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		<b>La Pryor High School</b> Campus Name	<b>001</b> Campus Number
		9-Digit Vendor ID#	<b>20</b> ESC Region
		NOGA ID# (Assigned by TEA)	<b>0</b> 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	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
5C	Professional and Contracted Services 6200	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
5D	Supplies and Materials 6300	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
5E	Other Operating Costs 6400	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
5G	Capital Outlay 6600/15XX (Exclusive of 6619 and 6629)	X	<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
Joe	M	Ximenez	Superintendent, La Pryor ISD
Phone	Fax	Email	Signature/Date Signed (blue ink preferred)
(830) 365-4000	(830) 365-4006	joe.ximenez@lapryorisd	

**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:**

Texas Education Agency  
 William B. Travis Bldg.  
 Document Control Center, Room 6-108  
 1701 North Congress Avenue  
 Austin, Texas 78701-1494

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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.		
<b>1 NA</b>	<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.)	
<b>2 X</b>	<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.	
<b>3 X</b>	<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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<b>Part 3: Applicant Information</b>					
<b>Local Educational Agency (LEA) Information</b>					
LEA Name					
<b>La Pryor Independent School District</b>					
Mailing Address Line – 1		Mailing Address Line – 2		City	State
<b>P O Box 519</b>				<b>La Pryor</b>	<b>TX</b>
					<b>78872-0519</b>
U.S. Congressional District Number		Primary DUNS Number	Central Contractor Registration (CCR) CAGE Code		NCES Identification Number
Campus Name				County-District Campus Number	
<b>La Pryor High School</b>				<b>254-902-001</b>	
Mailing Address Line – 1		Mailing Address Line – 2		City	State
<b>P O Box 519</b>				<b>La Pryor</b>	<b>TX</b>
					<b>78872-0519</b>
<b>Applicant Contacts</b>					
<b>Primary Contact</b>					
First Name		Initial	Last Name		Title
<b>Joe</b>		<b>M</b>	<b>Ximenez</b>		<b>Superintendent</b>
Telephone		Fax		Email	
<b>(830) 365-4000</b>		<b>(830) 365-4006</b>		<b>joe.ximenez@lapryorisd</b>	
Mailing Address Line – 1		Mailing Address Line – 2		City	State
<b>P O Box 519</b>				<b>La Pryor</b>	<b>TX</b>
					<b>78872-0519</b>
<b>Secondary Contact</b>					
First Name		Initial	Last Name		Title
<b>Olivia</b>			<b>Talavera</b>		<b>Principal</b>
Telephone		Fax		E-mail	
<b>(830) 365-4007</b>		<b>(830) 365-4026</b>		<b>olivia.talavera@lapryorisd</b>	
Mailing Address Line – 1		Mailing Address Line – 2		City	State
<b>P O Box 519</b>				<b>La Pryor</b>	<b>TX</b>
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**Texas Title I Priority Schools Grant**  
**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.

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <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> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 150px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>		

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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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<b>Part 2: Statutory Requirements</b>			
#	Requirement Description – Federal Statutory Requirements	Primary Component Where Described	
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>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;</li> <li>b. 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>1. Screen all existing staff and rehire no more than 50 percent; and</li> <li>2. Select new staff.</li> </ol> </li> <li>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;</li> <li>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;</li> <li>e. 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>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;</li> <li>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;</li> <li>h. Establish schedules and implement strategies that provide increased learning time (as defined in this notice); and</li> <li>i. Provide appropriate social-emotional and community-oriented services and supports for students.</li> </ol>	Program Assurances



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18	<p>If the LEA/campus selects to implement the <b>turnaround model</b>, the campus <b>may</b> implement the following federal requirements.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any of the required and permissible activities under the transformation model; or</li> <li>A new school model (e.g., themed, dual language academy).</li> </ol>	Program Assurances
19	<p>If the LEA/campus selects to implement the school <b>closure model</b>, the campus <b>must</b> implement the following requirement.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>A grant for school closure is a one-year grant without the possibility of continued funding.</li> </ol>	Program Assurances
20	<p>If the LEA/campus selects to implement the <b>restart model</b>, the campus <b>must</b> implement the following federal requirements.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>Enroll, within the grades it serves, any former student who wishes to attend the school.</li> </ol>	Program Assurances
21	<p>If the LEA/campus selects to implement the <b>transformation model</b>, the campus <b>must</b> implement the following federal requirements.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop and increase teacher and school leader effectiveness.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replace the principal who led the school prior to commencement of the transformation model;</li> <li>Use rigorous, transparent, and equitable evaluation systems for teachers and principals that--                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> <li>Are designed and developed with teacher and principal involvement;</li> </ol> </li> <li>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;</li> <li>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</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	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	An LEA <b>may</b> 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.	Program Assurances	
24	An LEA <b>may</b> 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.	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 <b>transformation model</b> , the campus assures That it will it implement the following federal requirements. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop and increase teacher and school leader effectiveness.             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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;</li> <li>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</li> <li>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:                 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> <li>2. Are designed and developed and with teacher and principal involvement</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>		



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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		
<b>By submitting the application and signing Schedule #1, the applicant is certifying it will comply with the above assurances.</b>			



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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 type="checkbox"/> Option 1: LEA/campus currently engaged in aggressive reform <input checked="" 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).		
La Pryor ISD has a Tier III campus, La Pryor High School School. The district will implement the <b>Tier III Transformation Model</b> for this school improvement grant. The District's Texas Title I Priority Schools Grant (TTIPS Grant) will: 1) substantially improve student achievement on our targeted campus (2) implement a comprehensive school transformation program that is based on reliable research and effective practices (3) include an emphasis on parental and community involvement and 4) focus on the foundation curricula, aligned with the TEKS.		
<b><u>Tier III Transformation Model</u></b> The Tier III Transformation Model is based on three principles: improving student achievement and increasing college and career readiness by building the capacity of campus leaders and teachers; improving campus climate through social and emotional supports; and utilizing district support to transform systems. Key elements of the Transformation model include extensive training on using data and evaluation systems effectively, job-embedded professional development models, comprehensive needs assessment and campus processes, Positive Behavior Support, utilization of community partners, and maximizing extended learning time. Technical assistance will include a professional service provider/case manager, online professional development, ESC partners, and other resources and best practices.		
<b><u>Local Program Goals and Objectives</u></b> <u>Objective 1:</u> Improve student academic achievement tied to the state's content standards TEKS - <u>Performance measure:</u> Increase number of students who exceeds the state averages on the TAKS "All Tests" in 2011-2013 by 5%. <u>Strategy:</u> Implement innovative strategies and proven methods for improving student learning. The goal of the district's TTIPS program is to institute practices in our school that enable ALL students to learn at the highest levels. Research on educational strategies and methods can help schools identify the best practices to accomplish this aim. <u>Objective 2:</u> Provide our school principal, administrators, and teachers with additional services, programs and activities supporting professional development strategies - <u>Performance measure:</u> 100% of campus staff will complete professional development activities in 2011-2013. <u>Strategy:</u> Implement innovative strategies and proven methods for improving teaching. Professional development: the district knows that paying attention to learning for teachers and administrators is key to success. Educating teachers is one of the most important ways to improve the quality of teaching and learning. <u>Objective 3:</u> Increase parental and community involvement on the campus through innovative strategies - <u>Performance measure:</u> Parent involvement will increase by 20% in 2011-2013. <u>Strategy:</u> Form student support alliances with parents and the community. Parents are a key part of students' support systems, and their involvement with their children's schooling helps children perform better in school. Teachers ranked strengthening parents' roles in their children's learning as the objective that should receive the highest priority in public education policy over the next few years.		
<b><u>Specific gaps, Barriers, and Weaknesses</u></b> The following are areas that the district has determined as areas in need of reform: Aligned and Rigorous Curriculum; Effective instruction; Formative assessment and Student assessment data; Positive School Climate; Effective School Leadership; and Parent and Community Engagement		



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<b>Part 1: Comprehensive Needs Assessment</b>															
<b>Section A: Campus Grade Levels</b>															
Type of School	Number of Students Enrolled in Grade Levels on the Campus to be Served with Grant														
	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Public School									29	46	57	50	39	34	255
Open-Enrollment Charter School															0
<b>Total Students:</b>									29	46	57	50	39	34	255
<b>Total Instructional Staff</b>														<b>27</b>	
<b>Total Support Staff</b>														<b>2</b>	
<b>Section B: Data Sources Reviewed or to be Reviewed in the Comprehensive Needs Assessment Process</b>															
<b>1</b>	<b>TAKS Scores</b>														
<b>2</b>	<b>PEIMS Data</b>														
<b>3</b>	<b>Attendance Records</b>														
<b>4</b>	<b>Discipline Records</b>														
<b>5</b>	<b>Local Benchmarks</b>														
<b>6</b>	<b>Curriculum</b>														
<b>7</b>	<b>Hiring Procedures</b>														
<b>8</b>	<b>Professional development documentation</b>														
<b>9</b>	<b>Principal and Teacher evaluations</b>														
<b>10</b>	<b>Parent information and surveys</b>														



