$750,000
2	Educational Aide					
3	Tutor	Summer Transition Program Teachers	6			45,000
<b>Program Management and Administration</b>						
4	Project Director		1			\$225,000
5	Project Coordinator					
6	Teacher Facilitator					
7	Teacher Supervisor					
8	Secretary/Administrative Assistant					
9	Data Entry Clerk		1			60,000
10	Grant Accountant/Bookkeeper					
11	Evaluator/Evaluation Specialist					
<b>Auxiliary</b>						
12	Counselor					
13	Social Worker					
14	Child Care Provider					
15	Community Liaison/Parent Coordinator					
16	Bus Driver					
17	Cafeteria Staff					
18	Librarian					
19	School Nurse					
<b>Other Employee Positions</b>						
22	Title: Campus TAP Master Teachers		2			\$360,000
23	Title: _____					
24	Title: _____					
25	Title: _____					
26	Subtotal Employee Costs				\$	\$ 1,440,000
<b>Substitute, Extra-Duty, Benefits</b>						
27	6112	Substitute Pay			\$	\$ 15,000
28	6119	Professional Staff Extra-Duty Pay *Retention Stipends added for Prof'l Staff				330,000
29	6121	Support Staff Extra-Duty Pay *Retention Stipends added for Support Staff				40,000
30	6140	Employee Benefits				373,406
31	Subtotal Substitute, Extra-Duty, Benefits Costs				\$	\$ 758,406
32	Grand Total Payroll Budget (line 26 + line 31)				\$	\$2,198,406



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<b>Schedule #5C- Itemized 6200 Professional and Contracted Services Costs Requiring Specific Approval</b>					
Expense Item Description				Pre-Award	Total Amount Budgeted
6212	Audit Costs (other than audits required under OMB Circular A-133)			\$	\$ 28,752
	Specify purpose	External Audit Cost for Grant 3 years			
6269	Rental or Lease of Buildings, Space in Buildings, or Land				
	Specify purpose and provide calculation				
6299	Contracted Publication and Printing Costs (specific approval required only for nonprofit charter schools)				
	Specify purpose				
6299	Scholarships and Fellowships (not allowed for nonprofit charter schools)				
	Specify purpose				
Subtotal					
6200 – Professional and Contracted Services Cost Requiring Specific Approval					
Professional and Consulting Services (6219/6239) Less than \$10,000					
#	Topic/Purpose/Service			Total Contracted Amount	Pre-Award
1.				\$	\$
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					
7.					
8.					
9.					
10.					
Subtotal					
Professional and Consulting Services Less than \$10,000				\$	\$
Professional and Consulting Services (6219) Greater than or Equal to \$10,000					
1. Description of Professional or Consulting Service (Topic/Purpose/Service):					
Technical Provider/ Professional Development, Campus Support, Building Leadership Capacity, and Data Analysis/ Biweekly/3 years					
Contractor's Cost Breakdown of Service to be Provided				# Positions	Total Contracted Amount
Contractor's Payroll Costs				2	\$ 375,000
Title					
Subgrants, Subcontracts, Subcontracted Services					
Supplies and Materials					
Other Operating Costs					
Capital Outlay (Subgrants Only)					
Indirect Cost (____%)					
Total Payment:				\$ 375,000	\$ 375,000



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<b>Schedule #5C- Itemized 6200 Professional and Contracted Services Costs Requiring Specific Approval (cont.)</b>				
<b>Professional and Consulting Services (6219) Greater than or Equal to \$10,000 (cont.)</b>				
<b>2. Description of Professional or Consulting Service (Topic/Purpose/Service):</b> City Year Team/Attendance, Peer to Near Peer Mentoring of Students, Campus Climate and Culture, College Readiness, Enrichment Activities, After school tutoring, and Parent Involvement/ Monday-Thursday weekly/3 years				
<b>Contractor's Cost Breakdown of Service to be Provided</b>	<b># Positions</b>	<b>Total Contracted Amount</b>	<b>Pre-Award</b>	<b>Total Amount Budgeted</b>
Contractor's Payroll Costs	7	\$ 300,000	\$	\$ 300,000
<b>Title:</b> City Year				
Subgrants, Subcontracts, Subcontracted Services				
Supplies and Materials				
Other Operating Costs				
Capital Outlay (Subgrants Only)				
Indirect Cost (____%)				
<b>Total Payment:</b>		\$ 300,000	\$	\$ 300,00
<b>3. Description of Professional or Consulting Service (Topic/Purpose/Service):</b>				
<b>Contractor's Cost Breakdown of Service to be Provided</b>	<b># Positions</b>	<b>Total Contracted Amount</b>	<b>Pre-Award</b>	<b>Total Amount Budgeted</b>
Contractor's Payroll Costs		\$	\$	\$
<b>Title:</b>				
Subgrants, Subcontracts, Subcontracted Services				
Supplies and Materials				
Other Operating Costs				
Capital Outlay (Subgrants Only)				
Indirect Cost (____%)				
<b>Total Payment:</b>		\$	\$	\$
<b>4. Description of Professional or Consulting Service (Topic/Purpose/Service):</b>				
<b>Contractor's Cost Breakdown of Service to be Provided</b>	<b># Positions</b>	<b>Total Contracted Amount</b>	<b>Pre-Award</b>	<b>Total Amount Budgeted</b>
Contractor's Payroll Costs		\$	\$	\$
<b>Title:</b>				
Subgrants, Subcontracts, Subcontracted Services				
Supplies and Materials				
Other Operating Costs				
Capital Outlay (Subgrants Only)				
Indirect Cost (____%)				
<b>Total Payment:</b>		\$	\$	\$
<b>Subtotal: Professional and Consulting Services Greater Than or Equal to \$10,000:</b>		\$	\$	\$
Subtotal of Professional and Contracted Services Costs Requiring Specific Approval:		28,752		28,752
Subtotal of Professional and Consulting Services or Subgrants Less than \$10,000:				
Subtotal of Professional and Consulting Services Greater than or Equal to \$10,000:		675,000		675,000
Remaining 6200- Professional and Contracted Services that do not require specific approval:				
<b>Grand Total:</b>		703,752		703,752

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<b>Schedule #5D - Itemized 6300 Supplies and Materials Costs Requiring Specific Approval</b>						
<b>Expense Item Description</b>				<b>Pre-Award</b>	<b>Total Budgeted</b>	
6399	Technology Hardware- Not Capitalized				\$ 0	\$ 240,000
	#	Type	Purpose	Quantity		
	1	Student Handheld Math and Reading/ELA Curriculum	Digital Curriculum for Intervention and Classroom support	600		
	2					
	3					
	4					
6399	Technology Software- Not Capitalized					
6399	Supplies and Materials Associated with Advisory Council or Committee					
<b>Total Supplies and Materials Requiring Specific Approval:</b>						<b>240,000</b>
<b>Remaining 6300- Supplies and Materials that do not require specific approval:</b>						<b>30,000</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>					<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 270,000</b>

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<b>Schedule #5E - Itemized 6400 Other Operating Costs Requiring Specific Approval</b>					
<b>Expense Item Description</b>				<b>Pre-Award</b>	<b>Total Budgeted</b>
6411	Out of State Travel for Employees (includes registration fees) Specify purpose: TAP/TIF and City Year Convention (3 years)			\$ 0	\$ 9,000
6412	Travel for Students (includes registration fees; does not include field trips) (specific approval required only for nonprofit charter schools) Specify purpose:				
6413	Stipends for Non-Employees (specific approval required only for nonprofit charter schools) Specify purpose:				
6419	Travel for Non-Employees (includes registration fees; does not include field trips) (specific approval required only for nonprofit charter schools) Specify purpose:				
6411/ 6419	Travel Costs for Executive Director (6411), Superintendents (6411), or Board Members (6419) (includes registration fees) Specify purpose:				
6429	Actual losses which could have been covered by permissible insurance				
6490	Indemnification Compensation for Loss or Damage				
6490	Advisory Council/Committee Travel or Other Expenses (explain purpose of Committee on Schedule #4B-Program Description: Project Management)				
6499	Membership Dues in Civic or Community Organizations (Not allowable for University applicants) Specify name and purpose of organization:				
	Publication and Printing Costs- if reimbursed (specific approval required only for nonprofit charter schools)				
	Specify purpose:				
<b>Total 64XX- Operating Costs Requiring specific approval:</b>					
<b>Remaining 6400 - Other Operating Costs that do not require specific approval:</b>				0	45,000
<b>Grand Total</b>				\$ 0	\$ 54,000

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<b>Schedule #5G - Itemized 6600/15XX Capital Outlay- Capitalized Assets Regardless of Unit Cost</b> <b>(15XX is for use by Charter Schools sponsored by a nonprofit organization)</b>					
	<b>Description/Purpose</b>	<b>Unit Cost</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Pre-Award</b>	<b>Total Budgeted</b>
<b>6699/15XX- Library Books and Media (capitalized and controlled by library)</b>					
1					
<b>66XX/15XX- Technology Hardware - Capitalized</b>					
2	Computer ON Wheels	38,000	3		114,000
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					
11					
<b>66XX/15XX- Technology Software- Capitalized</b>					
12	On-line Computer System for Accelerated Instruction/x 3 years	7.00 per student	600 x 3 years		12,600
13					
14					
15					
16					
17					
18					
<b>66XX/15XX- Equipment and Furniture</b>					
19					
20					
21					
22					
23					
24					
25					
26					
27					
28					
<b>Capital expenditures for improvements to land, buildings, or equipment which materially increase their value or useful life.</b>					
29					
<b>Grand Total</b>					
<b>Total 6600/15XX- Capital Outlay Costs:</b>					126,600

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Statement of provisions and assurances for the program(s) in this application:

**A. Terms defined:** As used in these Provisions and Assurances,

- Contract means the entire document, and all of TEA's attachments, appendices, schedules (including but not limited to the General Provisions and the Special Provisions), amendments and extensions of or to the Standard Contract;
- Agency or TEA means the Texas Education Agency;
- Contractor means the party or parties to this contract other than Agency; including its or their officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives, consultants and subcontractors, and subcontractors' officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives and consultants;
- Project Administrator means the person representing Agency or Contractor, as indicated by the contract, for the purposes of administering the contract project;
- Contract Project means the purpose intended to be achieved through the contract of which these Provisions and Assurances are a part;
- Applicant means the same as Contractor;
- SAS means the Standard Application System of which the application document is a part;
- "Application" means the entire package submitted by the Applicant including the schedules contained in the application and so indicated on the General Information page of the application package;
- Amendment means an application that is revised in budget categories and/or in program activities. It includes both the original application and any subsequent amendments; or extensions thereto;
- Works means all tangible or intangible material, products, ideas, documents or works of authorship prepared or created by Contractor for or on behalf of TEA at any time after the beginning date of the Contract (Works includes but is not limited to computer software, data, information, images, illustrations, designs, graphics, drawings, educational materials, assessment forms, testing materials, logos, trademarks, patentable materials, etc.); and,
- Intellectual Property Rights means the worldwide intangible legal rights or interests evidenced by or embodied in: (a) any idea, design, concept, method, process, technique, apparatus, invention, discovery, or improvement, including any patents, trade secrets, and know-how; (b) any work of authorship, including any copyrights, moral rights or neighboring rights; (c) any trademark, service mark, trade dress, trade name, or other indicia of source or origin; (d) domain name registrations; and (e) any other similar rights. The Intellectual Property Rights of a party include all worldwide intangible legal rights or interests that the party may have acquired by assignment or license with the right to grant sublicenses.
- Grant means the same as Contract;
- Grantee means the same as Contractor;
- Grantor means the same as Agency; and
- DCC means the Document Control Center of Agency.

**B. Contingency:** This contract is executed by Agency subject to the availability of funds appropriated by legislative act for the purposes stated. All amendments and/or extensions or subsequent contracts entered into for the same or continued purposes are executed contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. Notwithstanding any other provision in this contract or any other document, this contract is void upon appropriated funds becoming unavailable. In addition, this contract may be terminated by Agency at any time for any reason upon notice to Contractor. Expenditures and/or activities for which Contractor may claim reimbursement shall not be accrued or claimed subsequent to receipt of such notice from Agency. This contract may be extended or otherwise amended only by formal written amendment properly executed by both Agency and Contractor. No other agreement, written or oral, purporting to alter or amend this contract shall be valid.

**C. Contractor's Application:** Furnished to Agency in response to a request for application, is incorporated in this contract by reference for all necessary purposes. It is specifically provided, however, that the provisions of this contract shall prevail in all cases of conflict arising from the terms of Contractor's application whether such application is a written part of this contract or is attached as a separate document.