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<b>Part 1: Comprehensive Needs Assessment Cont.</b>		
<b>Section C: Process</b> Responses are limited to the space provided, front side only, with a font size no smaller than 9 point (Arial or Verdana).		
<b>Describe, in detail, the process the LEA and campus followed/will follow to identify the needs of the campus.</b>		
<p>The district's comprehensive needs assessment has three primary steps. First is developing a clear and common <u>vision and mission</u> for the school program that takes into account the unique needs of the students and the community. Second is <u>gathering and analyzing relevant data</u>. Third is <u>interpreting the data</u> by the entire school community—administrators, teachers, staff, families, and community members - in order to develop school improvement goals that are based on data and supported by all stakeholders.</p>		
<b><u>Developing a Vision and Mission Statement</u></b> A <i>vision statement</i> is a succinct, clear statement of the shared values of the school community. The entire school community—including family and community members—should come together and ask questions such as: What is important to us? Where do we want to be in five years?  The school's <i>mission statement</i> is derived from the vision and typically provides a longer, more elaborate description of the vision. The vision and mission statements should serve as a framework for identifying improvement priorities and for crafting goals and objectives. Both of these statements will be developed during our planning phase.		
<b><u>Gathering and Analyzing Data</u></b> Once the mission and vision are established, the school leadership team can begin the process of collecting data, which can be organized into three general, but essential, categories: <u>Student Demographic and Achievement Data</u> : Achievement data include regular formative assessments (such as benchmark tests or midterm examinations). These can be school or district-based. Achievement data also include annual standardized test scores. Achievement data that are disaggregated by ethnic, linguistic, socioeconomic, or disability subgroups take into account student demographics. <u>Program Data</u> : These include data on all aspects of the school program - instruction, intervention programs, parent involvement, professional development, and school climate. <u>Perception Data</u> : Perception data are typically collected through surveys that measure perceptions of the school program. The most common approach to gathering perception data in schools is a parent satisfaction survey, but some schools also gather data from teachers and students.  By working together, school and district leaders will identify existing data sources that can be used. Once the data are collected, they can be represented graphically (e.g., charts, graphs, tables) and the information can be compiled into concise and meaningful reports.  Research can help guide the data-gathering process. Research on effective schools will be organized around six quality indicators— <i>Aligned and Rigorous Curriculum, Effective Instruction, Use of Formative Assessment and Student Assessment Data, Positive School Climate Focused on Achievement, Effective School Leadership, and Parental and Community Engagement</i> (Center for Comprehensive School Reform and Improvement, (2008). (See Page 16 above, Gaps, Barriers and Weaknesses.)		
<b><u>Interpreting the Data</u></b> The final step in the district's needs assessment is to convene the administration, faculty, staff, and community members to review the data and begin the process of identifying the strengths and priorities that will be included in the final school reform plan. It is important to let the data "speak" for themselves. Present the data and allow the stakeholders to analyze them and draw their own conclusions and interpretations.		





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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>	<b>District Administration</b>		
<b>2</b>	<b>Campus Administration</b>		
<b>3</b>	<b>Teachers</b>		
<b>4</b>	<b>Students</b>		
<b>5</b>	<b>SIRC – Region XIII</b>		
<b>6</b>	<b>Parents</b>		
<b>7</b>	<b>Community Stakeholders</b>		
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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.		
<p>La Pryor ISD has the capacity to use grant funds to provide adequate resources and related services and support to the campus to implement, fully and effectively, the required activities of the school intervention model. Factors associated with district capacity are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our district has staff qualified for a restructuring team;</li> <li>Our district is willing to take extreme action in failing schools;</li> <li>Our district is willing to bring in outsiders if needed for student learning;</li> <li>Our district is willing to require administrative staff to make changes to support restructured schools;</li> <li>Our district is willing to give capable leaders unprecedented freedom to change, even if this creates inconsistency and inconvenience.</li> </ul> <p>Leadership is crucial for effective, lasting school improvement. Although research has established that strong, competent principals are vital for high-performing schools (Hallinger, 2003; Leithwood, 1994), attention is turning increasingly to the importance of effective district leadership and their contributions to school improvement. Effective district leadership have assumed the following roles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Providing support for quality leadership;</li> <li>Developing and maintaining positive relationships;</li> <li>Providing policymaking and budgetary decisions that support district improvement;</li> <li>Engaging in ongoing evaluation of the administration as well as self-evaluation;</li> <li>Engaging in training and professional development.</li> </ul> <p>Effective district leadership can enhance the success of a school district. The research highlights some important factors that districts should consider when making decisions about school improvement efforts. Effective district leadership provide support for quality leadership, establish positive relationships with community and school stakeholders, set policies and budgets that support district improvement, engage in ongoing evaluation, and participate in professional development. In addition, district leadership must understand their role in hiring talented principals and teachers and then supporting their efforts to make improvements, generally through policymaking and budgetary decision making. District leadership must also be able to determine the needs of the community they serve and communicate the initiatives they have undertaken. This task requires collaboration with their principals and other staff in order to stay abreast of the issues and engagement with community members. District leadership is more likely to succeed if their actions are transparent and if they seek input and information from district and campus staff and from the community at large.</p> <p>La Pryor ISD is committed to assist our school to fully implement the proposed school improvement activities and is dedicated to doing "whatever it takes" to make students successful. District staff, in collaboration with TEA support and contract services, will partner closely with our school to provide oversight and technical assistance to our Tier III school.</p> <p>Upon grant approval, the school improvement activities selected will be immediately implemented. Based on the data, La Pryor ISD realizes the need we have to capitalize on this unique grant opportunity. Although progress is being made, additional support from grant funding will accelerate student achievement in our Tier III identified school. Our district embraces the resources of both the state and contracted services to propel our students forward. We are eager to begin the change process.</p>		



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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.		
<b>District Leadership</b>		
<p>District Leadership reviewed the TTIPS Grant opportunity and approved the writing of the grant. The principal of our Tier III school with their leadership teams were provided detailed information regarding the grant opportunity and presented this information to their faculties. The leadership teams met to determine the needs of the school and subsequently were provided with an overview and orientation to the grant application process. Based on this extensive review of data and current improvement initiatives, the district, school staff and community are committed to fully implementing school improvement activities with fidelity.</p>		
<p>Upon grant approval, the district will ensure that parents and community stakeholders will be provided with full and transparent information concerning implementation of selected school improvement activities. The district will develop a process by which parents and community stakeholders can give feedback. As members of school leadership teams, parent and community representatives will participate in regularly scheduled district reviews, and all parents and community stakeholders will be apprised of any revisions as needed.</p>		
<p>The following organizations and stakeholders have been identified as integral partners in implementing the selected model:</p>		
<b>TEA Partners</b>		
<p>SIRC will provide support in utilizing the Concerns-Based Adoption Model (C-BAM) to measure change. Support will be provided with training and implementation of state initiatives when appropriate. SIRC will support the district through training for the district and local school instructional coaches.</p>		
<b>Community Agencies</b>		
<p>District social workers will be an integral part of identifying student and family social-emotional needs and matching the appropriate support agencies to meet those needs. As the needs of students and families are identified, partner agencies will be added.</p>		
<b>Colleges and Universities</b>		
<p>Local colleges and universities will partner with the district in the identification and recruitment of highly-qualified candidates with the potential to produce high levels of student achievement. Our Region Service Center collaborates with the La Pryor ISD to provide high quality professional development. The SIRC, located at Region XIII will align school assistance programs with goals and objectives identified for improvement in applicable Tier III schools.</p>		
<b>Parents and Community Stakeholders</b>		
<p>The district recognizes the importance of parents and community leaders in the success of students. An essential component of the success of the school improvement initiative will be involving parents in fully understanding and actively participating in the implementation of the selected model.</p>		
<b>Students</b>		
<p>The district recognizes the importance of students and measuring the success of school improvement initiatives by student achievement measures. Students will be afforded opportunities to provide input into program implementation through annual surveys and participation on school leadership teams.</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>La Pryor ISD personnel will monitor the implementation of the proposed project on an ongoing basis to ensure successful completion of activities according to the timeline of anticipated dates of completion. This process will consist of the following mechanisms:</p> <p><u>Project Management</u> - Monitors the routines of program operation. Tracks participant characteristics, programming, allocation of staff, costs, etc. Assists in making short-term corrections and planning for the future.</p> <p><u>Staying on Track</u> - Ensures that the Project stays focused on Goals, Objectives, and Outcomes. Collects in-depth quantitative data to increase understanding of Project service delivery success and problems.</p> <p><u>Efficiency</u> - Streamlines service delivery, enhances coordination among Project sites and services, and lowers the cost of services.</p> <p><u>Accountability</u> - Produces evidence of program effects for internal and external audiences. Provides evidence of cost-effectiveness of the Project.</p> <p><u>Sustainability</u> - Provides evidence to partners (i.e., school officials, school board members, government agencies, etc.) that the program is effective and merits continued expenditures of resources.</p> <p><u>Texas Transformation Project Activities</u></p> <p><u>LEA</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allow new governance arrangement and operational flexibility</li> <li>• Conduct district needs assessment via District Snapshot process</li> <li>• Facilitate the replacement and recruitment of qualified staff at the campus</li> <li>• Support initiatives to increase community and parental involvement</li> <li>• Ensure the placement of social service resources at the campus</li> <li>• Attend required trainings</li> </ul> <p><u>Principal</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilize rigorous and equitable evaluation systems to enhance instructional improvement</li> <li>• Provide high quality job-embedded professional development</li> <li>• Lead the implementation of Positive Behavior Support (PBS)</li> <li>• Support and utilize teacher leaders to improve instruction</li> <li>• Implement programs to increase community and parental involvement</li> <li>• Participate in required trainings and online professional learning</li> <li>• Create and submit 90-day action plans</li> </ul> <p><u>Teacher Leaders</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide instructional leadership and support to staff via walk-throughs and observations</li> <li>• Facilitate job-embedded professional development</li> <li>• Collaborate with administration in the development of long-range professional development plans</li> <li>• Work in a dual role of teacher and instructional leader</li> <li>• Participate in required trainings and online professional learning</li> <li>• Conduct action research</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>La Pryor ISD administrative staff compiled a comprehensive list of resources available to schools identified for TTIPS grant opportunities. The district has studied the effectiveness of resources and identified areas of need based on the success of district and school initiatives.</p> <p>The district utilizes State Foundation Funds to employ staff for our schools, including teachers, administrators, counselors and librarians. Schools, based on need, may utilize Title I and ARRA funds to employ additional highly qualified personnel. With TTIPS grant funding, schools may elect to employ additional highly qualified personnel to supplement state and federal funds.</p> <p>Current district practices address the move towards 21st century classrooms. The district provides IT support to all schools. The district employs a Instructional Technology Coordinator to support professional development in the district. Our Tier III campus is equipped with computer labs. Additionally, schools may use local and/or Title I funds to purchase both hardware and software based on student need.</p> <p>With TTIPS grant funds, schools may elect to purchase hardware and instructional equipment to create 21st Century classrooms which may include but is not limited to interactive white boards, computers on wheels with laptops, student response systems, carts including Elmo's, data projectors and laptops.</p> <p>The district's Response to Instruction (RtI) provides schools with clear guidelines in terms of screening at-risk students and developing Tier III interventions for the most at-risk students. Schools have been provided with training and resource materials to effectively implement the RtI process. Additionally, the district provides staff in each of our schools to the ability to intervene with students receiving special education services. Schools may supplement the curriculum for at-risk students with additional intervention programs purchased with local and/or Title I funds.</p> <p>With TTIPS grant funds, schools may choose to implement additional scientifically-research based interventions. This will include any additional materials and supplies necessary to implement the programs.</p> <p>The district currently implements Response to Instruction (RtI); all staff have been trained and are in the first year of implementation. Administrative staff provides professional development and technical assistance to schools in implementing RtI. Pacing guides and curriculum documents have been developed and are updated regularly. All curriculum materials are available to staff through district administration. District administrative staff currently manages all district data, including disaggregated data and longitudinal data, and provide the data graphically to all schools as well as district leadership. Special education teachers receive on-going training regarding Individual Education Programs (IEP's), assessments, and transition and behavior intervention strategies provided by the district.</p> <p>Tier III schools reserve funds for professional development in their Title I budgets. Additionally, schools may receive Title II funds to supplement Title I allocations. With TTIPS funds, schools may further supplement to provide additional professional development based on their needs assessment.</p> <p>Opportunities for increased learning time will be provided through a daily schedule which guarantees extended instructional blocks for core academic classes, intervention classes for students at-risk in reading and/or math, and an extended day program in which identified students are provided with targeted intervention based on formative assessments. TTIPS grant funding will allow for increased opportunities for students to participate in before- and after-school programs.</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><b><u>LEA Roles and Responsibilities</u></b></p> <p>The role of the LEA in supporting the transformation process at the campus level is a crucial element for success. To that end, the design of the transformation process includes an expectation of, and opportunity for, central office participation throughout the entire endeavor.</p> <p>The district will appoint a District Shepherd to manage our grant program.</p> <p><b><u>Transformation District Shepherd</u></b></p> <p>The district will designate a staff member to serve as support to our campus undertaking the transformation process. The responsibilities of this person will include: oversight of the transformation process, ensuring responsiveness of LEA offices to the transformation efforts, providing a direct line of communication to the superintendent and other critical LEA level-leaders, assisting in eliminating any LEA-level barriers that may hinder the transformation process, and serving as a resource and mentor to the administrator and campus. Additionally, this person will be required to attend all meetings/professional development sessions throughout the duration of the transformation process.</p> <p><b><u>Characteristics of an Effective District Shepherd</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invested o Views this role as an integral part of his/her responsibilities             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Feels responsible for the success of the transformation process</li> <li>◦ Supports all components of the transformation process</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Has a direct line of contact with the superintendent</li> <li>• Has authority to influence central office departmental procedures</li> <li>• Has experience as a building principal</li> <li>• Views self as a positive change agent</li> <li>• Effective communication skills</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Roles and Responsibilities of District Shepherd</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure the campus is provided operational flexibility</li> <li>• Ensure effective implementation of all components of the transformation process</li> <li>• Monitor the progress of 90-day action plans</li> <li>• Regular communication with the transformation campus</li> <li>• Regularly scheduled meetings with the transformation campus</li> <li>• Remove LEA barriers that may hinder the transformation process</li> <li>• Provide support and feedback to the principal and teacher leaders when needed or requested</li> <li>• Take an active role in problem-solving with the principal and teacher leaders</li> <li>• Attend campus leadership meetings</li> <li>• Assist in the replacement and recruitment of qualified staff</li> <li>• Assist in efforts to increase community and parental involvement</li> <li>• Support the placement of social service resources at the campus</li> <li>• Partner with campus to generate a positive school culture</li> <li>• Attend required trainings</li> </ul>		



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<b>LEA Support</b> – Describe how the LEA will structure and implement an individual or office with responsibility for supporting the campus' school improvement efforts.		
<p>Our Superintendent will have final decision making. We will appoint a Project Manager and/or District Shepherd.</p>		



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**Program Continuation and Sustainability** – Describe how the LEA will sustain the campus reforms after the funding period ends.

The goal of La Pryor ISD in applying for grant funds is to build capacity in school personnel to continue successful school improvement strategies. The gradual release built into the three years of grant funding is predicated on initially building the knowledge and skills necessary, receiving coaching and participating in professional learning communities to learn to apply skills, taking ownership of the process, building purposeful Continuous Improvement Plans based on student data, and moving to independently sustaining the process as the support diminishes and the schools move towards advancing the process on their own.

Throughout the process, district administrators will participate in all activities provided by attending training sessions and compiling data from participant surveys from each session. The Project Manager will submit all necessary reports to the TEA and/or USDOE.

Programs provided by external providers will be evaluated based on multi-level data, including C-BAM to measure changes in district, school, classroom, student and overall program, and input from external partners, district/school participants, and other leaders. The primary goal for the evaluation system will be to foster an environment of continuous improvement. The data collected through evaluation will be used by the school, district, and provider to review and revise - on an ongoing basis - the approaches used to improve student learning.

The campus principal will ensure that assessment of each provider's services will be ongoing. Ongoing assessment, as well as ongoing communication will be documented and include the following: immediate evaluations of particular training sessions or on-site consulting visits, regular debriefings between school leaders, district representatives and provider staff; time in regular staff meetings to discuss the staff's impressions of the provider's services, and structured reviews of progress.

The district currently has staff members who provide technical support and oversight concerning the district's school improvement process. The district's school improvement model, as outlined in the Continuous Improvement Plan, includes the requirement of data-driven decision making, selection and use of scientifically research-based programs, frequent monitoring of improvement strategies and actions, and a process of reflection and adjustment. The district is committed to an appropriate level of support and oversight for our Tier III campus in order to sustain reform efforts. Continued use of local, state, and federal funds will be budgeted as needs are identified.

Hardware purchased through the TTIPS grant will stay in place at our Tier III campus and be sustained through district technology support as well as local and federal funds. Utilizing a peer coaching model, teachers will be able to train newly-hired staff past the funding period. Based on the various evaluations, the district will assess the need for further instructional technology support for this campus.

Intervention teachers will be employed at our Tier III campus to implement selected reading and math intervention programs. Through improved instructional practices and a focus on utilizing individual student data to design instruction, teachers will attain the necessary tools to effectively differentiate instruction in core classrooms to meet the needs of students without additional intervention staff. Based on the evaluation and both formative and summative student data, the district will assess the need to continue intervention services.

Tier III campuses will have the flexibility to maintain a daily schedule that allows extended learning time for core academic classes past the grant period. Through improved instructional practices and a focus on utilizing individual student data to design instruction, teachers will attain the necessary tools to effectively differentiate instruction in core classrooms to meet the needs of students without additional intervention staff. Based on the grant's evaluation, the district will assess the need to continue intervention services.





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<b>External Providers --</b> Describe how the LEA will recruit, screen, and select external providers to ensure their quality.		
<p>The district will utilize the services of the SIRC located at Region XIII.</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>Selection for locations implementing intervention activities will be determined during our planning phase of the grant. The district would ultimately locate sites that had similar demographics and strategies.</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.		
<p>We only have one eligible campus and it is a Tier III campus.</p>		



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<b>Intervention Model to be Implemented</b> – Indicate the model(s) being <i>considered</i> 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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**Section B: Model Selection Process** –Describe in detail:

1. The process the LEA and campus followed/will follow to select a school intervention model that aligns to the identified needs of the campus.
2. The timeline delineating the steps the campus will take to implement the selected intervention.

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1. The process the LEA and campus followed/will follow to select a school intervention model that aligns to the identified needs of the campus.

La Pryor ISD and our campus staff utilized the Comprehensive Needs Assessment and district data to select a school intervention model that aligns to the needs of our campus. The **Tier III Transformation Model** for Tier III campuses was the clear choice. During the planning phase of our program, we will review this choice with the assistance of the Technical Assistance Provider, SIRC at Region XIII. Eligibility was determined through not meeting AYP and/or among the lowest achieving 20% schools.

Across the country, educators in schools that have not met their targets for improved student learning are considering next steps. As a first step, the district recognizes a school improvement plan that is grounded in data and based on a comprehensive need assessment can provide a framework for effecting change for our campus programming, student support systems, and climate.

The best school improvement plans are not rigid prescriptions for day-to-day action, but rather are guides for ongoing improvement in critical areas. An effective plan sets forth action steps, establishes timelines, and identifies outcome measures to monitor and evaluate success. We believe that if a plan is to become a key resource and guide for school improvement, then it must be crafted and owned by all of the stakeholders - teachers, support staff, school leaders, students, families, district administrators, community members, and business organizations.

The district can benefit from using a development process that acknowledges and builds on the school's strengths and establishes a school vision and mission to drive implementation. Most important, our plan will specify the desired outcomes and establish measures to assess progress. In considering what these outcomes and measures might include, the decision-making team will benchmark its improvement work to the characteristics of high-achieving schools that are correlated with improved student engagement and achievement.

Research has identified a set of quality "indicators" that highly effective schools have in common. Our school improvement plan will incorporate each of these elements to provide a blueprint for more effective teaching and higher student achievement. The Center for Comprehensive School Reform describes six quality indicators of high-achieving schools and discusses related strategies that may be incorporated into a comprehensive plan for school wide improvement initiatives.

**Six Quality Indicators of High-Achieving Schools**

**Indicator 1 – Aligned and Rigorous Curriculum**

- Curriculum is aligned with state standards and assessments in all subject areas.
- Curriculum is articulated clearly across all grade levels and subject areas, and at key transition points to close gaps and eliminate duplication.
- Curriculum provides flexibility to meet the needs of all students, including special education, gifted and talented, culturally and linguistically diverse, and economically disadvantaged students.
- A process is in place for monitoring, evaluating, and reviewing the curriculum.
- Textbooks and other materials are sufficient for use in delivering curriculum in all content areas.