**D. Requirements, Terms, Conditions, and Assurances:** Which are stated in the Request for Application, in response to which Applicant is submitting this application, are incorporated herein by reference for all purposes although the current General Provisions shall prevail in the event of conflict. The instructions to the Standard Application System, as well as the General and Fiscal Guidelines and Program Guidelines, are incorporated herein by reference.

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- E. Signature Authority; Final Expression; Superseding Document:** Applicant certifies that the person signing this application has been properly delegated this authority. The Contract represents the final and complete expression of the terms of agreement between the parties. The Contract supersedes any previous understandings or negotiations between the parties. Any representations, oral statements, promises or warranties that differ from the Contract shall have no force or effect. The Contract may be modified, amended or extended only by formal written amendment properly executed by both TEA and Contractor.
- F. State of Texas Laws:** In the conduct of the contract project, Contractor shall be subject to Texas State Board of Education and Commissioner rules pertaining to this contract and the contract project and to the laws of the State of Texas governing this contract and the contract project. This contract constitutes the entire agreement between Agency and Contractor for the accomplishment of the contract project. This contract shall be interpreted according to the laws of the State of Texas except as may be otherwise provided for in this contract.
- G. Monitoring:** Desk reviews or on-site monitoring reviews may be conducted by Agency to determine compliance with the approved application and the applicable statute(s), law(s), regulations, and guidelines.
- H. Sanctions for Failure to Perform or for Noncompliance:** If Contractor, in Agency's sole determination, fails or refuses for any reason to comply with or perform any of its obligations under this contract, Agency may impose such sanctions as it may deem appropriate. This includes but is not limited to the withholding of payments to Contractor until Contractor complies; the cancellation, termination, or suspension of this contract in whole or in part; and the seeking of other remedies as may be provided by this contract or by law. Any cancellation, termination, or suspension of this contract, if imposed, shall become effective at the close of business on the day of Contractor's receipt of written notice thereof from Agency.
- I. Contract Cancellation, etc.:** If this contract is canceled, terminated, or suspended by Agency prior to its expiration date, the reasonable monetary value of services properly performed by Contractor pursuant to this contract prior to such cancellation, termination or suspension shall be determined by Agency and paid to Contractor as soon as reasonably possible.
- J. Indemnification:**  
**For local educational agencies (LEAs), regional education service centers (ESCs), and institutions of higher education (IHEs) and state agencies:** Contractor, to the extent permitted by law, shall hold Agency harmless from and shall indemnify Agency against any and all claims, demands, and causes of action of whatever kind or nature asserted by any third party and occurring or in any way incident to, arising from, or in connection with, any acts of Contractor, its agents, employees, and subcontractors, done in the conduct of the contract project.  
**For all other grantees, subgrantees, contractors, and subcontractors, including nonprofit organizations and for-profit businesses:** Contractor shall hold Agency harmless from and shall indemnify Agency against any and all claims, demands, and causes of action of whatever kind or nature asserted by any third party and occurring or in any way incident to, arising from, or in connection with, any acts of Contractor, its agents, employees, and subcontractors, done in the conduct of the contract project.
- K. Encumbrances/Obligations and Liquidations:** All encumbrances/obligations shall occur on or between the beginning and ending dates of the contract. All goods must be received and all services rendered between the beginning and ending dates of the contract. The contractor must liquidate (record as an expenditure) all obligations (encumbrances) incurred under the contract no later than 30 days after the ending date of the contract, to coincide with the submission of the final expenditure report, due 30 days after the ending date of the contract. In no manner shall encumbrances be considered or reflected as accounts payable or as expenditures, and an encumbrance cannot be considered an expenditure or accounts payable until the goods have been received and the services have been rendered. Obligations that are liquidated and recognized as expenditures must meet the allowable cost principles in OMB Circular A-87, A-21, or A-122 (as applicable) and program rules, regulations, and guidelines contained elsewhere. This applies to all grant programs, including state and federal, discretionary and formula.

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- L. Financial Management and Accounting:** Grantee assures it will maintain a financial management system that complies with federal standards established in 34 CFR 80.20 and 74.21 and that provides for accurate, current, and complete disclosure of the financial results of each grant project. The financial management system records will identify adequately the source and application of funds and will contain information pertaining to grant awards, authorizations, obligations, unobligated balances, assets, outlays (i.e., expenditures), income, and interest. Fiscal control and accounting procedures will permit the tracing of funds to a level of expenditure adequate to establish that funds have been used in accordance with the approved grant application. The applicant agrees to maintain effective control over and accountability for all funds, property, and other assets. Public school districts, open enrollment charter schools, and regional education service centers in Texas must comply with the accounting requirements in the Financial Accounting and Reporting (FAR) module of the *Financial Accountability System Resource Guide*, Texas Education Agency (34 CFR 74.21; 34 CFR 80.20; TEA *Financial Accountability System Resource Guide*).
- M. Expenditure Reports:** Contractor shall submit expenditure reports in the time and manner requested by Agency as specified in the instructions to the Standard Application System (SAS) which are incorporated by reference. Unless otherwise specified, interim reports are due to TEA within 15 days after the end of each reporting period. Unless otherwise specified, the final expenditure report is due within 30 days after the ending date of the grant. Revised expenditure reports, where the grantee is claiming additional expenditures beyond that originally requested, must be submitted within 60 days after the ending date of the grant, or as specified in the applicable Program Guidelines.
- N. Refunds Due to TEA:** If Agency determines that Agency is due a refund of money paid to Contractor pursuant to this contract, Contractor shall pay the money due to Agency within 30 days of Contractor's receipt of written notice that such money is due to Agency. If Contractor fails to make timely payment, Agency may obtain such money from Contractor by any means permitted by law, including but not limited to offset, counterclaim, cancellation, termination, suspension, total withholding, and/or disapproval of all or any subsequent applications for said funds.
- O. Records Retention:** Contractor shall maintain its records and accounts in a manner which shall assure a full accounting for all funds received and expended by Contractor in connection with the contract project. These records and accounts shall be retained by Contractor and made available for programmatic or financial audit by Agency and by others authorized by law or regulation to make such an audit for a period of not less than five years from the date of completion of the contract project or the date of the receipt by Agency of Contractor's final claim for payment or final expenditure report in connection with this contract, whichever is later. If an audit has been announced, the records shall be retained until such audit has been completed.
- Contractor understands that acceptance of funds under this contract acts as acceptance of the authority of the State Auditor's office, or any successor agency, to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds. Contractor further agrees to cooperate fully with the State Auditor's Office or its successor in the conduct of the audit or investigation, including providing all records requested. Contractor will ensure that this clause concerning the authority to audit funds received indirectly by subcontractors through Contractor and the requirements to cooperate is included in any subcontract it awards.
- P. Time and Effort Recordkeeping:** For those personnel whose salaries are prorated between or among different funding sources, time and effort records will be maintained by Applicant that will confirm the services provided within each funding source. Applicant must adjust payroll records and expenditures based on this documentation. This requirement applies to all projects, regardless of funding source, unless otherwise specified. For federally funded projects, time and effort records must be in accordance with the requirements in the applicable OMB cost principles.
- Q. Forms, Assurances, and Reports:** Contractor shall timely make and file with the proper authorities all forms, assurances and reports required by federal laws and regulations. Agency shall be responsible for reporting to the proper authorities any failure by Contractor to comply with the foregoing laws and regulations coming to Agency's attention, and may deny payment or recover payments made by Agency to Contractor in the event of Contractor's failure so to comply.
- R. Intellectual Property Ownership:** Contractor agrees that all Works are, upon creation, works made for hire and the sole property of TEA. If the Works are, under applicable law, not considered works made for hire, Contractor hereby assigns to TEA all worldwide ownership of all rights, including the Intellectual Property Rights, in the Works, without the necessity of any further consideration, and TEA can obtain and hold in its own name all such rights to the Works. Contractor agrees to maintain written agreements with all officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives and subcontractors engaged by Contractor for the Contract Project, granting Contractor rights sufficient to support the performance and grant of rights to TEA by Contractor. Copies of such agreements shall be provided to TEA promptly upon request.



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Contractor warrants that (i) it has the authority to grant the rights herein granted, (ii) it has not assigned or transferred any right, title, or interest to the Works or Intellectual Property Rights that would conflict with its obligations under the Contract, and Contractor will not enter into any such agreements, and (iii) the Works will be original and will not infringe any intellectual property rights of any other person or entity. These warranties will survive the termination of the Contract. If any preexisting rights are embodied in the Works, Contractor grants to TEA the irrevocable, perpetual, non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free right and license to (i) use, execute, reproduce, display, perform, distribute copies of, and prepare derivative works based upon such preexisting rights and any derivative works thereof and (ii) authorize others to do any or all of the foregoing. Contractor agrees to notify TEA on delivery of the Works if they include any such preexisting rights. On request, Contractor will provide TEA with documentation indicating a third party's written approval for Contractor to use any preexisting rights that may be embodied or reflected in the Works.

**For School Districts and Nonprofit Organizations:** The foregoing Intellectual Property Ownership provisions apply to any school districts, nonprofit organizations, and their employees, agents, representatives, consultants and subcontractors. If a school district or nonprofit organization or any of its subcontractor(s) wish to obtain a license agreement to use, advertise, offer for sale, sell, distribute, publicly display, publicly perform or reproduce the Works, or make derivative works from the Works, then express written permission must first be obtained from the TEA Copyright Office.

**For Education Service Centers (ESCs):** The foregoing Intellectual Property Ownership provisions apply to an Education Service Center (ESC) and its employees, agents, representatives, consultants, and subcontractors. If an ESC or any of its subcontractor(s) wish to obtain a license agreement to use, advertise, offer for sale, sell, distribute, publicly display, publicly perform or reproduce the Works, or make derivative works from the Works, then express written permission must first be obtained from the TEA Copyright Office.

**For Colleges and Universities:** The foregoing Intellectual Property Ownership provisions apply to any colleges and universities and their employees, agents, representatives, consultants, and subcontractors; provided, that for all Works and derivative works created or conceived by colleges or universities under the Contract, they are granted a non-exclusive, non-transferable, royalty-free license to use the Works for their own academic and educational purposes only. The license for academic and educational purposes specifically excludes advertising, offering for sale, selling, distributing, publicly displaying, publicly performing, or reproducing the Works, or making derivative works from the Works that are created or conceived under this Contract and colleges and universities and their employees, agents, representatives, consultants, and subcontractors are prohibited from engaging in these uses and activities with regard to the Works unless the prior express written permission of the TEA Copyright Office is obtained.

- S. Unfair Business Practices:** By signing this Contract, Contractor, if other than a state agency, certifies that Contractor, within the preceding 12 months, has not been found guilty, in a judicial or state agency administrative proceeding, of unfair business practices. Contractor, if other than a state agency, also certifies that no officer of its company has, within the preceding 12 months, served as an officer in another company which has been found, in a judicial or state agency administrative proceeding, to be guilty of unfair business practices.

Contractor, whether a state agency or not a state agency, certifies that no funds provided under this Contract shall be used to purchase supplies, equipment, or services from any companies found to be guilty of unfair business practices within 12 months from the determination of guilt.

- T. Subcontracting:** Contractor shall not assign or subcontract any of its rights or responsibilities under this contract, except as may be otherwise provided for in this application, without prior formal written amendment to this contract properly executed by both Agency and Contractor.

- U. Use of Consultants:** Notwithstanding any other provision of this application, Applicant shall not use or pay any consultant in the conduct of this application if the services to be rendered by any such consultant can be provided by Applicant's employees.

- V. Capital Outlay:** If Contractor purchases capital outlay (furniture and/or equipment) to accomplish the objective(s) of the project, title will remain with Contractor for the period of the contract. Agency reserves the right to transfer capital outlay items for contract noncompliance during the contract period or as needed after the ending date of the contract. This provision applies to any and all furniture and/or equipment regardless of unit price and how the item is classified in Contractor's accounting record.