**Indicator 2 – Effective Instruction**

- Teachers are evaluated (both formally and informally) and provided with regular feedback.
- Teachers are provided with professional development that is relevant to their needs, based in classroom practice, and reinforced through ongoing support.
- Instruction is based on curriculum aligned to state standards, and frequent benchmark assessments are used to monitor student performance.



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- Activities and assignments (including homework) are engaging, relevant to the content, and reinforce or extend the objective of each lesson.
- Additional assistance is provided for low-performing students in the classroom and/or through out-of-classroom or after school programs.

Indicator 3 – Use of Formative Assessment and Student Assessment Data

- Assessment of student learning is frequent and aligned with state standards and district curriculum.
- A comprehensive school-level accountability and data management system is in place.
- Student progress data are reported frequently and regularly to students and parents.
- Teachers make instructional decisions based on student performance data.

Indicator 4 – Positive School Climate Focused on Achievement

- High expectations for academic achievement for all students are evident throughout the school environment.
- The school environment is driven by a clear plan for school safety and codes of conduct for staff and students.
- Discipline plans and procedures reflect equity and a respect for diversity in all areas.
- The physical environment is clean and orderly.
- Support is provided for students at key transition points - PK through kindergarten, elementary through middle school, and middle school through high school.

Indicator 5 – Effective School Leadership

- A shared vision and mission are evident throughout the school.
- Decision making that is focused on the school vision and mission is shared with teachers, staff, and the community.
- The principal ensures an equitable, respectful, and supportive environment that is focused on promoting high achievement expectations for all students.

Indicator 6 – Family and community Engagement

- Families are invited to participate in school activities and programs.
- Families are informed of opportunities that may help students who struggle in school.
- Families and community members are invited and encouraged to participate in school improvement efforts.
- School personnel actively seek out community participation in school activities and planning.

**Indicators, Improvement Strategies, Research**

Indicator 1 – Aligned and Rigorous Curriculum

*A coherent, articulated, and challenging curriculum is the foundation for effective instruction and learning.* Our school improvement plan will focus on ensuring that the curriculum reflects high standards for learning. Education literature generally acknowledges three aspects of curriculum. They are:

- Written curriculum consisting of standards, learning objectives and outcomes, textbooks and supporting materials
- Taught curriculum consisting of the topics, concepts, and skills actually addressed in the classroom
- Tested curriculum consisting of formative and summative assessment

Schools can take steps to ensure congruence between the written, taught, and tested curriculum. In many cases these processes are enhanced with the support and participation of district staff and resources. Typically, a committee of educators will convene to examine the written and tested curriculum and make decisions or recommendations about materials, instruction, and the effective use of time. One strategy is to study content standards and carefully “unpack,” or break down, the precise content knowledge, skill, and application of each standard. Once a common understanding of the standard has been reached, educators can set about designing lesson and unit plans, identifying appropriate material, and selecting assessments.

Liebling (1997) identifies the following general approaches to examining curriculum alignment:

- Begin with a review of assessment results. Educators identify areas of student weakness and then scrutinize the written materials with the aim of bolstering the curriculum to shore up student achievement in the identified



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• areas.</li> <li>• Begin with clearly articulated outcomes for each grade and subject area, and then select or develop an assessment to measure student learning.</li> </ul> <p>The district will, when working to align the written, taught, and tested curriculum, allow for sufficient flexibility to meet the needs of individual learners and subgroups. Establishing a process for regularly monitoring and evaluating the curriculum for alignment is a crucial step in school improvement.</p> <p><u>Indicator 2 – Effective Instruction</u>  <i>Improving classroom practice can improve student learning</i> (Marzano, 2003; Weglinsky, 2000). A school improvement plan can target areas of instruction for improvement.</p> <p>Research has shown that teachers have greater influence on student achievement than any other school-based factor (Goldhaber &amp; Brewer, 1997; Nye, Konstantopolous, &amp; Hedges, 2004; Rivkin, Hanushek, &amp; Kain, 2005; Rockoff, 2004; Rowan, Correnti, &amp; Miller, 2002). Research also shows that students who are assigned to the most effective teachers make greater educational gains than do students with less effective teachers (Peske &amp; Haycock, 2006). Through a combination of instructional design, professional development, and support for teachers at all stages of their professional lives, schools can make significant strides in achieving higher educational outcomes for <b>ALL</b> students.</p> <p>All La Pryor ISD schools are required to ensure that all educators meet the criteria to be designated “highly qualified.” Effective schools also ensure that the strongest instructors are assigned to the most critical areas of student need. Effective teachers are successful in engaging and challenging learners to advance their achievement.</p> <p>Effective teachers also provide students with a variety of engaging and relevant learning activities that reinforce or extend learning objectives. Because there is no single instructional strategy that is guaranteed to improve achievement for every learner, teachers need a variety of instructional strategies for high-performing, grade-level, and struggling students. Studies have identified effective instructional strategies by examining classroom instruction and student performance on assessments (Marzano, 2003). Practices such as differentiated instruction and accommodating a range of learning styles can provide teachers with an array of tools and practices to reach students.</p> <p>Schools can take steps to ensure that effective instructional strategies are employed in classrooms through formal and informal teacher evaluation combined with regular feedback. Informal evaluations may take the form of classroom observations conducted by an instructional leader with follow-up conversations about the successes and challenges observed. The teacher and the observer can identify actions to improve instructional delivery. Aspects of effective instructional practice also may be incorporated into formal evaluations if agreed upon by all parties.</p> <p><u>Indicator 3 – Use of Formative Assessment and Student Assessment Data</u>  <i>Schools and districts have become data-rich environments.</i> In addition to annual summative assessment data, our staff needs frequent, formative assessment data and other data to report on student progress and to make instructional decisions throughout the year.</p> <p>In designing an effective school improvement plan, we will concentrate on how this wealth of data can be used to identify strengths and weaknesses and to track whether improvement strategies are making a positive difference. For example, educators often benefit from ongoing support in using data systems that collect and report a range of data. Professional development for teachers in data-driven instruction - as well as ongoing collaboration to routinely analyze data and use that analysis to plan instruction - is vital to making the most of data collection systems. Systems that house formative assessment data can be used to track student progress across subjects and grade levels and to ensure that appropriate instructional interventions are available as needed. Such systems will aid district staff in regular and frequent reporting of student progress to both students and parents.</p>		



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<p>In addition to reliable and valid measures of student performance, educators need access to other data in a timely manner. Indicators such as attendance rates, course completion rates, grades, and discipline records are equally important in clarifying student needs and evaluating success. These "leading indicators" of student performance are useful for identifying struggling students and targeting interventions to meet individual student needs (Allensworth &amp; Easton, 2007; Foley, Mishook, Thompson, Kubiak, Supovitz, &amp; Rhude-Faust, 2008).</p> <p><u>Indicator 4 – Positive School Climate Focused on Achievement</u>  <i>Students are more likely to perform at high levels in a school environment in which they feel physically and emotionally safe and supported, and which communicates high expectations for achievement.</i> Our school improvement plan will promote school policies that will encourage learning in an atmosphere of connectedness and caring. Schools that are effective in promoting such learning environments are driven by a clear code of conduct that is enforced fairly, consistently, and equitably across all demographic groups. In addition, staff sends consistent messages to students about high academic expectations. Effective schools also attend to issues of transition (e.g., from elementary to middle school, and from middle school to high school).</p> <p>What is needed to develop and sustain a positive and supportive school culture will vary widely from school to school. Some schools recognize a need for anti-violence or peer mediation programs. Others may want to focus on raising academic expectations for minority or underprivileged learners. Still others may choose to design and implement consistent behavior expectations across classrooms and buildings.</p> <p>A growing body of research points to positive supports and preventive measures as a means to reduce problem behavior and increase desirable behavior in schools. Discipline measures such as detention and out-of-school suspension can carry unintended consequences - such as keeping students from classroom instruction or from after school enrichment programs - that can exacerbate issues for struggling students. Research also suggests that exclusionary discipline measures fail to teach students appropriate behaviors (National Center for Culturally Responsive Educational Systems, 2006; Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory, 1992).</p> <p><u>Indicator 5 – Effective School Leadership</u>  <i>"There are...no effective reforms without good leadership"</i> (DeVita, Colvin, Darling-Hammond, &amp; Haycock, 2007, p. 5). In any school reform and improvement initiative, school leaders must attend to two fundamental tasks: guide the school community in developing a sound, evidence-based plan of action; and motivate people to support and act on the plan (Leithwood, Seashore-Louis, Anderson, &amp; Wahlstrom, 2004). The principal is central to ensuring an equitable, respectful, and supportive environment focused on high achievement.</p> <p>The school's principal has a pivotal role not only in helping design the school improvement plan but also in communicating the plan to staff and the larger community. The principal also is responsible for managing the plan's implementation with fidelity.</p> <p>Leadership practices that can most directly influence student achievement include establishing a school's purpose and direction, allocating resources to grow and develop expertise, managing time, and building a leadership team with a shared commitment (DeVita, Colvin, Darling-Hammond, &amp; Haycock, 2007; Leithwood, Seashore-Louis, Anderson, &amp; Wahlstrom, 2004). School leaders can strongly influence other school-level factors that also correlate to student achievement, including school culture, stakeholder participation in decision making, and relationships with parents and the wider community (Leithwood, Seashore-Louis, Anderson, &amp; Wahlstrom, 2004).</p> <p><u>Indicator 6 – Family and community Engagement</u>  <i>Families and community members participate in all aspects of high-performing schools</i> (e.g., after school activities, decision-making teams, supporting student learning in the home). Two-way communication with families and parental engagement in schools positively impact student achievement. School improvement plans may direct attention toward increasing family and community engagement.</p>		





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<p>Epstein (2007) identifies six types of parental engagement. They are parenting, communicating, volunteering, learning at home, decision making, and collaborating with the community. Each type of parental engagement can present unique challenges. For example, parents who work two jobs may find it difficult to participate in school activities. Families without a home computer or telephone will need alternative avenues for communicating with school staff. Families that are new to the country may have educational expectations that differ from those of the school. Yet, "regardless of a family's ethnic, cultural, or economic background, parents are interested in the academic achievement of their children." (Ferguson, 2005, p. 1).</p> <p>When parents and guardians support education in the home, students achieve. Common methods for collecting data on parent involvement include tracking attendance at school events and meetings, keeping logs of parent contacts, and conducting surveys of parent perceptions. However, two types of parent involvement—parenting and learning at home—are difficult to evaluate. These aspects relate to what Marzano (2003) terms home atmosphere, which he maintains has a greater correlation to student achievement than do household income, occupation, or educational attainment. Schools are finding constructive ways to encourage a supportive home environment for education. Clear, frequent communication through a variety of media along with multiple venues to allow for input and feedback from family members fosters awareness of and support for the school's efforts.</p> <p>Each school and community is unique, and the strategies a school employs to address parental and community engagement are best determined from a careful review of data and identified needs. Asset mapping—a process of plotting out the available resources and strengths in a community—can serve as a starting point for identifying potential partners. Community and business partnerships can support school improvement goals by providing resources and services. Such partnerships can provide expanded learning opportunities for students, such as after school programs, internships, service learning, and community service placements for academic and social skills development.</p> <p>2. The timeline delineating the steps the campus will take to implement the selected intervention.</p>		
<b>Texas Transformation Project – Overview Timeline –Extended Implementation</b>		
<b>2010 – Fall I</b> - District Snapshot.		
<b>2011 – Spring I</b> - Comprehensive Needs Assessment via Campus Snapshot; Replace principal (if applicable); Replace or retain key staff; Identify community partners; Establish LEA designated personnel to foster Transformation Project.		
<b>2011 – Summer I</b> - Identify teacher leaders; Attend Summer Seminar training; Develop plan to recruit and retain; quality staff; Develop job-embedded professional development plan for Year 1; Complete first 90-day action plan.		
<b>2011 – Fall II</b> - Implement school wide Positive Behavior Support (PBS) interventions; •Begin providing enhanced social service support; Teacher Leaders begin collecting observation data to guide professional development and student interventions; Begin online courses; Review progress toward goals in 90-day action plan.		
<b>2012 – Spring II</b> - Review behavioral data and PEIMS to analyze PBS implementation; Implement targeted professional development based on classroom observation data and student data; Write next 90-day action plan.		
<b>2012 – Summer II</b> - Attend summer training; Review and revise professional development plans; Review and revise needs assessment; Analyze progress toward goals in previous 90-day action plans; Teacher leaders select action research topics; Develop plan for classroom interventions for PBS, Write new 90-day action plan; Attend NSDC Summer Conference.		
<b>2012 – Fall III</b> - Re-administer Campus Snapshot; Implement revised and updated professional development plan; Begin action research projects; Continue online courses; Write new 90-day action plan		
<b>2013 – Spring III</b> - Finalize action research projects; Collect data for PBS evaluation; Continue online learning; Write new 90-day action plan		
<b>2013 – Summer III</b> - Present action research; Conduct intense data review and process evaluation (What worked? What still needs focus?); Create sustainability plan (continue practice of 90-day action plans); Develop plan to continue use of teacher leaders as an instructional resource		



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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.			
<b>1</b>	<b>District Administration</b>		
<b>2</b>	<b>Campus Administration</b>		
<b>3</b>	<b>Teachers</b>		
<b>4</b>	<b>Students</b>		
<b>5</b>	<b>SIRC – Region XIII</b>		
<b>6</b>	<b>Parents</b>		
<b>7</b>	<b>Community Stakeholders</b>		
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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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<b>Critical Success Factor 1: Improve Academic Performance including (but not limited to) Reading/ELA and Math</b>					
<b>CSF Milestone</b>	<b>Additional Improvement Activity</b>	<b>Rationale</b>	<b>Supporting Research</b>	<b>Timeline Begin Date</b>	<b>Timeline End Date</b>
<b>1. A.</b>	<b>Improve Academic Performance in Reading/ELA and Math</b>	Improve academic performance through data-driven instruction	School districts that show continued academic improvement base decisions on data rather than on habit or hunch. Researchers found that one improving district, the Minneapolis Public Schools, illustrated this approach with its data system by collecting and analyzing data in more than 15 different areas, including attendance and suspension rates and school climate data (Togneri & Anderson, 2003).	10/01/2010	06/30/2013
<b>1. B.</b>		Improve academic performance through curriculum alignment	School districts that academic improvement take the lead when it comes to articulating what the community wants its students to know and be able to do when they graduate with a "centralized and coordinated approach to curriculum, which is adopted district-wide" (Shannon & Bylsma, 2004, p. 25). They understand that it is the district's responsibility to ensure that the K-12 curriculum is aligned, "that the material taught in the school matches the standards and assessments set by the state or district for specific grade levels [...and that] the school is teaching the content that	10/01/2010	06/30/2013





			is expected" (Johnston, n.d.). In districts with aligned curricula, teachers have clear expectations about what to teach and what will be tested.		
<b>1.C.</b>		Improve academic performance through on-going monitoring of instruction.	The teacher designs and implements instructional activities, monitors those activities to see if they need to be adjusted, and finally evaluates the effectiveness of the adjusted or unadjusted instructional activities. The four steps in this approach to instruction, then, are (1) curriculum determination, (2) design/delivery of instruction, (3) monitoring of instruction, and (4) evaluation of instruction. When you strip away the frills, this four-step process is what teaching is all about. (Instruction That Measures Up, 2009)	10/01/2010	06/30/2013
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<b>Critical Success Factor 2: Increase the use of Quality Data to Drive Instruction</b>					
<b>CSF Milestone</b>	<b>Additional Improvement Activity</b>	<b>Rationale</b>	<b>Supporting Research</b>	<b>Timeline Begin Date</b>	<b>Timeline End Date</b>
<b>2.A.</b>	<b>Increase the Use of Quality Data to Drive Instruction</b>	Increase the Use of Quality Data to Drive Instruction through Data Desegregation/Training	When districts have a clear understanding of the comprehensive picture, data-driven decision making is a "powerful educational reform tool" (Shannon & Bylsma, 2004, p. 36).	10/01/2010	06/30/2013
<b>2.B.</b>		Increase the Use of Quality Data to Drive Instruction through Data-driven Decisions	The <i>Using Student Achievement Data to Support Instructional Decision Making</i> practice guide published by IES defines data-based decision making as "...teachers, principals, and administrators systematically collecting and analyzing various types of data, including demographic, administrative, process, perceptual, and achievement gap, to guide a range of decisions to help improve the success of students and schools" (pp. 46).	10/01/2010	06/30/2013
<b>2.C.</b>		Increase the Use of Quality Data to Drive Instruction through On-going Communication	Develop a district-wide plan for collecting, interpreting, and using data. Dedicate time and develop structures for district schools and teachers to use data to alter instruction (Hamilton, Halverson, Jackson, Mandinach, Supovitz, & Wayman, 2009).	10/01/2010	06/30/2013



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**Critical Success Factor 3: Increase Leadership Effectiveness**

CSF Milestone	Additional Improvement Activity	Rationale	Supporting Research	Timeline Begin Date	Timeline End Date
<b>3.A.</b>	<b>Increase Leadership Effectiveness</b>	Increase Leadership Effectiveness through On-going Job Embedded Professional Development	Embedded professional development allows teacher leaders to mentor and support new or struggling teachers. It also provides excellent opportunities for collaboration among school and district staff and promotes the growth of strong professional networks within the district. (McLaughlin, M., & Talbert, J. 2003).	10/01/2010	06/30/2013
<b>3.B.</b>		Increase Leadership Effectiveness through Operational Flexibility	Redesigning the organization from the inside out requires that leaders identify and capitalize on the competence of others and both model and require collaboration. As author Carl Glickman (2003) observed: "In successful schools, principals aren't threatened by the wisdom of others; instead, they cherish it by distributing leadership" (p. 56).	10/01/2010	06/30/2013
<b>3.C.</b>		Increase Leadership Effectiveness through Resource/Data Utilization	The "new" role of the superintendent is to ensure that the district and the community stay focused on high-quality teaching and learning; the principal's job is to help and support teachers in their efforts to succeed with students; and district office staff exist to support and assist schools (Skrla et al., 2000).	10/01/2010	06/30/2013





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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
4.A.	Increase Learning time	Increase Learning time through Flexible Scheduling	Research clearly demonstrates that when a flexible library schedule is used, there is: More collaborative teaching and instructional programs that utilize inquiry and problem-based learning. More engaging and educationally rich learning activities for students. More frequent student visits to the library.	10/01/2010	06/30/2013
4.C.		Increase Learning time through Staff Collaborative Planning	The top three supports to inclusion were identified as funds for staff training, funds and/or release time for staff collaborative planning, and a lead teacher trained in special education and instructional strategies. The implementation of these strategies may serve to increase the inclusion of students and the success of individual students whose placement committee has identified the regular education classroom as the least restrictive environment. There are many proposals for staff development (Gallagher, 1994; Hamre-Nieptupski et al., 1990; Lipsky)	10/01/2010	06/30/2013



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<b>Critical Success Factor 5: Increase Parent/Community Involvement</b>					
<b>CSF Milestone</b>	<b>Additional Improvement Activity</b>	<b>Rationale</b>	<b>Supporting Research</b>	<b>Timeline Begin Date</b>	<b>Timeline End Date</b>
<b>5.A.</b>	<b>Increase Parent/Community Involvement</b>	Increase Parent/Community Involvement through Increased Opportunities for Input	The findings hold true across all segments of society—poor, minority, and middle class. All students do better when their parents are involved in their school lives, and "Parent and community involvement that is linked to student learning has a greater effect on achievement than more general forms of involvement" (p. 38).	10/01/2010	06/30/2013
<b>5.B.</b>		Increase Parent/Community Involvement through Effective Communication	A survey of more than 400 parents of high school students in Maryland revealed that their attitudes toward their children's schools are positively influenced by efforts schools make to promote partnerships with them. They are more likely to come to the school if the school encourages them to be volunteers and participate in decision making (Sanders, Epstein, & Connors-Tadros, 1999).	10/01/2010	06/30/2013
<b>5.C.</b>		Increase Parent/Community Involvement through Accessible Community Services	Successful parent-school partnerships are not stand-alone, add-on programs. Instead, they are well integrated with the school's overall mission. Typically, quality programs are developed in collaboration with parents and reflect their needs and interests. Offering child care, translators, and multiple opportunities to hear	10/01/2010	06/30/2013





			information go a long way toward expressing a school's genuine interest in parent input.		