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- W. Agency Property (terms):** In the event of loss, damage or destruction of any property owned by or loaned by Agency while in the custody or control of Contractor, its employees, agents, consultants or subcontractors, Contractor shall indemnify Agency and pay to Agency the full value of or the full cost of repair or replacement of such property, whichever is the greater, within 30 days of Contractor's receipt of written notice of Agency's determination of the amount due. This applies whether the property is developed or purchased by Contractor pursuant to this contract or is provided by Agency to Contractor for use in the contract project. If Contractor fails to make timely payment, Agency may obtain such money from Contractor by any means permitted by law, including but not limited to offset or counterclaim against any money otherwise due to Contractor by Agency.
- X. Travel Costs:** Amounts authorized for maximum recovery for travel and per diem costs against any state or federal funding source are restricted to those amounts which are approved in the State of Texas Appropriations Bill in effect for the particular funding period. Any amount over this limit must come from local funding sources. Applicant must recover funds at a lesser rate if local policy amounts are less than the maximum allowed by the state. Out-of-state travel may not exceed the federal government rate for the locale. Travel allowances are not allowable costs.
- Y. Funds for Religious Worship, Instruction:** No funds will be used to pay for religious worship, instruction, or proselytization, or for any equipment or supplies for such, or for any construction, remodeling, repair, operation, or maintenance of any facility or part of a facility to be used for religious worship, instruction, or proselytization (34 CFR 76.532 and P. L. 107-110, section 9505).
- Z. Disclosure of Gifts and Campaign Contributions:** The grantee shall file disclosures of gifts and campaign contributions as required by State Board of Education Operating Rule 4.3, which is incorporated as if set out in full. The grantee has a continuing obligation to make disclosures through the term of the contract. Failure to comply with State Board of Education Operating Rule 4.3 is grounds for canceling the grant.
- AA. Submission of Audit Reports to TEA:** Grantees which are public school districts and open enrollment charter schools agree to submit the required annual audit report, including the reporting package required under OMB Circular A-133, if an audit is required to be conducted in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, to the TEA Division of School Financial Audits in the time and manner requested by the Agency.
- Grantees which are **nonprofit organizations (other than charter schools) and universities/colleges** that expend \$500,000 or more total in federal awards in any fiscal year and are thus required to conduct a Single Audit or program-specific audit in accordance with the requirements in OMB Circular A-133, agree to submit a copy of such audit to TEA when the schedule of findings and questioned costs disclosed audit findings relating to any federal awards provided by TEA. A copy of such audit shall also be submitted to TEA if the summary schedule of prior audit findings reported the status of any audit findings relating to any federal awards provided by TEA.
- A **nonprofit organization or university/college** grantee shall provide written notification to TEA that an audit was conducted in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 when the schedule of findings and questioned costs disclosed no audit findings related to any federal awards provided by TEA or when the summary schedule of prior audit findings did not report on the status of any prior audit findings related to any federal awards provided by TEA. Nonprofit organizations (other than charter schools) and universities/colleges shall submit the audit report to the TEA Division of Discretionary Grants. Audit reports must be submitted to TEA within 30 days of receipt of the report from the auditor. Failure to submit a copy of the audit to TEA could result in a reduction of funds paid to the grantee, a refund to TEA, termination of the grant, and/or ineligibility to receive additional grant awards from TEA.
- BB. Federal Rules, Laws, and Regulations That Apply to all Federal Programs:** Contractor shall be subject to and shall abide by all federal laws, rules and regulations pertaining to the contract project, including but not limited to:
- 1. Americans With Disabilities Act**, P. L. 101-336, 42 U.S.C. sec. 12101, and the regulations effectuating its provisions contained in 28 CFR Parts 35 and 36, 29 CFR Part 1630, and 47 CFR Parts 0 and 64;
  - Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964**, as amended (prohibition of discrimination by race, color, or national origin), and the regulations effectuating its provisions contained in 34 CFR Part 100;
  - Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972**, as amended (prohibition of sex discrimination in educational institutions) and the regulations effectuating its provisions contained in 34 CFR Part 106, if Contractor is an educational institution;
  - Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973**, as amended (nondiscrimination on the basis of handicapping condition), and the regulations effectuating its provisions contained in 34 CFR Part 104 and 105;

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5. the **Age Discrimination Act of 1975**, as amended (prohibition of discrimination on basis of age), and any regulations issued thereunder, including the provisions contained in 34 CFR Part 110;
6. the **Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1975**, as amended (ensures access to educational records for students and parents while protecting the privacy of such records), and any regulations issued thereunder, including **Privacy Rights of Parents and Students** (34 CFR Part 99), if Contractor is an educational institution (20 USC 1232g);
7. Section 509 of H.R. 5233 as incorporated by reference in P. L. 99-500 and P. L. 99-591 (**prohibition against the use of federal grant funds to influence legislation pending before Congress**);
8. **Pro-Children Act of 2001**, which states that no person shall permit smoking within any indoor facility owned or leased or contracted and utilized for the provision of routine or regular kindergarten, elementary, or secondary education or library services to children [P. L. 107-110, Section 4303(a)]. In addition, no person shall permit smoking within any indoor facility (or portion of such a facility) owned or leased or contracted and utilized for the provision of regular or routine health care or day care or early childhood development (Head Start) services [P. L. 107-110, Section 4303(b)(1)]. Any failure to comply with a prohibition in this Act shall be considered to be a violation of this Act and any person subject to such prohibition who commits such violation may be liable to the United States for a civil penalty, as determined by the Secretary of Education (P. L. 107-110, Section 4303(e)(1)).
9. **Fair Labor Standards Act (29 USC 207), Davis Bacon Act (40 USC 276(a), and Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 USC 327 et seq.)**, as applicable, and their implementing regulations in 29 CFR 500-899, 29 CFR Parts 1,3,5, and 7, and 29 CFR Parts 5 and 1926, respectively.
10. **Buy America Act**: Contractor certifies that it is in compliance with the Buy America Act in that each end product purchased under any federally funded supply contract exceeding \$2,500 is considered to have been substantially produced or manufactured in the United States. End products exempt from this requirement are those for which the cost would be unreasonable, products manufactured in the U. S. that are not of satisfactory quality, or products for which the agency head determines that domestic preference would be inconsistent with the public interest. Contractor also certifies that documentation will be maintained that documents compliance with this requirement (FAR 25.1-2).
11. P.L. 103-227, Title X, Miscellaneous Provisions of the GOALS 2000: Educate America Act; P.L. 103-382, Title XIV, General Provisions of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended; and General Education Provisions Act, as amended.
12. **Prohibition of Text Messaging and E-mailing while Driving during Official Federal Grant Business**: Personnel funded from federal grants and their subcontractors and subgrantees are prohibited from text messaging while driving an organization-owned vehicle, or while driving their own privately owned vehicle during official grant business, or from using organization-supplied electronic equipment to text message or e-mail while driving. Recipients must comply with these conditions under Executive Order 13513, "Federal Leadership On Reducing Text Messaging While Driving," October 1, 2009 (pursuant to provisions attached to federal grants funded by the U.S. Department of Education).

**CC. Federal Regulations Applicable to All Federal Programs:**

1. **For Local Educational Agencies (LEAs)**: 28 CFR 35 Subparts A-E, 28 CFR 36 Subparts C & D, Appendix A, 29 CFR 1630, 34 CFR 75 or 76 as applicable, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, 97, 98, 99, 104, 47 CFR 0 and 64, and OMB Circulars A-87 (Cost Principles), A-133 (Audits), and A-102 (Uniform Administrative Requirements);
2. **For Education Service Centers (ESCs)**: 28 CFR 35 Subparts A-E, 28 CFR 36 Subparts C & D, Appendix A, 29 CFR 1630, 34 CFR 75 or 76 as applicable, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, 97, 98, 99, 104, 47 CFR 0 and 64, and OMB Circulars A-87 (Cost Principles), A-133 (Audits), and A-102 (Uniform Administrative Requirements);
3. **For Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs)**: 28 CFR 35 Subparts A-E, 28 CFR 36 Subparts C & D, Appendix A, 29 CFR 1630, 34 CFR 74, 77, 79, 81, 82, 85, 86, 97, 98, 99, 104, 47 CFR 0 and 64, and OMB Circulars A-21 (Cost Principles), A-133 (Audits), and A-110 (Uniform Administrative Requirements);
4. **For Nonprofit Organizations**: 28 CFR 35 Subparts A-E, 28 CFR 36 Subparts C & D, Appendix A, 29 CFR 1630, 34 CFR 74, 77, 79, 81, 82, 85, 97, 98, 99, 104, 47 CFR 0 and 64, and OMB Circulars A-122 (Cost Principles), A-133 (Audits), and A-110 (Uniform Administrative Requirements);
5. **For State Agencies**: 28 CFR 35 Subparts A-E, 28 CFR 36 Subparts C & D, Appendix A, 29 CFR 1630, 34 CFR 76, 80, 81, 82, 85, 97, 98, 99, 104, 47 CFR 0 and 64, OMB Circulars A-87 (Cost Principles), A-133 (Audits), and A-102 (Uniform Administrative Requirements); and
6. **For Commercial (for-profit) Organizations**: 29 CFR 1630 and 48 CFR Part 31.

**DD. General Education Provisions Act (GEPA), as Amended, Applicable to All Federal Programs Funded or Administered Through or By the U. S. Department of Education:**

1. **Participation in Planning**: Applicant will provide reasonable opportunities for the participation by teachers, parents, and other interested parties, organizations, and individuals in the planning for and operation of each program described in this application (20 USC 1232(e)).

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2. **Availability of Information:** Any application, evaluation, periodic program plan, or report relating to each program described in this application will be made readily available to parents and other members of the general public (20 USC 1232(e)).
  3. **Sharing of Information:** Contractor certifies that it has adopted effective procedures for acquiring and disseminating to teachers and administrators participating in each program described in this application significant information from educational research, demonstrations, and similar projects, and for adopting, where appropriate, promising educational practices developed through such projects (20 USC 1232(e)).
  4. **Prohibition of Funds for Busing:** The applicant certifies that no federal funds (except for funds appropriated specifically for this purpose) will be used for the transportation of students or teachers (or for the purchase of equipment for such transportation) in order to overcome racial imbalance in any school or school system, or for the transportation of students or teachers (or for the purchase of equipment for such transportation) in order to carry out a plan of racial desegregation of any school or school system (20 USC 1228).
  5. **Direct Financial Benefit:** Contractor certifies that funds expended under any federal program will not be used to acquire equipment (including computer software) in any instance in which such acquisition results in a direct financial benefit to any organization representing the interests of the purchasing entity or its employees or any affiliate of such an organization [20 USC 1232(b)(8)].
- EE. Payment for Services:** Payment for service(s) described in this Contract is contingent upon satisfactory completion of the service(s). Satisfaction will be determined by TEA's Project Administrator, in his sole discretion but in accordance with reasonable standards and upon advice of his superiors in TEA, if necessary.
- FF. Family Code Applicability:** By signing this Contract, Contractor, if other than a state agency, certifies that under Section 231.006, Family Code, that Contractor is not ineligible to receive payment under this Contract and acknowledges that this Contract may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate. TEA reserves the right to terminate this Contract if Contractor is found to be ineligible to receive payment. If Contractor is found to be ineligible to receive payment and the Contract is terminated, Contractor is liable to TEA for attorney's fees, the costs necessary to complete the Contract, including the cost of advertising and awarding a second contract, and any other damages or relief provided by law or equity.
- GG. Interpretation:** In the case of conflicts arising in the interpretation of wording and/or meaning of various sections, parts, Appendices, General Provisions, Special Provisions, Exhibits, and Attachments or other documents, the TEA Contract and its General Provisions, Appendices and Special Provisions shall take precedence over all other documents which are a part of this contract.
- HH. Registered Lobbyists:** No state or federal funds transferred to a contractor/grantee may be used to hire a registered lobbyist.
- II. Test Administration and Security:** This contract is executed by Agency subject to assurance by Contractor that it has at all times been and shall remain in full compliance with Title 19, Texas Administrative Code Chapter 101, and all requirements and procedures for maintaining test security specified in any test administration materials in the possession or control of Contractor, or any school, campus, or program operated by Contractor. Notwithstanding any other provision in this contract or any other document, this contract is void upon notice by Agency, in its sole discretion, that Contractor or any school, campus, or program operated by Contractor has at any time committed a material violation of Title 19, Texas Administrative Code Chapter 101, or any requirement or procedure for maintaining test security specified in any test administration materials in the possession or control of Contractor, or any school, campus, or program operated by Contractor. Expenditures and/or activities for which Contractor may claim reimbursement shall not be accrued or claimed subsequent to receipt of such notice from Agency.
- JJ. Social Security Numbers:** Social Security numbers will not be provided by TEA as a part of this agreement. TEA is not requiring or requesting school districts or other grantees to provide Social Security numbers as a part of this agreement.
- KK. Student-identifying Information:** Contractor agrees that in executing tasks on behalf of TEA, Contractor will not use any student-identifying information in any way that violates the provisions of FERPA and will destroy or return all student-identifying information to TEA within thirty (30) days of project completion.

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**LL. High-Risk Status, Special Conditions, and Enforcement Actions:** Pursuant to the provisions in 34 CFR 80.12 and 74.14, a grantee may be identified by TEA as high-risk if the grantee has a history of unsatisfactory performance; is not financially stable; has a financial management system that does not meet federal financial management standards or the requirements in TEA's Financial Accounting and Reporting (FAR) module; has not conformed to terms and conditions of previous awards; or is otherwise not responsible. TEA may impose one or more special conditions or restrictions on a high-risk grantee, including payment on a reimbursement basis; withholding authority to proceed to the next phase until receipt of evidence of acceptable performance within a given funding period; requiring additional, more detailed financial reports; additional project monitoring; requiring the grantee to obtain technical or management assistance; establishing additional prior approvals; or other conditions that may be legally available. A grantee identified as high-risk will be notified in writing by TEA of the special conditions imposed and the process for removing the high-risk status and special conditions.

Pursuant to the provisions in 34 CFR 80.43 and 74.62, if a grantee materially fails to comply with any term of an award, whether stated in a federal statute or regulation, an assurance, in a grant application, or elsewhere, TEA may take one or more of the following enforcement actions as appropriate in the circumstances: temporarily withhold cash payments pending correction of the deficiency or more severe enforcement action; disallow all or part of the cost of an activity or action not in compliance; wholly or partly suspend or terminate the current award; withhold further awards for the program; or take other remedies that may be legally available. If an enforcement action is imposed, the grantee will be notified in writing by TEA of the actions imposed and the process for remedying the noncompliance or removing the enforcement actions.

TEA reserves the right to not award a discretionary grant to a high-risk grantee or to a grantee that is materially non-compliant with the terms and conditions of another award.

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The signing of Schedule #1 - General Information by applicant indicates acceptance of and compliance with all requirements described on this schedule.
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<b>SCHEDULE #6 B</b> Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transactions	<b>TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY</b> <b>Standard Application System</b> <b>School Years 2010-2013</b>	<div style="text-align: center;"> <u>015909</u>          County-District No.       </div>
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This certification is required by the Department of Education regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 34 CFR Part 85, for all lower tier transactions meeting the threshold and tier requirements stated at Section 85.11.

**Terms defined:** As used in these Provisions and Assurances

- "Covered Transaction"— A transaction under Federal non-procurement programs, which can be either a primary covered transaction or a lower tier covered transaction.
  - "Lower Tier Covered Transaction"— (1) Any transaction between a participant and a person other than a procurement contract for goods or services, regardless of type, under a primary covered transaction; (2) Any procurement contract for goods or services between a participant and a person, regardless of type, expected to equal or exceed the Federal procurement small purchase threshold of \$25,000; (3) Any procurement contract for goods or services between a participant and a person under a covered transaction, regardless of amount.
  - "Participant"— Any person who submits a proposal for, enters into, or reasonably may be expected to enter into a covered transaction, including an agent or representative of another participant.
  - "Principal"— An officer, director, owner, partner, principal investigator, or other person within a participant with management or supervisory responsibilities related to a covered transaction; or a consultant or other person, whether or not employed by the participant or paid with Federal funds, who (1) is in a position to handle Federal funds; (2) is in a position to influence or control the use of those funds; or (3) occupies a technical or professional position capable of substantially influencing the development or outcome of an activity required to perform the covered transaction.
  - "Excluded Parties List System (EPLS)"— The list maintained and disseminated by the General Services Administration (GSA) containing names and other information about persons who are ineligible.
  - "Debarment"— Action taken by a debarring official (Federal agency) to exclude a person (recipient) from participating in covered transactions.
  - "Suspension"— An action taken that immediately prohibits a person from participating in covered transactions for a temporary period, pending completion of an agency investigation and any judicial or administrative proceedings that may ensue.
  - "Ineligible" generally refers to a person who is either excluded or disqualified.
  - "Person"— Any individual, corporation, partnership, association, unit of government or legal entity, however organized, except: foreign governments or foreign governmental entities, public international organizations, foreign government owned (in whole or in part) or controlled entities, and entities consisting wholly or partially of foreign governments or foreign governmental entities.
  - "Proposal"—A solicited or unsolicited bid, application, request, invitation to consider or similar communication by or on behalf of a person seeking to participate or to receive a benefit, directly or indirectly, in or under a covered transaction.
  - "Voluntarily Excluded"—A status of nonparticipation or limited participation in covered transactions assumed by a person pursuant to the terms of a settlement.
1. By signing SAS Schedule #1 and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
  2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
  3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to whom this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
  4. The terms "covered transaction", "debarred", "suspended", "ineligible", "lower tier covered transaction", "participant", "person", "primary covered transaction", "principal", "proposal", and "voluntarily excluded", as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
  5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.

<b>SCHEDULE #6B</b> Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transactions	<b>TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY</b> <b>Standard Application System</b> <b>School Years 2010-2013</b> Required for all federal grants regardless of the dollar amount	<div style="text-align: center;"> <u>015909</u>          County-District No.       </div>
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6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled ***Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions***, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may but is not required to, check the Non-procurement List.
8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

#### **Certification**

- (1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by signature on SAS Schedule #1 and by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- (2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

ED 80-0014, 9/90 (Replaces GCS-009 (REV.12/88), which is obsolete)

68 FR 66544, 66611, 66612, 66613, 66614, November 26, 2003

As amended by the Texas Education Agency (04/02)

The signing of Schedule #1--General Information by applicant indicates acceptance of all requirements described on this schedule.



<b>SCHEDULE #6C.</b> Lobbying Certification	<b>TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY</b> <b>Standard Application System</b> <b>School Years 2010-2013</b> Required for all federally funded grants greater than \$100,000.	<u>015909</u> County-District No.
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Submission of this certification covers all federal programs in this application, is required by the U. S. Department of Education and Section 1352, Title 31, of the United States Code, and is a prerequisite for making or entering into a subgrant or subcontract over \$100,000 with any organization. (Read instructions for this schedule for further information.)

The applicant certifies by signature on Schedule #1 - General Information, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- (1) No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal grant or cooperative agreement.
- (2) If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this federal grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form - LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions. (See **Schedule #6D - Disclosure of Lobbying Activities.**)
- (3) The applicant shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subgrants, contracts under grants and cooperative agreements, and subcontracts) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact on which the U. S. Department of Education and the Texas Education Agency relied when they made or entered into this grant or contract. Any organization that fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Dept. of Education form #ED 80-0008  
 As amended by the Texas Education Agency

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The signing of Schedule #1 - General Information by applicant indicates acceptance of all requirements described on this schedule.

<b>SCHEDULE #6D -</b> Disclosure of Lobbying Activities	<b>TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY</b> <b>Standard Application System</b> <b>School Years 2010-2013</b>	NA  <u>015909</u> County-District No.
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Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities for lobbying services procured (pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352). This disclosure form is required for any federal grant/contract received in excess of \$100,000 and on any subgrant/subcontract made by the grantee/contractor. (Read the instructions for this schedule for further information.)  
**Do not sign and submit this disclosure form unless lobbying activities are being disclosed.**

Federal Program:			
Name:			
<b>1. Type of Federal Action</b> <input type="checkbox"/> a. Contract <input type="checkbox"/> b. Grant	<b>2. Status of Federal Action:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> a. Bid/Offer/Application <input type="checkbox"/> b. Initial award <input type="checkbox"/> c. Post-award	<b>3. Report Type:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> a. Initial filing <input type="checkbox"/> b. Material change For Material Change Only: Year: _____ Quarter: _____ Date of last Report: _____	
<b>4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Subawardee Tier (if known): _____ Congressional District (if known): _____		<b>5. If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime:</b> Texas Education Agency 1701 N. Congress Avenue Austin, Texas 78701 Congressional District (if known): 21	
<b>6. Federal Department/Agency:</b>		<b>7. Federal Program Name/Description:</b> CFDA Number, if applicable: _____	
<b>8. Federal Action Number, if known:</b>		<b>9. Award Amount, if known:</b> \$ _____	
<b>10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant</b> (if individual, last name, first name, MI):		<b>10. b. Individuals Performing Services</b> (including address if different from No. 10a; last name, first name, MI):	

(Attach Continuation Sheet(s), if necessary)

**[ITEMS 11-15 REMOVED]**

<b>16. Information requested through this form is authorized by Title 31 U.S.C. Section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.</b>	Signature:	NA		
	Name:			
	Title:			
	Telephone#		Date:	
<b>Federal Use Only:</b>		Standard Form LLL		

<b>SCHEDULE #6E</b>  NCLB ACT PROVISIONS & ASSURANCES	<b>Standard Application System</b>  <b>School Years 2010-2013</b>	  015909 County-District No.
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**The following special provisions apply to all programs funded under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by P. L. 107-110, No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001.** By signing Schedule #1 of this SAS, the applicant is assuring it is in compliance with the following provisions:

- A. Each such program will be administered in accordance with all applicable statutes, regulations, program plans, and applications.
- B. The control of funds provided under each such program and title to property acquired with program funds will be in a public agency or in a nonprofit private agency, institution, organization, or Indian tribe, if the law authorizing the program provides for assistance to such entities.
- C. The public agency, nonprofit private agency, institution, or organization, or Indian tribe will administer such funds and property to the extent required by the authorizing statutes.
- D. The applicant will adopt and use proper methods of administering each such program, including the enforcement of any obligations imposed by law on agencies, institutions, organizations, and other recipients responsible for carrying out each program and the correction of deficiencies in program operations that are identified through audits, monitoring, or evaluation.
- E. The applicant will cooperate in carrying out any evaluation of each such program conducted by or for the Texas Education Agency, the Secretary of Education or other federal officials.
- F. The applicant will use such fiscal control and fund accounting procedures as will ensure proper disbursement of, and accounting for, federal funds paid to such applicant under each such program.
- G. The applicant will submit such reports to the Texas Education Agency (which shall make the reports available to the Governor) and the Secretary of Education, as the Texas Education Agency and the Secretary of Education may require to enable the Texas Education Agency and the Secretary of Education to perform their duties under each such program.
- H. The applicant will maintain such records, provide such information, and afford access to the records as the Agency (after consultation with the Governor) or the Secretary may find necessary to carry out the Agency's or the Secretary's duties.
- I. Before the application was submitted, the applicant afforded a reasonable opportunity for public comment on the application and has considered such comment.
- J. **Gun-Free Schools Act:** The local education agency assures that it is in compliance with Section 37.007(e) of the Texas Education Code, which requires expulsion of a student who brings to school or possesses at school a firearm as defined by 18 U.S.C. Section 2891 [pursuant to the requirements in P. L. 107-110, Section 4141(d)(1)]. In addition, the local educational agency certifies that it has a policy requiring referral to the criminal justice or juvenile delinquency system of any student who brings a firearm or weapon to school [P. L. 107-110, Section 4141(h)(1)].
- K. **Student Records Transfer:** The local educational agency shall ensure that a student's records and, if applicable, a student's individualized education program as defined in section 602(11) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, are transferred to a charter school upon the transfer of the student to the charter school, and to another public school upon the transfer of the student from a charter school to another public school, in accordance with applicable state law (P. L. 107-110, section 5208).
- L. **Consolidation of Administrative Funds:** A local educational agency, with the approval of TEA, may consolidate and use for the administration of one or more programs under the No Child Left Behind Act not more than the percentage, established in each program, of the total available for the local educational agency under those programs. A local educational agency that consolidates administrative funds shall not use any other funds under the programs included in the consolidation for administration for that fiscal year. Consolidated administrative funds shall be used for the administration of the programs covered and may be used for coordination of these programs with other federal and non-federal programs and for dissemination of information regarding model programs and practices.
- M. **Privacy of Assessment Results:** Any results from an individual assessment referred to in the No Child Left Behind Act of a student that become part of the education records of the student shall have the protections provided in section 444 of the General Education Provisions Act [P. L. 107-110, section 9523 and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1975, as amended].