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**Critical Success Factor 6: Improve School Climate**

CSF Milestone	Additional Improvement Activity	Rationale	Supporting Research	Timeline Begin Date	Timeline End Date
<b>6.A.</b>	<b>Improve School Climate</b>	Improve School Climate through Increased attendance	Put simply, school climate influences the learning environment of the school and the achievement of students (Bosser, 1998; Brookover et al., 1978; Hoy & Sabo, 1998; Purkey & Smith, 1983; Stedman, 1987). Research shows a strong correlation between parent and family involvement in schools and children's academic achievement, attendance, attitude, and continued education (Henderson & Berla, 1994; Hickman, 1996).	10/01/2010	06/30/2013
<b>6.B.</b>		Improve School Climate through decreased Discipline Referrals	Effects on student discipline problems and academic performance. <i>Educational Psychology</i> , 25 (2-3), 183-198. The basis of the study was a whole-school model for positive behavior support that emphasizes improving instructional methods, formulating behavioral expectations, increasing classroom activity engagement, reinforcing positive performance, and monitoring efficacy using data-based evaluation. With the use of this model, discipline problems decreased over several years in a predominately African-American urban elementary school. During the same years, academic performance—as measured by standardized tests of	10/01/2010	06/30/2013



			reading and mathematics-increased.		
<b>6.C.</b>		Improve School Climate through Increased Involvement in Extracurricular Activities	Student engagement in the classroom also is related to participation in extracurricular activities, especially among students from low-income families (Fredricks & Eccles, 2006). The authors say students who are involved in extra curricular activities outside the normal school day have been found to be more engaged in the classroom. Extracurricular activities provide students with an opportunity to develop a positive support system among their peers and adult staff, which also are key components of fostering student engagement in the classroom (Heller et al., 2003).	10/01/2010	06/30/2013
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<b>Critical Success Factor 7: Increase Teacher Quality</b>					
<b>CSF Milestone</b>	<b>Additional Improvement Activity</b>	<b>Rationale</b>	<b>Supporting Research</b>	<b>Timeline Begin Date</b>	<b>Timeline End Date</b>
<b>7.A.</b>	<b>Increase Teacher Quality</b>	Increase Teacher Quality through Locally Developed Appraisal Instruments	On the national level, the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) is the most conspicuous attempt to improve teacher quality by requiring that teachers have the right credentials for their assignments. Researchers contend that experience is another key component of teacher quality and stress the need to retain veteran teachers. But any school HR administrator will tell you that the right credentials and classroom experience don't always equal effective teaching. There's another seldom-mentioned tool that could be a factor in raising teacher quality, one that administrators already have at their disposal: teacher evaluation. Credible evaluation systems focus on the quality of teaching and serve as catalysts for teacher and school improvement, according to Thomas Toch, co-director of Education Sector, a Washington, D.C., based think tank.	10/01/2010	06/30/2013
<b>7.B.</b>		Increase Teacher Quality through On-going Job Embedded Professional Development	Research shows that collaboration between teachers can be a powerful tool for professional development and a driver for school improvement by providing "opportunities for adults	10/01/2010	06/30/2013





			across a school system to learn and think together about how to improve their practice in ways that lead to improved student achievement" (Annenberg Institute for School Reform, 2004, p. 2).		
<b>7.C.</b>		Increase Teacher Quality through Recruitment/Retention Strategies	Placing a high-quality teacher in front of every child in the nation is the most important thing schools can do to improve student achievement. Yet, shortages of qualified teachers are being felt in high-poverty communities, in certain subject areas, in certain regions of the country where enrollment growth is large, and in the availability of teachers of color (American Association for Employment in Education, 1999; Lewis et al., 1999). Elimination of these shortages requires both recruiting talented individuals to teaching and making sure that good teachers stay in the profession once they are recruited. In today's education environment, the odds are not favorable that a school will see a significant return on efforts and money dedicated to recruiting, hiring, training, and supporting new teachers (Haselkorn & Fiedler, 1999).	10/01/2010	06/30/2013




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**Part 4: Waiver Requests**

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

- ☒ 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 - Describe the LEA/campus' process for providing on-going monitoring of grant activities to ensure continuous improvement</b>		
<p>The district will adopt a "continuous evaluation model" rather than solely pre/post evaluation procedures. Evaluation procedures will be in place at all levels to ensure continuous feedback allowing for a continuation of "successes" during and after the project. Necessary adjustments for improvements will be made throughout the project implementation process. The continuous evaluation of the Project will occur through a variety of mechanisms. Those mechanisms are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Informal communications amongst the Project/Center Director, Grant Officials, staff and students will occur on a daily basis.</li> <li>• There will be monthly "mini" in-service training for staff and aides.</li> <li>• There will be weekly technology staff meetings of the regularly employed staff.</li> <li>• The Project Director will direct the following activities that will facilitate the Grant project:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Issuance of Purchase Orders for the required equipment.</li> <li>○ Issuance of the RFP's for installation of project defined scope.</li> <li>○ Installation of the project equipment and other materials.</li> <li>○ Acceptance of work completed by outside contractors.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Grant Officials will be in daily contact with campus personnel regarding issues involved with the installation of the project.</li> <li>• The Project Director will conduct an annual Survey developed by the Board of Directors. The data will be analyzed, identifying areas still in need of advancement and other pertinent data.</li> <li>• Evaluation forms will be made available throughout the project for input from campus principals, teachers and other staff members.</li> </ul> <p>Ongoing evaluation will be conducted as a component of the overall TTIPS Grant Program. An evaluation design utilizing both process and product evaluations to measure the effectiveness of the project will be utilized. The major goals of the project are to improve students achievement in all content areas, reduce the academic gap between subgroups, ensure equity and excellence for all students, and bridge the process to reading, language arts, and social studies. Program objectives and activities are designed to advance the goal, and the evaluation component is designed to measure progress toward that goal.</p> <p>Process Evaluation: To facilitate product evaluation and to comply with TEA reporting requirement, La Pryor ISD will collect, compile, and analyze a variety of data. The types of data, the timetable for collecting them and their role in the overall evaluation design are: (1). Scores on diagnostic assessments - we will use locally designed TEKS-based Benchmark Assessments, previous years TAKS results and classroom grades; (2). Written summaries of classroom observations, PDAS formative/summative evaluation forms and curriculum audit walkthrough forms for monitoring teacher performance. The principals and coaches will use their monitoring forms as walkthrough forms. The principal will record suggestions made for improvement and will document improvements in teacher performance on subsequent visits; (3) Meeting logs - sign-in sheets and minutes for team and department meetings held during the year will be maintained as one measure of teacher collaboration; (4) Activity logs - will be collected to document teacher, principal, student, community member, and parent involvement in the project; (5) Professional development logs - the principal will maintain sign in sheets, logs, and evaluation forms from each session of professional development to document teacher and administrative staff development and to inform leaders about future needs/modifications.</p>		



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**Section B: Formative Evaluation-** Describe the LEA/campus' process for formative evaluation, including how the results of the evaluation will be used to improve the grant program

*Data collection methods and schedule* - Data will be collected by four primary methods summarized in the following table:

<b>Collection Method</b>	<b>Description of Data Collection</b>	<b>Data Collection Schedule</b>
<b>Interviews and Focus Groups</b>	Interviews with Project personnel, students, family, and community members. Purpose is to assess: a needs of individuals; b) how Project met needs; c) Project strengths and weaknesses; d) Project benefits; e) changes needed to better meet identified needs	Beginning, middle, and end of Project Activities. Completed 4 times per year at each Project Learning Center.
<b>Observation</b>	Evaluators observe site activities using standard observational protocols.	8 times per year at each site
<b>Surveys</b>	Surveys based upon information required for Annual Performance report Indicators. Survey will follow up on issues from interviews and focus groups.	Surveys done 4 times per year per site.
<b>Extant &amp; Project Data</b>	School and Project attendance, school.	Data collected weekly or as it is available.

The principal, grade level leaders, and Superintendent will collect the following quantitative and qualitative data. The data will be used to measure the effectiveness of the Project: (1) Annual; TAKS administered in the spring of each year and TEKS-based Benchmark Assessments administered in the fall and spring. These results will be disaggregated and analyzed by the coaches, teachers, and principal. (2). Written logs, minutes and sign in sheets of collaborative, professional development, informational and decision-making meetings kept by meeting leaders and then compiled and analyzed by the principal and coaches. (3) Surveys distributed to a representative sample of students, parents, and staff, and collected by coaches to determine pre and post utilization of the curriculum and strategies. (4) Observation using PDAS and monthly Classroom Walkthrough Audits conducted by the principal. (5) Staff development evaluation forms completed by staff involved in the Project and collected pre and post training by coaches and the principal. (6) Self-report surveys in the form of Likert scales and open ended responses will be administered to teachers at the beginning and again at the end of the Project period to determine teacher competency and frequency in the use of model lessons.



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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><b>Overview of the Data Management Process</b> The TTIPS Grant project Data Management Process consists of five steps: 1) data collection; 2) data entry; 3) computer-based storage; 4) computer-based statistical analysis; and, 5) reporting.</p> <p><b>Types of Data Collected.</b> Data collection is based on the TTIPS Grant's stated Goals, Performance Indicators, Project Outcomes, and Measurable Indicators as delineated in the project design. Data collection is based on the measurable indicators in the design. Planned data collection includes:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top; padding: 5px;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Standardized Text Scores</li> <li>School Grades</li> <li>School attendance</li> <li>Project activity attendance</li> <li>Number and severity of disciplinary actions</li> <li>Stakeholder and participant opinions about Project benefit and quality</li> </ul> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top; padding: 5px;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teacher opinions about Project effects on classroom performance, behavior, participation, grades, and homework completions, etc.</li> <li>Outcomes for community members (jobs found, work skills gained, other skills gained, etc.)</li> <li>Other data as requested or needed by Project Management</li> </ul> </td> </tr> </table>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Standardized Text Scores</li> <li>School Grades</li> <li>School attendance</li> <li>Project activity attendance</li> <li>Number and severity of disciplinary actions</li> <li>Stakeholder and participant opinions about Project benefit and quality</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teacher opinions about Project effects on classroom performance, behavior, participation, grades, and homework completions, etc.</li> <li>Outcomes for community members (jobs found, work skills gained, other skills gained, etc.)</li> <li>Other data as requested or needed by Project Management</li> </ul>
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<p>The principal will gather information during the Project regarding the following major evaluation questions: (1) To what extent has the THSRR Grant program has been integrated in campus planning and collaboration? (2) How effective are the Project activities in progressing toward the goals of the Project? (3) How have the Project activities impacted participating students' achievement as reflected in assessment results, student grades and survey responses? (4) How has the Grant Project impacted teachers' delivery of instructional strategies? (5) How has the process of the Partnership for High Achievement been expanded to include reading, language arts, and social studies? In addition to the quantitative data evaluation during the year, project participants will be asked to respond to the success of the major project components: (1) The use of the Partnership for High Achievement Model; (2) The usefulness of the curriculum documents; (3) Teacher, parent and community involvement and use of instructional strategies; (4) The effectiveness of staff training. The formative evaluations will include an analysis of the progress made toward each of the following measurable outcome objectives by the end of the funding period: (1) Eighty percent of the students at all tested grade levels will master TAKS; (2) the achievement gap for economically disadvantaged and non-economically disadvantaged students will be less than 10 percentage points on the TAKS; (3) after two years in the program, Ninety percent of the students will be at or above the state average (measured by TAKS; (4) a marked increase in the degree of competency of teachers' use of effective, high quality instructional strategies and processes, including methods of assessment, inquiry based instruction and model lessons - documented by teacher self-reports.</p>				



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The major purposes for performance measurement in the public sector revolve around the concept of enhanced accountability. The accounting firm of Price Waterhouse has identified three key advantages of using performance measurement. These are:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Measurement clarifies and focuses long term goals and strategic objectives. Performance measurement involves comparing actual performance against expectations and setting up targets by which progress toward objectives can be measured.</li> <li>2. Measurement provides performance information to stakeholders. Performance measures are the most effective method for communicating to community stakeholders and parents about the success of programs and services. For example, in public education, states and school districts routinely issue "report cards" highlighting test score outcomes and other key indicators of educational performance. These have become centerpieces of attention among not only educators, but many other stakeholders.</li> <li>3. Measures encourage delegation rather than "micro-management". Hierarchical structures and extensive oversight requirements can obstruct organizational effectiveness. Performance measures free principals for more strategic decision-making and selective intervention, while clarifying the responsibilities and authority of superintendents.</li> </ol>		
<b>The Benefits of Performance Measurement</b>		
With all of the popular and political support for performance measurement in education, it is important to understand the very real benefits of measuring performance and reporting it to parents, students, community stakeholders, and staff.		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Performance measurement enhances decision making.</b> All too often, decision making at the program level is conducted with limited data and with too much consideration for political expediency and interest group pressure.</li> <li>2. <b>Performance measurement improves internal accountability.</b> Measuring performance of education programs give policy makers a significant tool to achieve accountability</li> <li>3. <b>Performance measurement enhances public accountability.</b> While publicizing performance evaluation information can be a frightening thought to some education officials, the public use of measurement data is one of the strongest benefits of a good measurement system.</li> <li>4. <b>Performance measurement supports strategic planning and goal setting.</b> Without the ability to measure performance and progress, the process of developing strategic plans and goals is less meaningful.</li> <li>5. <b>Performance measurement allows entities to determine effective resource use.</b> With increasing public concern over levels of taxation and user fees, entities are under pressure to justify the very existence of key programs.</li> </ol>		





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<p>Performance measurement is a key tool in the effort to redefine and "reinvent". It allows policy makers, agency directors, program managers, legislators and the general public to evaluate the effectiveness of programs. Measures of performance include inputs (the resources allocated), outputs (direct results of program activity), efficiency measures (ratio of inputs to outputs), and outcomes (broad results of program activities in the lives of those served).</p> <p>The use of performance measures is being driven by public scrutiny to determine effectiveness, the desire to hold entities accountable for results rather than stewardship of inputs, efforts to require reporting of service efforts and accomplishments, and the nationwide effort to make programs more results-oriented.</p> <p>For purposes of the TTIPS Grant, TEA will assess the LEA's commitment to the grant program by tracking progress toward Critical Success Factors and milestones through the Quarterly Implementation Reports.</p> <p><b><u>Groups participating in the development of the goals:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District Administration</li> <li>• Campus Administration</li> <li>• Teachers</li> <li>• Students</li> <li>• SIRC – Region XIII</li> <li>• Parents</li> <li>• Community Stakeholders</li> </ul>		



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**Improve Academic Performance** – 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	TAKS	2009	87%	88%	90%
2	Improve Student Achievement in Mathematics	TAKS	2009	52%	58%	69%
3						
4						
5						

**Increase the Use of Quality Data to Drive Instruction** – 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	# of Training Sessions in the use of Data to Drive Instruction	Training Schedules	2009	2	2	2
2						
3						
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**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	# of Professional Development Workshops provided	Professional Development Plans	2009	5	5	5
2						
3						
4						
5						

**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	# of Staff Collaborative Planning Days	Professional Development Plans	2009	5	5	5
2	# of Additional Learning Times	Professional Development Plans	2009	5	5	5
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**Increase Parent/Stakeholder Involvement** – 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	# of Parent Involvement Activities	Meeting logs	2009	4	5	6
2	# of Community Involvement Activities	Meeting logs	2009	3	4	5
3	# of Accessible Community Services (social workers, etc.)	Community Services Schedules	2009	2	3	4
4						
5						

**Improve School Climate** – 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	Attendance Rate	PEIMS	2009	93.4	94.0	95.0
2	Discipline Referrals	PEIMS	2009	10	9	8
3	% of students involved in Extra/Co-Curricular activities	District Reports	2009	10	12	14
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**Part 3: Annual Performance Goals**

**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	# of Locally developed appraisal instruments administered	Appraisals	2009	15	20	22
2	# of Professional Development Activities	Professional Development Plans	2009	5	7	9
3	# of Recruitment/Retention Strategies	Professional Development Plans	2009	2	4	6
4						
5						

**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
1						
2						
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4						
5						



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<b>Schedule # 4D—Equitable Access and Participation: Barriers and Strategies</b>				
<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.	X	X	X
<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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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			
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B06	Provide staff development on effective teaching strategies for diverse populations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 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 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 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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**Schedule # 4D—Equitable Access and Participation: Barriers and Strategies**

**Barrier: Cultural, Linguistic, or Economic Diversity (cont.)**

#	Strategies for Cultural, Linguistic, or Economic Diversity	Students	Teachers	Others
B17	Conduct an outreach program for traditionally "hard to reach" parents		<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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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"/>

**Barrier: Gang-Related Activities**

#	Strategies for Gang-related Activities	Students	Teachers	Others
C01	Provide early intervention.			
C02	Provide Counseling.			
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C07	Provide before/after school recreational, instructional, cultural, or artistic programs/activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C08	Provide community service programs/activities.		<input type="checkbox"/>	
C09	Conduct parent/teacher conferences.	<input type="checkbox"/>		
C10	Strengthen school/parent compacts.	<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"/>

**Barrier: Drug-Related Activities**

#	Strategies for Drug-related Activities	Students	Teachers	Others
D01	Provide early identification/intervention.		<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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D07	Provide community service programs/activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D11	Develop/maintain community partnerships.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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>				
<b>#</b>	<b>Strategies for Visual Impairments</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Others</b>
E01	Provide early identification and intervention.		<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>				
<b>#</b>	<b>Strategies for Hearing Impairments</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Others</b>
F01	Provide early identification and intervention.		<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>				
<b>#</b>	<b>Strategies for Learning Disabilities</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Others</b>
G01	Provide early identification and intervention.		<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>				
<b>#</b>	<b>Strategies for Other Physical Disabilities or Constraints</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Others</b>
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/Truancy</b>				
#	Strategies for Absenteeism/Truancy	Students	Teachers	Others
K01	Provide early identification/intervention.		<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
K05	Provide mentor program.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
K06	Provide before/after school recreational or educational activities.		<input 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 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input 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"/>		
M05	Establish school/parent compacts.			
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
M09	Involve parents from a variety of backgrounds in school decision making.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 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"/>		
N04	Provide intern program for new teachers.	<input type="checkbox"/>		
N05	Provide professional development in a variety of formats for personnel.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
N06	Collaborate with colleges/universities with teacher preparation programs.	<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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P02	Publish newsletter/brochures to inform program beneficiaries of activities and benefits.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 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	\$1,714,650	\$135,000	-	\$1,849,650
Professional and Contracted Services      5C      6200	202,500	-	-	202,500
Supplies and Materials      5D      6300	589,000	-	-	589,000
Other Operating Costs      5E      6400	234,000	-	-	234,000
Capital Outlay (Exclusive of 6619 and 6629) (15XX for charter schools only)      5G      6600/15XX	-	-	-	-
Total Direct Costs	\$2,740,150	\$135,000	-	\$2,875,150
5% Indirect Costs				
<b>Grand Total</b>				
Total Budgeted Costs:	\$2,740,150	\$135,000	-	\$2,875,150
<b>Administrative Cost Calculation</b>				
Enter total amount from Schedule #5 Budget Summary, Last Column, Total Budgeted Costs				\$2,740,150
Multiply by (    % limit)				X 5
Enter Maximum Allowable for Administration, including Indirect Costs				\$135,000