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- N. School Prayer:** The local educational agency certifies that it is in compliance with Section 25.901 of the Texas Education Code. In addition, as a condition of receiving funds under the No Child Left Behind Act, the local educational agency certifies that no policy of the local educational agency prevents, or otherwise denies participation in, constitutionally protected prayer in public elementary schools and secondary schools, as detailed in the guidance provided by the U. S. Secretary of Education pertaining to such. The state educational agency shall report to the Secretary of Education each year a list of those local educational agencies that have not filed this assurance or against which complaints have been made to the State educational agency that the local educational agencies are not in compliance with this requirement (P. L. 107-110, section 9524(b)).
- O. Equal Access to Public Schools Facilities – Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act:** No public elementary school, public secondary school or local educational agency that has a designated open forum or a limited public forum and that receives funds made available from the U. S. Department of Education shall deny equal access or a fair opportunity to meet, or to discriminate against, any group officially affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America, or any other youth group listed in Title 36 of the United States Code (as a patriotic society), that wishes to conduct a meeting within that designated open forum or limited public forum, including denying such access or opportunity or discriminating for reasons based on the membership or leadership criteria or oath of allegiance to God and country of the Boy Scouts of America or of the youth group listed in Title 36 of the United States Code (as a patriotic society). For the purposes of this section, an elementary school or secondary school has a limited public forum whenever the school involved grants an offering to, or opportunity for, one or more outside youth or community groups to meet on school premises or in school facilities before or after the hours during which attendance at the school is compulsory. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require any school, agency, or a school served by an agency to sponsor any group officially affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America, or any other youth group listed in Title 36 of the United States Code (as a patriotic society). Compliance with this provision will be enforced through rules and orders issued by the Office for Civil Rights. If the public school or agency does not comply with the rules or orders, no funds made available through the Department of Education shall be provided by a school that fails to comply with such rules or orders or to any agency or school served by an agency that fails to comply with such rules or orders (P. L. 107-110, section 9525).
- P. General Prohibitions:** None of the funds authorized under the No Child Left Behind Act shall be used to develop or distribute materials, or operate programs or courses of instruction directed at youth, that are designed to promote or encourage sexual activity, whether homosexual or heterosexual; to distribute or to aid in the distribution by any organization of legally obscene materials to minors on school grounds; to provide sex education or HIV-prevention education in schools that instruction is age appropriate and includes the health benefits of abstinence; or to operate a program of contraceptive distribution in schools (P. L. 107-110, section 9526).
- Q. Armed Forces Recruiter Access to Students and Student Recruiting Information:** In accordance with guidance issued by the U. S. Department of Education, each local educational agency receiving assistance under the No Child Left Behind Act shall provide, on a request made by military recruiters or an institution of higher education, access to secondary school students names, address, and telephone listings, upon prior written consent of a student or the parent of a student. A secondary school student or the parent of the student may request that the student's name, address, and telephone listing not be released without prior written parental consent, and the local educational or private nonprofit school shall notify parents of the option to make a request and shall comply with any request. Each local educational agency receiving assistance under the No Child Left Behind Act shall provide military recruiters the same access to secondary school students as is provided generally to post secondary educational institutions or to prospective employers of those students (P. L. 107-110, section 9528).
- R. Unsafe School Choice Option:** The local educational agency certifies that it shall establish and implement a policy requiring that a student attending a persistently dangerous public elementary school or secondary school, as determined by the Texas Education Agency, or who becomes a victim of a violent criminal offense, while in or on the grounds of a public elementary or secondary school that the student attends, be allowed to attend a safe public elementary or secondary school within the local educational agency, including a public charter school (P. L. 107-110, section 9532).
- S. Civil Rights:** Nothing in the No Child Left Behind Act shall be construed to permit discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (except as otherwise permitted under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972), national origin, or disability in any program funded under the No Child Left Behind Act (P. L. 107-110, section 9534).

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- T. Student Privacy, Parental Access to Information, and Administration of Certain Physical Examinations to Minors:** The local educational agency assures that it is in compliance with Chapter 26 of the Texas Education Code concerning parental rights and responsibilities. In addition, the local educational agency receiving funds under the No Child Left Behind Act certifies that it shall develop and adopt policies, in consultation with parents, regarding certain rights of a parent to access and inspect information; student privacy; the administration of physical examinations or screenings (except for examinations or screenings required by state law); and the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for the purpose of marketing or selling that information. The local educational agency also assures that it is in compliance with the requirements for annually notifying parents of such policies and specific events (P. L. 107-110, Title X, Part F, section 1061).
- U. Assurances related to the education of homeless children and youths:**
- (1) The LEA assures that each child of a homeless individual and each homeless youth shall have equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including a public preschool education, as provided to other children and youth.
  - (2) The LEA assures that homeless children and youth are afforded the same free, appropriate public education as provided to other children and youth.
  - (3) The LEA assures that it will review and undertake steps to revise any laws, regulations, practices, or policies that may act as a barrier to the enrollment, attendance, or success in school of homeless children and youth.
  - (4) The LEA assures that it will not separate students from the mainstream school environment on the basis of homelessness alone.
  - (5) The LEA assures that homeless children and youth have access to the education and other services that they need in order to meet the same challenging State student academic achievement standards to which all students are held.
- V. Definitions:** The following terms shall be defined as follows for programs authorized and carried out under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001:
1. **Charter School:** An open enrollment charter school receiving federal funds of any type must meet the federal definition of a charter school as provided in P. L. 107-110, Section 5210(1). The term "charter school" means a school that:
    - (A) is created by a developer as a public school, or is adapted by a developer from an existing public school, and is **operated under public supervision and control;**
    - (B) operates in pursuit of a specific set of educational objectives determined by the school's developer and agreed to by the authorized public chartering agency [i.e., the State Board of Education (SBOE)];
    - (C) provides a program of elementary or secondary education, or both;
    - (D) is **nonsectarian in its programs, admissions policies, employment practices, and all other operations, and is not affiliated with a sectarian school or religious instruction;**
    - (E) **does not charge tuition;**
    - (F) **complies with the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act;**
    - (G) is a school to which parents choose to send their children, and that **admits students on the basis of a lottery, if more students apply for admission than can be accommodated;**
    - (H) **agrees to comply with the same Federal and State audit requirements** as do other elementary schools and secondary schools in the State, unless such requirements are specifically waived for the purpose of this program;
    - (I) **meets all applicable Federal, State, and local health and safety requirements;**
    - (J) operates in accordance with State law; and
    - (K) has a written performance contract with the authorized public chartering agency in the State (i.e., SBOE) that includes a description of how student performance will be measured pursuant to State assessments that are required of other schools and pursuant to any other assessments mutually agreeable to the SBOE.
  2. **Community-Based Organization:** A public or private nonprofit organization of demonstrated effectiveness that is representative of a community or significant segment of a community and that provides educational or related services to individuals in the community.
  3. **Core Academic Subjects:** English, reading or language arts, mathematics, science, foreign languages, civics and government, economics, art, history, and geography.

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**4. Highly Qualified:**

- (A) when used with respect to any public elementary school or secondary school teacher teaching in a State, means that–
  - (i) the teacher has obtained full State certification as a teacher (including certification obtained through alternative routes to certification) or passed the State teacher licensing examination, and holds a license to teach in such State, except that when used with respect to any teacher teaching in a public charter school, the term means that the teacher meets the requirements set forth in the State's public charter school law; and
  - (ii) the teacher has not had certification or licensure requirements waived on an emergency, temporary, or provisional basis;
- (B) when used with respect to–
  - (i) an elementary school teacher who is new to the profession, means that the teacher–
    - (I) holds at least a bachelor's degree; and
    - (II) has demonstrated, by passing a rigorous State test, subject knowledge and teaching skills in reading, writing, mathematics, and other areas of the basic elementary school curriculum (which may consist of passing a State-required certification or licensing test or tests in reading, writing, mathematics, and other areas of the basic elementary school curriculum); or
  - (ii) a middle or secondary school teacher who is new to the profession, means that the teacher holds at least a bachelor's degree and has demonstrated a high level of competency in each of the academic subjects in which the teacher teaches by–
    - (I) passing a rigorous State academic subject test in each of the academic subjects in which the teacher teaches (which may consist of a passing level of performance on a State-required certification or licensing test or tests in each of the academic subjects in which the teacher teaches); or
    - (II) successful completion, in each of the academic subjects in which the teacher teaches, of an academic major, a graduate degree, coursework equivalent to an undergraduate academic major, or advanced certification or credentialing; and
- (C) when used with respect to an elementary, middle, or secondary school teacher who is not new to the profession, means that the teacher holds at least a bachelor's degree and–
  - (i) has met the applicable standard in clause (i) or (ii) of subparagraph (B), which includes an option for a test; or
  - (ii) demonstrates competence in all the academic subjects in which the teacher teaches based on a high objective uniform State standard of evaluation that–
    - (I) is set by the State for both grade appropriate academic subject matter knowledge and teaching skills;
    - (II) is aligned with challenging State academic content and student academic achievement standards and developed in consultation with core content specialists, teachers, principals, and school administrators;
    - (III) provides objective, coherent information about the teacher's attainment of core content knowledge in the academic subjects in which a teacher teaches;
    - (IV) is applied uniformly to all teachers in the same academic subject and the same grade level throughout the State;
    - (V) takes into consideration, but not be based primarily on, the time the teacher has been teaching in the academic subject;
    - (VI) is made available to the public upon request; and
    - (VII) may involve multiple, objective measures of teacher competency.

- 5. Parental Involvement:** The participation of parents in regular, two-way and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:
- (A) that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
  - (B) that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;
  - (C) that parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child; and
  - (D) the carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of P. L. 107-110.

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**6. Professional Development** includes activities that:

- (A) improve and increase teachers' knowledge of the academic subjects the teachers teach, and enable teachers to become highly qualified;
- (B) are an integral part of broad schoolwide and districtwide educational improvement plans;
- (C) give teachers, principals, and administrators the knowledge and skills to provide the students with the opportunity to meet challenging State academic content standards and student academic achievement standards;
- (D) improve classroom management skills;
- (E) are high quality, sustained, intensive, and classroom-focused in order to have a positive and lasting impact on classroom instruction and the teacher's performance in the classroom and are not one-day or short-term workshops or conferences;
- (F) support the recruiting, hiring, and training of highly qualified teachers, including teachers who became highly qualified through State and local alternative routes to certification;
- (G) advance teacher understanding of effective instructional strategies that are:
- (H) based on scientifically based research (except for programs under Title II, Part D, Enhancing Education Through Technology of this Act); and
- (I) strategies for improving student academic achievement or substantially increasing the knowledge and teaching skills of teachers; and
- (J) are aligned with and directly related to State academic content standards, student academic achievement standards, and assessments and the curricula and programs tied to the standards;
- (K) are developed with extensive participation of teachers, principals, parents, and administrators of schools to be served under this Act;
- (L) are designed to give teachers of limited English proficient children, and other teachers and instructional staff, the knowledge and skills to provide instruction and appropriate language and academic support services to those children, including the appropriate use of curricula and assessments;
- (M) to the extent appropriate, provide training for teachers and principals in the use of technology so that technology and technology applications are effectively used in the classroom to improve teaching and learning in the curricula and core academic subjects in which the teachers teach;
- (N) as a whole, are regularly evaluated for their impact on increased teacher effectiveness and improved student academic achievement with the findings of the evaluations used to improve the quality of professional development;
- (O) provide instruction in methods of teaching children with special needs;
- (P) include instruction in the use of data and assessments to inform and instruct classroom practice;
- (Q) include instruction in ways that teachers, principals, pupil services personnel, and school administrators may work more effectively with parents; and
- (R) may include activities that:
  - (i) involve the forming of partnerships with institutions of higher education to establish school-based teacher training programs that provide prospective teachers and beginning teachers with an opportunity to work under the guidance of experienced teachers and college faculty;
  - (ii) create programs to enable paraprofessionals (assisting teachers employed by an LEA receiving assistance under Title I Part A) to obtain the education necessary for those paraprofessionals to become certified and licensed teachers; and
  - (iii) provide follow-up training to teachers who have participated in activities described previously in this definition that are designed to ensure that the knowledge and skills learned by the teachers are implemented in the classroom.

**7. Scientifically Based Research:**

- (A) means research that involves the application of rigorous, systematic, and objective procedures to obtain reliable and valid knowledge relevant to education activities and programs; and
- (B) includes research that:
  - (i) employs systematic, empirical methods that draw on observation or experiment;
  - (ii) involves rigorous data analyses that are adequate to test the stated hypotheses and justify the general conclusions drawn;
  - (iii) relies on measurements or observational methods that provide reliable and valid data across evaluators and observers, across multiple measurements and observations, and across studies by the same or different investigators;



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- (iv) relies on measurements or observational methods that provide reliable and valid data across evaluators and observers, across multiple measurements and observations, and across studies by the same or different investigators;
- (v) is evaluated using experimental or quasi-experimental designs in which individuals, entities, programs, or activities are assigned to different conditions and with appropriate controls to evaluate the effects of the condition of interest, with a preference for random-assignment experiments, or other designs to the extent that those designs contain within-condition or across-condition controls;
- (vi) ensures that experimental studies are presented in sufficient detail and clarity to allow for replication or, at a minimum, offer the opportunity to build systematically on their findings; and
- (vii) has been accepted by a peer-reviewed journal or approved by a panel of independent experts through a comparably rigorous, objective, and scientific review.

**8. Teacher Mentoring:** Activities that-

- (A) consist of structured guidance and regular and ongoing support for teachers, especially beginning teachers, that-
  - (i) are designed to help the teachers continue to improve their practice of teaching and to develop their instructional skills; and part of an ongoing developmental induction process that-
    - (I) involves the assistance of an exemplary teacher and other appropriate individuals from a school, local educational agency, or institution of higher education; and
    - (II) may include coaching, classroom observation, team teaching, and reduced teaching loads; and
    - (III) may include the establishment of a partnership by a local educational agency with an institution of higher education.

**9. Technology:** State-of-the-art technology products and services.

**W. ESEA Performance Goals, Indicators, and Performance Reporting:** The LEA assures it has adopted the five performance goals and the related performance indicators established by the U. S. Department of Education and as submitted in the *Texas Consolidated State Application for Funds Under the No Child Left Behind Act*. The LEA also assures that it will develop and implement procedures for collecting data related to the performance indicators where such data is not already collected through the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) or PEIMS and that it will report such data to the Agency in the time and manner requested.

**X. Transfer of School Disciplinary Records:** The LEA assures it has a procedure in place to transfer disciplinary records, with respect to a suspension or expulsion, to any private or public elementary school or secondary school for any student who is enrolled or seeks, intends, or is instructed to enroll, on a full- or part-time basis, in the school. This requirement shall not apply to any disciplinary records with respect to a suspension or expulsion that are transferred from a private, parochial or other nonpublic school, person, institution, or other entity, that provides education below the college level (P. L. 107-110, section 4155).

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The signing of Schedule #1 - General Information by applicant indicates acceptance of and compliance with all requirements described on this schedule.

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#### Federal Statutory Requirements

- 1) The LEA must demonstrate that the LEA has analyzed the needs of each school and selected an intervention for each school.
- 2) The LEA must demonstrate that it has the capacity to use these grant funds to provide adequate resources and related support to each Tier campus identified in the LEA's application in order to implement, fully and effectively, the required activities of the school intervention model it has selected.
- 3) If the LEA is not applying to serve each Tier I school (through a separate application for each campus), the LEA must explain why it lacks capacity to serve each Tier I school.
- 4) The LEA must describe actions it has taken, or will take, to design and implement interventions consistent with the final federal requirements, including the services the campus will receive or the activities the campus will implement.
- 5) The LEA must describe actions it has taken, or will take, to recruit, screen, and select external providers, if applicable, to ensure their quality.
- 6) The LEA must describe actions it has taken, or will take, to align other resources with the interventions.
- 7) The LEA must describe actions it has taken, or will take, to modify its practices or policies, if necessary, to enable its schools to implement the interventions fully and effectively.
- 8) The LEA must describe actions it has taken, or will take, to sustain the reforms after the funding period ends.
- 9) The LEA must include a timeline delineating the steps it will take to implement the selected intervention in each campus.
- 10) The LEA must describe the annual goals for student achievement on the State's assessments in both reading/language arts and mathematics that it has established in order to monitor its Tier I and Tier II schools that receive school improvement funds.
- 11) As appropriate, the LEA must consult with relevant stakeholders regarding the LEA's application and implementation of school improvement models on its campus.
- 12) Applicant provides assurance that financial assistance provided under the grant program will supplement, and not supplant, the amount of state and local funds allocated to the campus.
- 13) Applicant provides assurance that it will use its School Improvement Grant to implement fully and effectively an intervention in each Tier I and Tier II school that the LEA commits to serve consistent with the final federal requirements.
- 14) Applicant provides assurance that it will establish annual goals for student achievement on the State's assessments in both reading/language arts and mathematics and measure progress on the leading indicators in section III of the final federal requirements in order to monitor each Tier I and Tier II school that it serves with school improvement funds, and establish goals (approved by the TEA) to hold accountable its Tier III schools that receive grant funds.
- 15) Applicant provides assurance that it will, if it implements a restart model in a Tier I or Tier II school, include in its contract or agreement terms and provisions to hold the charter operator, charter management organization (CMO), or education management organization (EMO) accountable for complying with the final federal requirements.
- 16) Applicant provides assurance that it will report to the TEA the school-level data required under section III of the final federal requirements.
- 17) If the LEA/campus selects to implement the **turnaround model**, the campus **must** implement the following federal requirements.
  - a. Replace the principal and grant the principal sufficient operational flexibility (including in staffing, calendars/time, and budgeting) to implement fully a comprehensive approach in order to substantially improve student achievement outcomes and increase high school graduation rates;
  - b. Using locally adopted competencies to measure the effectiveness of staff who can work within the turnaround environment to meet the needs of students;
    1. Screen all existing staff and rehire no more than 50 percent; and
    2. Select new staff.
  - c. Implement such strategies as financial incentives, increased opportunities for promotion and career growth, and more flexible work conditions that are designed to recruit, place, and retain staff with the skills necessary to meet the needs of the students in the turnaround school;
  - d. Provide staff ongoing, high-quality, job-embedded professional development that is aligned with the school's comprehensive instructional program and designed with school staff to ensure that they are equipped to facilitate effective teaching and learning and have the capacity to successfully implement school reform strategies;
  - e. Adopt a new governance structure, which may include, but is not limited to, requiring the school to report to a

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- new "turnaround office" in the LEA or SEA, hire a "turnaround leader" who reports directly to the Superintendent or Chief Academic Officer, or enter into a multi-year contract with the LEA or SEA to obtain added flexibility in exchange for greater accountability;
- f. Use data to identify and implement an instructional program that is research-based and vertically aligned from one grade to the next as well as aligned with State academic standards;
  - g. Promote the continuous use of student data (such as from formative, interim, and summative assessments) to inform and differentiate instruction in order to meet the academic needs of individual students;
  - h. Establish schedules and implement strategies that provide increased learning time (as defined in this notice); and
  - i. Provide appropriate social-emotional and community-oriented services and supports for students.
- 18) If the LEA/campus selects to implement the **turnaround model**, the campus **may** implement the following federal requirements.
1. Any of the required and permissible activities under the transformation model; or
  2. A new school model (e.g., themed, dual language academy).
- 19) If the LEA/campus selects to implement the school **closure model**, the campus **must** implement the following requirement.
- a. Enroll the students who attended that school in other schools in the LEA that are higher achieving within reasonable proximity to the closed school and may include, but are not limited to, charter schools or new schools for which achievement data are not yet available.
  - b. A grant for school closure is a one-year grant without the possibility of continued funding.
- 20) If the LEA/campus selects to implement the **restart model**, the campus **must** implement the following federal requirements.
- a. Convert or close and reopen the school under a charter school operator, a charter management organization (CMO), or an education management organization (EMO) that has been selected through a rigorous review process. A CMO is a non-profit organization that operates or manages charter schools by centralizing or sharing certain functions and resources among schools. An EMO is a for-profit or non-profit organization that provides "whole-school operation" services to an LEA.
  - b. Enroll, within the grades it serves, any former student who wishes to attend the school.
- 21) If the LEA/campus selects to implement the **transformation model**, the campus **must** implement the following federal requirements.
1. Develop and increase teacher and school leader effectiveness.
    - (A) Replace the principal who led the school prior to commencement of the transformation model;
    - (B) Use rigorous, transparent, and equitable evaluation systems for teachers and principals that--
      - (1) Take into account data on student growth as a significant factor as well as other factors such as multiple observation-based assessments of performance and ongoing collections of professional practice reflective of student achievement and increased high school graduation rates; and
      - (2) Are designed and developed with teacher and principal involvement;
    - (C) Identify and reward school leaders, teachers, and other staff who, in implementing this model, have increased student achievement and high school graduation rates and identify and remove those who, after ample opportunities have been provided for them to improve their professional practice, have not done so;
    - (D) Provide staff ongoing, high-quality, job-embedded professional development (e.g., regarding subject-specific pedagogy, instruction that reflects a deeper understanding of the community served by the school, or differentiated instruction) that is aligned with the school's comprehensive instructional program and designed with school staff to ensure they are equipped to facilitate effective teaching and learning and have the capacity to successfully implement school reform strategies; and
    - (E) Implement such strategies as financial incentives, increased opportunities for promotion and career growth, and more flexible work conditions that are designed to recruit, place, and retain staff with the skills necessary to meet the needs of the students in a transformation school.
  2. Comprehensive instructional reform strategies.
    - (A) Use data to identify and implement an instructional program that is research-based and vertically aligned from one grade to the next as well as aligned with State academic standards; and
    - (B) Promote the continuous use of student data (such as from formative, interim, and summative assessments) to inform and differentiate instruction in order to meet the academic needs of

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individual students.

3. Increasing learning time and creating community-oriented schools.
  - (A) Establish schedules and strategies that provide increased learning time; and
  - (B) Provide ongoing mechanisms for family and community engagement.
4. Providing operational flexibility and sustained support.
  - (A) Give the school sufficient operational flexibility (such as staffing, calendars/time, and budgeting) to implement fully a comprehensive approach to substantially improve student achievement outcomes and increase high school graduation rates; and
  - (B) Ensure that the school receives ongoing, intensive technical assistance and related support from the LEA, the SEA, or a designated external lead partner organization (such as a school turnaround organization or an EMO).
- 22) An LEA **may** also implement other strategies to develop teachers' and school leaders' effectiveness, such as--
  - (A) Provide additional compensation to attract and retain staff with the skills necessary to meet the needs of the students in a transformation school;
  - (B) Institute a system for measuring changes in instructional practices resulting from professional development; or
  - (C) Ensure that the school is not required to accept a teacher without the mutual consent of the teacher and principal, regardless of the teacher's seniority.
- 23) An LEA **may** also implement comprehensive instructional reform strategies, such as--
  - (A) Conduct periodic reviews to ensure that the curriculum is being implemented with fidelity, is having the intended impact on student achievement, and is modified if ineffective;
  - (B) Implement a schoolwide "response-to-intervention" model;
  - (C) Provide additional supports and professional development to teachers and principals in order to implement effective strategies to support students with disabilities in the least restrictive environment and to ensure that limited English proficient students acquire language skills to master academic content;
  - (D) Use and integrate technology-based supports and interventions as part of the instructional program; and
  - (E) In secondary schools--
    - (1) Increase rigor by offering opportunities for students to enroll in advanced coursework (such as Advanced Placement; International Baccalaureate; or science, technology, engineering, and mathematics courses, especially those that incorporate rigorous and relevant project-, inquiry-, or design-based contextual learning opportunities), early-college high schools, dual enrollment programs, or thematic learning academies that prepare students for college and careers, including by providing appropriate supports designed to ensure that low-achieving students can take advantage of these programs and coursework;
    - (2) Improve student transition from middle to high school through summer transition programs or freshman academies;
    - (3) Increase graduation rates through, for example, credit-recovery programs, re-engagement strategies, smaller learning communities, competency-based instruction and performance-based assessments, and acceleration of basic reading and mathematics skills; or
    - (4) Establish early-warning systems to identify students who may be at risk of failing to achieve to high standards or graduate.
- 24) An LEA **may** also implement other strategies that extend learning time and create community-oriented schools, such as--

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- (A) Partner with parents and parent organizations, faith- and community-based organizations, health clinics, other State or local agencies, and others to create safe school environments that meet students' social, emotional, and health needs;
  - (B) Extend or restructure the school day so as to add time for such strategies as advisory periods that build relationships between students, faculty, and other school staff;
  - (C) Implement approaches to improve school climate and discipline, such as implementing a system of positive behavioral supports or taking steps to eliminate bullying and student harassment; or
  - (D) Expand the school program to offer full-day kindergarten or pre-kindergarten.
- 25) The LEA **may** also implement other strategies for providing operational flexibility and intensive support, such as--
- (A) Allow the school to be run under a new governance arrangement, such as a turnaround division within the LEA or SEA; or
  - (B) Implement a per-pupil school-based budget formula that is weighted based on student needs.

#### **Statutory Program Assurances**

- 1) Applicant provides assurance that financial assistance provided under the grant program will supplement, and not supplant, the amount of state and local funds allocated to the campus.
- 2) Applicant provides assurance that it will use its School Improvement Grant to implement fully and effectively an intervention in each Tier I and Tier II school that the LEA commits to serve consistent with the final federal requirements.
- 3) Applicant provides assurance that it will establish annual goals for student achievement on the State's assessments in both reading/language arts and mathematics and measure progress on the leading indicators in section III of the final federal requirements in order to monitor each Tier I and Tier II school that it serves with school improvement funds, and establish goals (approved by the TEA) to hold accountable its Tier III schools that receive school improvement funds.
- 4) Applicant provides assurance that it will, if it implements a restart model in a Tier I or Tier II school, include in its contract or agreement terms and provisions to hold the charter operator, charter management organization, or education management organization accountable for complying with the final federal requirements.
- 5) Applicant provides assurance that it will report to the TEA the school-level data required under section III of the final federal requirements.
- 6) Applicant provides assurance that it will participate in any evaluation of the grant conducted by the U.S. Department of Education, including its contractors, or the Texas Education Agency, including its contractors.

#### **TEA Program Assurances**

1. Before full implementation funds are made available, the grantee must demonstrate that all early implementation activities have been completed. Successful completion of the early implementation will be measured in the **Quarterly Implementation Reports**, the **Model Selection and Description Report**, and through participation in TEA technical assistance. Copies of the above named reports can be found on the TTIPS website at the following link: [http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=7354&menu\\_id=798](http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=7354&menu_id=798)
  - a. The Model Selection and Description Report must be submitted to TEA no later than **February 1, 2011**. This report may be submitted at any time prior to the deadline. Grantees must demonstrate successful completion of the following activities:
    - i. Comprehensive Needs Assessment process.
    - ii. Establish the grant budget by the required categories.
    - iii. Identification and Selection of the intervention model.
    - iv. Development of activities to implement selected intervention model.
    - v. Development of Timeline of Grant Activities.
- 2) The applicant provides assurance that the LEA will designate an individual or office with primary responsibilities for supporting the LEA/campus' school improvement efforts. This individual/office will have primary responsibility and authority for ensuring the effective implementation of the grant option approved by TEA; serve as the district liaison to TEA and those providing technical assistance and/or contracted service to the LEA/campus as part of the approved grant.
- 3) The applicant provides assurance that a team from the grantee LEA/campus will attend and participate in grant orientation meetings, technical assistance meetings, other periodic meetings of grantees, the Texas School Improvement Conference, and sharing of best practices.

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- 4) For LEAs selecting the TEA Designed Model, the applicant must participate in and make use of technical assistance and coaching support provided by TEA, SIRC, and/or its subcontractors.
- 5) The applicant will establish or provide evidence of a system of formative assessment aligned to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills which provides robust, targeted data to evaluate the effectiveness of the LEA's curriculum and its alignment with instruction occurring on the campus; assesses progress on student groups' academic achievement at the campus level; and guide instructional decisions by teachers for individual students.
- 6) The applicant will participate in a formative assessment of the LEA's capacity and commitment to carry out the grant intervention models.
- 7) The applicant will provide access for onsite visits to the LEA and campus by TEA, SIRC and its contractors.
- 8) The applicant, if selecting the Restart Model, agrees to contract only with CMO or EMO providers on the State's approved list of CMO and EMO providers.
- 9) The applicant, if selecting the Turnaround Model or Transformation Model (Tiers I and Tiers II only) agrees to the participation of the campus principal or principal candidates in a formative assessment of their turnaround leadership capacity.
- 10) If the LEA/Tier III campus selects to implement the **transformation model**, the campus assures that it will it implement the following federal requirements.
  1. Develop and increase teacher and school leader effectiveness.
    - A. Evaluate the effectiveness of the current principal and use the results of the evaluation to determine whether the principal should be replaced, be retained on the campus, or be provided leadership coaching or training.
    - B. Identify and reward school leaders, teachers, and other staff who, in implementing this model, have increased student achievement and high school graduation rates and identify and remove those who, after ample opportunities have been provided for them to improve their professional practice, have not done so;
    - C. Provide staff ongoing, high-quality, job-embedded professional development (e.g., regarding subject-specific pedagogy, instruction that reflects a deeper understanding of the community served by the school, or differentiated instruction) that is aligned with the school's comprehensive instructional program and designed with school staff to ensure they are equipped to facilitate effective teaching and learning and have the capacity to successfully implement school reform strategies; and
    - D. Implement such strategies as financial incentives, increased opportunities for promotion and career growth, and more flexible work conditions that are designed to recruit, place, and retain staff with the skills necessary to meet the needs of the students in a transformation school based on rigorous, transparent, and equitable evaluation systems for teachers and principals:
      1. Takes into account data on student growth as a factor as well as other factors such as multiple observation-based assessments of student performance and ongoing collections of professional practice reflective of student achievement and increased high school graduation rates; and
      2. Are designed and developed and with teacher and principal involvement
  2. Comprehensive instructional reform strategies.
    - A. Use data to identify and implement an instructional program that is research-based and vertically aligned from one grade to the next as well as aligned with State academic standards; and
    - B. Promote the continuous use of student data (such as from formative, interim, and summative assessments) to inform and differentiate instruction in order to meet the academic needs of individual students.
  3. Increasing learning time and creating community-oriented schools.
    - A. Establish schedules and strategies that provide increased learning time; and
    - B. Provide ongoing mechanisms for family and community engagement.
  4. Providing operational flexibility and sustained support.
    - A. Give the school sufficient operational flexibility (such as staffing, calendars/time, and budgeting) to implement fully a comprehensive approach to substantially improve student achievement outcomes and increase high school graduation rates; and
    - B. Ensure that the school receives ongoing, intensive technical assistance and related support from the LEA, the SEA, or a designated external lead partner organization (such as a school turnaround organization or an EMO).
- 11) An LEA **may** also implement other strategies to develop teachers' and school leaders' effectiveness, such as--
  - A. Provide additional compensation to attract and retain staff with the skills necessary to meet the needs of the students in a transformation school;
  - B. Institute a system for measuring changes in instructional practices resulting from professional development; or
  - C. Ensure that the school is not required to accept a teacher without the mutual consent of the teacher and principal, regardless of the teacher's seniority.

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- 12) An LEA **may** also implement comprehensive instructional reform strategies, such as--
- Conduct periodic reviews to ensure that the curriculum is being implemented with fidelity, is having the intended impact on student achievement, and is modified if ineffective;
  - Implement a school wide "response-to-intervention" model;
  - Provide additional supports and professional development to teachers and principals in order to implement effective strategies to support students with disabilities in the least restrictive environment and to ensure that limited English proficient students acquire language skills to master academic content;
  - Use and integrate technology-based supports and interventions as part of the instructional program; and
  - In secondary schools--
    - Increase rigor by offering opportunities for students to enroll in advanced coursework (such as advanced Placement; International Baccalaureate; or science, technology, engineering, and mathematics courses, especially those that incorporate rigorous and relevant project-, inquiry-, or design-based contextual learning opportunities), early-college high schools, dual enrollment programs, or thematic learning academies that prepare students for college and careers, including by providing appropriate supports designed to ensure that low-achieving students can take advantage of these programs and coursework;
    - Improve student transition from middle to high school through summer transition programs or freshman academies;
    - Increase graduation rates through, for example, credit-recovery programs, re-engagement strategies, smaller learning communities, competency-based instruction and performance-based assessments, and acceleration of basic reading and mathematics skills; or
    - Establish early-warning systems to identify students who may be at risk of failing to achieve to high standards or graduate.
- 13) An LEA **may** also implement other strategies that extend learning time and create community-oriented schools, such as--
- Partner with parents and parent organizations, faith- and community-based organizations, health clinics, other State or local agencies, and others to create safe school environments that meet students' social, emotional, and health needs;
  - Extend or restructure the school day so as to add time for such strategies as advisory periods that build relationships between students, faculty, and other school staff;
  - Implement approaches to improve school climate and discipline, such as implementing a system of positive behavioral supports or taking steps to eliminate bullying and student harassment; or
  - Expand the school program to offer full-day kindergarten or pre-kindergarten.
- 14) The LEA may also implement other strategies for providing operational flexibility and intensive support, such as--
- Allow the school to be run under a new governance arrangement, such as a turnaround division within the LEA or SEA; or
  - Implement a per-pupil school-based budget formula that is weighted based on student needs.
- 15) The LEA/campus assures TEA that data to meet the following federal requirements will be available and reported as requested.
- Number of minutes within the school year.
  - Average scale scores on State assessments in reading/language arts and in mathematics, by grade, for the "all students" group, for each achievement quartile, and for each subgroup.
  - Number and percentage of students completing advanced coursework (e.g., AP/IB), early-college high schools, or dual enrollment classes. (High Schools Only)
  - College enrollment rates. (High Schools Only)
  - Teacher Attendance Rate
  - Student Completion Rate
  - Student Drop-Out Rate
  - Locally developed competencies created to identify teacher strengths/weaknesses
  - Types of support offered to teachers
  - Types of on-going, job-embedded professional development for teachers
  - Types of on-going, job-embedded professional development for administrators
  - Strategies to increase parent/community involvement
  - Strategies which increase student learning time



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**By submitting the application for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds (P.L. 111-5), the applicant agrees to comply with the following provisions and assurances for all programs authorized in Division A of the ARRA, Title I School Improvement Grant (SIG). The applicant understands that failure to comply with one or more of these provisions and assurances may result in the Texas Education Agency (TEA) taking one or more enforcement actions authorized in Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §§ 74.62 and 80.43.**

In addition to the standard terms of award, all funding provided under the Recovery Act will be subject to the provisions, assurances and conditions for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA or Recovery Act).

**Terms defined:**

**RECIPIENT** – The term "recipient" means a State and includes the Texas Education Agency (TEA). It also includes any entity that applies for and receives a grant directly from the federal government.

**RECOVERY FUNDS** – The term "recovery funds" means any funds that are made available from appropriations made under the Recovery Act.

**RECOVERY ACT** – the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 (P.L. 111-5)

**STIMULUS FUNDS** – The term "stimulus funds" means any funds that are made available from appropriations under the Recovery Act; the term may be used interchangeably with "recovery funds."

**GRANTEE** – the subrecipient of TEA and applicant of funds.

**A. One-Time Funding:** Unless otherwise specified, ARRA funding is considered one-time funding that is expected to be temporary. Grantees should expend funds in ways that do not result in unsustainable continuing commitments after the funding expires. Grantees must move rapidly, while using prudent grant management practices, to develop plans for using funds, consistent with the ARRA's reporting and accountability requirements, and promptly begin spending funds to help drive the nation's economic recovery. All ARRA funds must be separately accounted for and tracked in their obligation, expenditure, and reporting.

**B. Period of Availability and Encumbrances/Obligations:** Unless otherwise specified in the Notice of Grant Award (NOGA), all funds are effective from the beginning date specified on the Notice of Grant Award (NOGA) through June 30, 2013. Carryover of funds will not be available beyond that date. Unobligated/unexpended funds will be returned to the Department of Treasury. The paragraph in the General Provisions pertaining to Encumbrances and Obligations applies as follows:

All encumbrances shall occur on or between the beginning and ending dates of the contract. All goods must be received and services rendered and subsequently liquidated (recorded as an expenditure or accounts payable) within the contract dates. In no manner shall encumbrances be considered or reflected as accounts payable or as expenditures. Obligations that are liquidated and recognized as expenditures must meet the allowable cost principles in OMB Circular A-87, A-21, or A-122 (as applicable) and program rules, regulations, and guidelines contained elsewhere. When an obligation is made is defined in 34 CFR 76.707.

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**C. Compliance with Other Provisions and Assurances:** All provisions and assurances stated in the General Provisions, Certification Regarding Debarment and Suspension, Lobbying Certification and Disclosure of Lobbying, No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) Special Provisions and Assurances, and all other program-specific provisions and assurances apply unless they conflict or are superseded by the following terms and conditions implementing the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) requirements below. This includes compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; and all other nondiscrimination provisions. It also includes Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (prohibiting race, color, national origin, religion, and sex discrimination in employment; the Americans with Disabilities Act (prohibiting disability discrimination in employment and in services provided by entities receiving federal funds); as well as any other applicable civil rights laws. **By submitting this application, the applicant agrees to comply with all such provisions and assurances.**

**D. Compliance with Other Program Statutes:** The applicant agrees to comply with the authorizing program statutes, regulations, non-regulatory guidelines, and other guidance in the implementation of the programs receiving funding under ARRA. This includes compliance with comparability; supplement, not supplant; maintenance of effort (MOE); equitable participation for private nonprofit school students and teachers; and all other program-specific provisions and requirements. All such are hereby incorporated by reference.

**E. DUNS Number:** All entities receiving any federal funds, including ARRA funds, are required to have a DUNS (Dunn & Bradstreet) number. The DUNS number serves as the grantee organization's unique identifier for reporting federal funds received and expended. TEA must use this same DUNS number to report grant awards and expenditures for subrecipients under ARRA to the website specifically provided for in ARRA – <http://www.FederalReporting.gov/>. The assignment of a DUNS number is a condition of award of ARRA funds and must be validated by TEA prior to issuing a NOGA for ARRA funds. (Section 1512[c][4] of ARRA and the federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to comply with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act [FFATA], P.L. 109-282. OMB adopted the DUNS number as the "unique identifier" required for reporting under FFATA).

**F. Central Contractor Registration (CCR):** All grantees receiving ARRA funds, as well as any other federal funds, are required to register and maintain current registration with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database at <http://www.ccr.gov>. Registration in CCR is a condition of award of ARRA funds and must be validated by TEA prior to issuing a NOGA for ARRA funds.

**G. ARRA Reporting Requirements:** The federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has issued guidance related to reporting the use of ARRA funds to the various websites. The definition of terms and data elements, as well as any specific instructions for reporting, including required formats, are provided in separate guidance issued by the TEA.

The Texas Education Agency as a direct recipient of funds is required to report certain information at certain intervals throughout the grant period as required in Section 1512 of ARRA. In order to meet the reporting requirements, grantees will be required to provide certain information to TEA. By submitting this application, the grantee agrees to provide information in the form, time, and manner requested so that TEA can meet its reporting requirements and deadlines.

- 1. Separate Tracking and Monitoring of ARRA Funds:** ARRA funds must be separately tracked and monitored independently of any non-Recovery Act funding. Grantees must submit certain information to TEA in order for TEA to comply with quarterly reporting requirements established in Section 1512 of the Recovery Act. Recovery Act-related reporting requirements are incorporated as a special condition of this award.

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3. **Quarterly Reporting for ARRA:** Not later than 10 calendar days after the end of each calendar quarter, TEA and any other **direct** recipient of ARRA funds must report to the U.S. Department of Education with regard to recovery funds received in accordance with number 4 below (Section 1512[c]). (A "direct recipient" is a state agency or any entity that applies for and receives funds **directly** from a federal government agency.) TEA must obtain certain information from grantees in order to comply with this reporting requirement. By submitting this application, the grantee agrees to submit information to TEA in the time, form, and manner requested.

4. **Data Elements for Quarterly Reporting for ARRA:** In accordance with Section 1512(c) of ARRA and the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-282), TEA is required to provide quarterly reports to the U.S. Department of Education or through a central government-wide portal (<http://www.FederalReporting.gov>). The information adopted by OMB contains the following data elements: submitting this application, the grantee agrees to submit the information to TEA in the time, form, and manner requested. The information may change pending final adoption by OMB.

**For each grant that equals or exceeds \$25,000 in total grant award amount:**

- The grantee organization's DUNS number (TEA will need to collect this information from grantees)
- The grant award number (i.e., NOGA ID number) assigned by TEA (TEA will have this information on file)
- The legal name of the grantee organization (as registered in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR), if registered) (TEA will have this information on file provided it is the same legal name on file with TEA)
- The physical location (street address) (as listed in the CCR, if registered) (TEA will have this information on file provided it is the same street address on file with TEA)
- The (federal) Congressional district number
- The grantee organization type (i.e., independent school district, nonprofit organization, etc) (TEA will have this information on file)
- The total amount of the grant award (TEA will have this information on file)
- The total amount paid to the grantee as of date of report (TEA will have this information on file)
- The physical location (street address) of the primary place of performance of the grant (TEA will have this information on file provided it is the same address on file with TEA.)
- An evaluation (i.e., status report) of the completion status of the project or activity (for example, Not Started; Less than 50% Completed; Completed 50% or More; Fully Completed) (It is not clear at this time whether this information will need to be collected from the grantees. TEA will notify the grantee in the event status information needs to be collected.)
- An estimate of the number of jobs created and the number of jobs retained by the project or activity and a brief description of the types of those jobs (i.e., job titles) (TEA will need to collect this information from grantees.)
- The names and total compensation of the five most highly compensated officers of the grantee organization if the organization in its preceding year received 80% or more of its annual gross revenues in Federal awards and \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal awards and the public does not have access to information about the compensation of senior executives. (It is not known at this time whether this data element will be required once the data elements are finalized by OMB. If it is required in the final data elements, TEA will need to collect this information from the grantees.)

**For grants that equal less than \$25,000 in total grant award amount** or for grantees that in the previous tax year had gross income under \$300,000, amounts will be reported in the aggregate according to the following:

- The total number of grants awarded less than \$25,000 (TEA will have this information file)
- The total award (aggregate) amount for all grants less than \$25,000 (TEA will have this information on file)
- The total (aggregate) amount paid to grantees for all grants less than \$25,000 as of date of report (TEA will have this information on file)

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5. **Posting the Information on Public Website:** Not later than 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter, each federal agency, including the U.S. Department of Education, shall make the information in those reports publicly available by posting the information on the designated public website (Section 1512[d]). Grantees will not be required to post information on the public website unless they apply for and receive other ARRA grants directly from a federal government agency.

Once OMB adopts the final data reporting elements and TEA receives specific instructions for reporting, TEA will provide subsequent guidance to grantees related to required reporting information.

**H. Electronic Drawdown of ARRA Funds from TEA and Use of FAR Fund Codes:** Recipients will draw down ARRA funds on an award-specific basis. **Pooling of ARRA award funds with other funds for drawdown or other purposes is not permitted.** Recipients must account for each ARRA award separately by referencing the assigned FAR (Financial Accounting and Resource) fund code for each award.

**I. Availability of Records:** The applicant agrees to make all financial and programmatic records available in detail for inspection by TEA auditors, local independent auditors, and the offices described below.

1. **Examination of Records:** The Comptroller General of the United States and any of its employees, contractors, agents, representatives, or designees, may examine any records related to obligations and use by any state or local government of funds made available under ARRA. (Section 901[b]).
2. **Access of Government Accountability Office (GAO):** Each contract and each subcontract awarded using funds made available under ARRA shall provide that the Comptroller General of the United States and his representatives are authorized to examine any records of the contractor or any of its subcontractors, or any State or local agency administering such contract, that directly pertain to, and involve transactions relating to, the contract or subcontract and to interview any officer or employee of the contractor or any of its subcontractors, or of any State or local government agency administering the contract, regarding such transactions (Section 902).
3. **Reviews by Inspector General:** The inspector general of the U.S. Department of Education shall review, as appropriate, any concerns raised by the public about specific investments using funds made available in this Act. Any findings of such reviews shall be relayed immediately to the Secretary of Education. In addition, the findings of such reviews, along with any audits conducted by any inspector general of ARRA funds, shall be posted on the inspector general's website and linked to the [recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov) website, except that portions of reports may be redacted to the extent the portions would disclose information that is protected from public disclosure under sections 552 and 552a of Title 5, United States Code (Section 1514).
4. **Access of Offices of Inspector General to Certain Records and Employees:** With respect to each contract or grant awarded using ARRA funds, any representative of an Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Education or other appropriate federal agency is authorized to examine any records of the contractor or grantee, any of its subcontractors or subgrantees, or any State or local agency administering such contract, that pertain to, and involve transactions relating to, the contract, subcontract, grant, or subgrant, and to interview any officer or employee of the contractor, grantee, subgrantee, or agency regarding such transactions (Section 1515).
5. **Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board:** Section 1521 of the ARRA establishes the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board to coordinate and conduct oversight of ARRA funds to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse. The Board shall submit "flash reports" on potential management and funding problems that require immediate attention; quarterly reports; and annual reports to the President and Congress, including the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and House of Representatives, summarizing the findings on the use of ARRA funds. The Board may conduct its own independent audits and reviews of ARRA funds. All reports shall be made publicly available on the [www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov) website established by the Board. See paragraphs J and K below with regard to reports of suspected fraud or abuse (Sections 1523 and 1524).

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6. **Recovery Independent Advisory Panel:** Section 1541 of the ARRA establishes the Recovery Independent Advisory Panel to make recommendations to the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board on action the Board could take to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse relating to ARRA funds.

**J. Disclosure of Fraud or Misconduct:** Each grantee awarded funds made available under the ARRA shall promptly refer to the USDE Office of Inspector General any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, contractor, subrecipient, subcontractor, or other person has submitted a false claim under the False Claims Act or has committed a criminal or civil violation of laws pertaining to fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct involving those funds.

**K. Protection for Whistleblowers:** Section 1553 of the ARRA provides protection for State and local government and contractor whistleblowers. Any employee of any employer receiving ARRA funds may not be discharged, demoted, or otherwise discriminated against as a reprisal for disclosing, including a disclosure made in the ordinary course of an employee's duties, to the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board, an inspector general, the U. S. Comptroller General, a member of Congress, a State or federal regulatory or law enforcement agency, a person with supervisory authority over the employee (or such other person working for the employer who has the authority to investigate, discover, or terminate misconduct), a court or grand jury, the head of a federal agency, or their representatives, information that the employee reasonably believes is evidence of (1) gross mismanagement of an agency contract or grant relating to ARRA funds; (2) a gross waste of ARRA funds; (3) a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety related to the implementation or use of ARRA funds; (4) an abuse of authority related to the implementation or use of ARRA funds; or (5) a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to an agency contract (including the competition for or negotiation of a contract), or grant, awarded or issued relating to ARRA funds. A person who believes that he or she has been subjected to a reprisal may submit a complaint regarding the reprisal to the inspector general for the appropriate federal agency (in most cases, the U.S. Department of Education).

**L. Use of Funds:** The grantee agrees to comply with the applicable federal cost principles in the obligation and expenditure of ARRA funds as identified in the General Provisions and Assurances as well as other limitations or restrictions and expenditures identified therein. The grantee also agrees to the following:

1. **Consolidation of ARRA Administrative Funds:** Due to the significant reporting requirements under ARRA, **it is not known at this time whether grantees may consolidate ARRA administrative funds with other NCLB consolidated administrative funds.** TEA will issue further guidance with regard to this provision once guidance is provided by the U.S. Department of Education. If ARRA funds are permitted to be consolidated with other NCLB consolidated administrative funds, grantees must still be able to report the types and number of jobs that were created or saved with ARRA funds.
2. **Combining ARRA funds on a Schoolwide Program.** ARRA funds are permitted to be used on a Title I Part A schoolwide Campus/Program, funds may be combined with other funding sources, but grantees still must be able to identify precisely the items of obligation and expenditure for ARRA reporting. You must also be able to report the types and number of jobs that were created or saved with ARRA funds.
3. **Special Contracting Provisions:** To the maximum extent possible, contracts funded under the ARRA shall be awarded as fixed-price contracts through the use of competitive procedures. A summary of any new contract awarded with ARRA funds that is not fixed-price and not awarded using competitive procedures shall be posted in a special section of the [www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov) website established by the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board (Section 1554).

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4. **Use of Funds for Certain Expenditures Prohibited:** ARRA funds shall not be used for any casino or other gambling establishment, aquarium, zoo, golf course, or swimming pool (Section 1604).
5. **Use of Funds for Construction Prohibited:** Unless specifically authorized in the applicable program statute, regulations, guidelines, Request for Application (RFA), TEA Standard Application System (SAS), the approved grant application, or other written authorization, none of the ARRA additional formula funds shall be used for construction, remodeling, or renovation.
6. **Buy American - Use of American Iron, Steel, and Manufactured Goods:** If construction is allowed and approved pursuant to the previous paragraph pertaining to "Use of Funds for Construction Prohibited", none of the funds may be used for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public building or public work unless all of the iron, steel, and manufactured goods used in the project are produced in the United States unless waived by the Secretary of Education (Section 1605).
7. **Wage Rate Requirements for Contracted Laborers and Mechanics- Compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act:** Subject to further clarification issued by the Office of Management and Budget, and notwithstanding any other provision of law and in a manner consistent with other provisions of ARRA, all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors on projects funded directly by or assisted in whole or in part by and through the Federal Government pursuant to this award shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on projects of a character similar in the locality as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code. With respect to the labor standards specified in this section, the Secretary of Labor shall have the authority and functions set forth in Reorganization Plan Numbered 14 of 1950 (64 Stat. 1267; 5 U.S.C. App.) and section 3145 of title 40, United States Code (Section 1606).

**M. Compliance with OMB Circular A-133 Audits and Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards:**

Grantees agree to separately identify the expenditures for each grant award funded under ARRA as required by Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations" and to comply with all other provisions of the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133.

The signing of Schedule #1 - General Information by applicant indicates acceptance of and compliance with all requirements described on this schedule