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<b>Schedule #5—Program Budget Summary</b>		
<b>Budget Request by Grant Year: Enter the amount of grant funds requested for each year of the three year grant period.</b>		
Year 1: SY 2010-2011 <b>\$1,143,550</b> Year 2: SY 2011-2012 <b>\$899,550 *</b> Year 3: SY 2012-2013 <b>\$832,050 *</b>  * 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.		
<b>Provide any necessary explanation or clarification of budgeted costs</b>		
Empty space for explanation		





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<b>Budgeted Costs</b>						
<b>Employee Position Titles</b>		<b>Justification</b>	<b>#Full-Time Effort</b>	<b>#Part-Time Effort</b>	<b>Pre-Award</b>	<b>Amount Budgeted</b>
<b>Instruction</b>						
1	Teacher				\$	\$
2	Educational Aide					
3	Tutor					
<b>Program Management and Administration</b>						
4	<b>Project Director</b>	<b>Support TTIPS Grant</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>\$150,000</b>
5	<b>Curriculum Specialist</b>	<b>Support TTIPS Grant</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>150,000</b>
6	<b>Reading Specialist</b>	<b>Support TTIPS Grant</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>150,000</b>
7	<b>Math Specialist</b>	<b>Support TTIPS Grant</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>150,000</b>
8	Secretary/Administrative Assistant					
9	Data Entry Clerk					
10	Grant Accountant/Bookkeeper	<b>Support TTIPS Grant-5%</b>				<b>135,000</b>
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: _____					
23	Title: _____					
24	Title: _____					
25	Title: _____					
26	<b>Subtotal Employee Costs</b>				<b>\$</b>	<b>\$735,000</b>
<b>Substitute, Extra-Duty, Benefits</b>						
27	6112	Substitute Pay - <b>Subs to cover for PD - 1,080 days @ \$75 (27 staff/40 days)</b>				<b>243,000</b>
28	6119	Professional Staff Extra-Duty Pay - <b>27 Teachers @ \$200 day @ 40 days/per year</b>				<b>648,000</b>
29	6121	Support Staff Extra-Duty Pay				
30	6140	Employee Benefits - <b>15%</b>				<b>233,650</b>
31	<b>Subtotal Substitute, Extra-Duty, Benefits Costs</b>				<b>\$</b>	<b>\$1,124,650</b>
32	<b>Grand Total Payroll Budget (line 26 + line 31)</b>				<b>\$</b>	<b>\$1,849,650</b>



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<b>Schedule #5C- Itemized 6200 Professional and Contracted Services Costs Requiring Specific Approval</b>					
<b>Expense Item Description</b>				<b>Pre-Award</b>	<b>Total Amount Budgeted</b>
6212	Audit Costs (other than audits required under OMB Circular A-133)			\$	\$
	Specify purpose: _____				
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: _____				
<b>Subtotal</b>					
<b>6200 – Professional and Contracted Services Cost Requiring Specific Approval</b>					
<b>Professional and Consulting Services (6219/6239) Less than \$10,000</b>					
#	Topic/Purpose/Service			Total Contracted Amount	Pre-Award
1.	Positive Behavior Support/Campus climate - \$7,500 per year			\$	\$22,500
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					
7.					
8.					
9.					
10.					
<b>Subtotal</b>					
<b>Professional and Consulting Services Less than \$10,000</b>				\$	\$22,500
<b>Professional and Consulting Services (6219) Greater than or Equal to \$10,000</b>					
<b>1. Description of Professional or Consulting Service (Topic/Purpose/Service):</b>					
<b>Data-driven Assessment System</b>					
<b>Contractor's Cost Breakdown of Service to be Provided</b>			<b># Positions</b>	<b>Total Contracted Amount</b>	<b>Pre-Award</b>
Contractor's Payroll Costs					
*Title: _____					
Subgrants, Subcontracts, Subcontracted Services					
Supplies and Materials					\$50,000
Other Operating Costs					
Capital Outlay (Subgrants Only)					
Indirect Cost ( _____ %)					
<b>Total Payment:</b>				\$	\$50,000



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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>				
<i><b>Customized Performance Management System</b></i>				
<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				
Title: _____				
Subgrants, Subcontracts, Subcontracted Services				
Supplies and Materials				<b>\$50,000</b>
Other Operating Costs				
Capital Outlay (Subgrants Only)				
Indirect Cost (____%)				
<b>Total Payment:</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>3. Description of Professional or Consulting Service (Topic/Purpose/Service):</b>				
<i><b>Summer Team Training</b></i>				
<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				
Title: _____				
Subgrants, Subcontracts, Subcontracted Services				
Supplies and Materials				<b>\$90,000</b>
Other Operating Costs				
Capital Outlay (Subgrants Only)				
Indirect Cost (____%)				
<b>Total Payment:</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$90,000</b>
<b>4. Description of Professional or Consulting Service (Topic/Purpose/Service):</b>				
<i><b>Targeted Professional Development – technology, curriculum, job-embedded professional development</b></i>				
<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				
Title: _____				
Subgrants, Subcontracts, Subcontracted Services				
Supplies and Materials				<b>\$90,000</b>
Other Operating Costs				
Capital Outlay (Subgrants Only)				
Indirect Cost (____%)				
<b>Total Payment:</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Subtotal: Professional and Consulting Services Greater Than or Equal to \$10,000:</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$90,000</b>
Subtotal of Professional and Contracted Services Costs Requiring Specific Approval:				
Subtotal of Professional and Consulting Services or Subgrants Less than \$10,000:				<b>\$22,500</b>
Subtotal of Professional and Consulting Services Greater than or Equal to \$10,000:				<b>180,000</b>
Remaining 6200- Professional and Contracted Services that do not require specific approval:				
<b>Grand Total:</b>				<b>\$202,500</b>



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<b>Schedule #5D - Itemized 6300 Supplies and Materials Costs Requiring Specific Approval</b>					
Expense Item Description		Pre-Award	Total Budgeted		
6399	Technology Hardware- Not Capitalized		\$369,000		
	#	Type		Purpose	Quantity
	1	Laptop Computers		Support TTIPS Grant	27
	2	Desktops Computers		Support TTIPS Grant	200
	3	LCD Projectors		Support TTIPS Grant	27
	4	Printers		Support TTIPS Grant	27
	5	SmartBoards		Support TTIPS Grant	27
	6				
7					
6399	Technology Software- Not Capitalized – Software Upgrades		130,000		
6399	Supplies and Materials Associated with Advisory Council or Committee				
<b>Total Supplies and Materials Requiring Specific Approval:</b>					
<b>Remaining 6300- Supplies and Materials that do not require specific approval:</b>			<b>90,000</b>		
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>\$ 589,000</b>		





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<b>Schedule #5E - Itemized 6400 Other Operating Costs Requiring Specific Approval</b>					
Expense Item Description				Pre-Award	Total Budgeted
6411	Out of State Travel for Employees (includes registration fees) Specify purpose: <b>National Staff Development Council Summer Conference</b>			\$	\$10,000
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) – <b>State travel to conferences, workshops, etc.</b>				10,000
6499	Membership Dues in Civic or Community Organizations (Not allowable for University applicants) Specify name and purpose of organization: <b>Incentives for staff 27 Teachers/2 Admin @ \$2,000 per year</b>				174,000
	Publication and Printing Costs- if reimbursed (specific approval required only for nonprofit charter schools) Specify purpose: _____				
Total 64XX- Operating Costs Requiring specific approval:					
Remaining 6400 – Other Operating Costs that do not require specific approval:					
Grand Total				\$	\$234,000



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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>					
	Description/Purpose	Unit Cost	Quantity	Pre-Award	Total Budgeted
<b>6699/15XX- Library Books and Media (capitalized and controlled by library)</b>					
1					
<b>66XX/15XX- Technology Hardware - Capitalized</b>					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					
11					
<b>66XX/15XX- Technology Software- Capitalized</b>					
12					
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>Total 6600/15XX- Capital Outlay Costs:</b>					
					<b>\$0</b>



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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: 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:
- 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.



<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>	<b>254-902</b> County-District No.
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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	<u>254-902</u> County-District No.
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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>254-902</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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<b>SCHEDULE #6D -</b> Disclosure of Lobbying Activities	<b>TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY</b>  <b>Standard Application System</b>  <b>School Years 2010-2013</b>	<b>254-902</b>  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)			
<b>[ITEMS 11-15 REMOVED]</b>			
<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:	
		Name:	
		Title:	
		Telephone#	Date:
Federal Use Only:		Standard Form LLL	



<b>SCHEDULE #6E</b> NCLB ACT PROVISIONS & ASSURANCES	<b>TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY</b> <b>Standard Application System</b> <b>School Years 2010-2013</b>	<b>254-902</b> 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 to 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 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:**

- a. The grantee organization's DUNS number (TEA will need to collect this information from grantees)
- b. The grant award number (i.e., NOGA ID number) assigned by TEA (TEA will have this information on file)
- c. 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)
- d. 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)
- e. The (federal) Congressional district number
- f. The grantee organization type (i.e., independent school district, nonprofit organization, etc) (TEA will have this information on file)
- g. The total amount of the grant award (TEA will have this information on file)
- h. The total amount paid to the grantee as of date of report (TEA will have this information on file)
- i. 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.)
- j. 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.)
- k. 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.)
- l. 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:

- a. The total number of grants awarded less than \$25,000 (TEA will have this information file)
- b. The total award (aggregate) amount for all grants less than \$25,000 (TEA will have this information on file)
- c. 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 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).





<b>SCHEDULE #6F</b> PROGRAM-SPECIFIC PROVISIONS & ASSURANCES	<b>TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY</b>  <b>Standard Application System</b>  <b>School Year 2010-2013</b>	   <u>254-902</u> County-District No.
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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

