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		Keller Middle School Campus Name	101917144 Campus Number
		9-Digit Vendor ID#	IV ESC Region
		NOGA ID# (Assigned by TEA)	Amendment #

**Texas Title I Priority Schools Grant
 Schedule #1 - General Information**

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

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

Project Beginning Date: 08/01/2010

Project Ending Date: 06/30/2013

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

Tier I Tier II Tier III

Part 1: Index to the Application

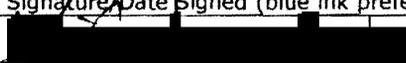
An X in the "New Application" column indicates those schedules that **must** be submitted as part of the application. The applicant must place an X in this column for each additional schedule submitted to complete the application. For amendments, the applicant must place an X in the Amendment Application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

Sch No.	Schedule Name	Application	
		New	Amend
1	General Information	X	X
3	Purpose of Amendment	NA	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Program Requirements	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
4A	Program Abstract	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
4B	Program Description	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
4C	Performance Assessment and Evaluation	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
4D	Equitable Access and Participation	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Program Budget Summary	X	X
5B	Payroll Costs 6100	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5C	Professional and Contracted Services 6200	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5D	Supplies and Materials 6300	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5E	Other Operating Costs 6400	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5G	Capital Outlay 6600/15XX (Exclusive of 6619 and 6629)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6A	General Provisions	X	NA
6B	Debarment and Suspension Certification	X	NA
6C	Lobbying Certification	X	NA
6D	Disclosure of Lobbying Activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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
Kirk		Lewis, Ed D.	Superintendent of Schools
Phone	Fax	Email	Signature/Date Signed (blue ink preferred)
713-740-0244	713-740-4040	klewis@pasadenaisd.org	 -1-10

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

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Part 2: List of Required Fiscal-Related Attachments and Assurances

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 **back** of the application as an appendix.

1 <input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of Nonprofit Status
	Required for all open-enrollment charter schools sponsored by a nonprofit organization: Check box to indicate that proof of nonprofit status is attached. (See Part 1: General and Fiscal Guidelines and Part 3: Schedule Instructions for acceptable proof.)
2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Assurance of Financial Stability
	Required for all independent school districts, open-enrollment charter schools, and education service centers: Check box to indicate assurance that audit requirements have been met. All public school districts, open-enrollment charter schools, and education service centers must be in compliance with submitting the required annual audit for the immediate prior fiscal year to TEA in the time and manner requested by TEA, and the audit must be determined by the TEA Division of Financial Audits to be in compliance with the applicable audit standards. TEA reserves the right to ensure that all applicants are deemed by TEA to be financially stable at the initial time of preliminary selection for funding to receive a grant award. The TEA Division of Financial Audits will determine financial stability based on the required annual audit for the immediate prior fiscal year.
3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Assurance of Submittal of Reviewer Information Form
	Required for all applicants: Check box to indicate assurance that reviewer information form will be submitted. All applicants are required to complete the Reviewer Information Form and to submit it online by Thursday, May 6, 2010 . (See Part 2: Program Guidelines, "Reviewer Information Form," for instructions on how to access and submit the form.)

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Part 3: Applicant Information

Local Educational Agency (LEA) Information

LEA Name				
Pasadena Independent School District				
Mailing Address Line - 1	Mailing Address Line - 2	City	State	Zip Code
1515 Cherrybrook		Pasadena	TX	77502
U.S. Congressional District Number	Primary DUNS Number	Central Contractor Registration (CCR) CAGE Code	NCES Identification Number	
22	072192925	374T9	4834320	
Campus Name			County-District Campus Number	
Keller Middle School			101-917-144	
Mailing Address Line - 1	Mailing Address Line - 2	City	State	Zip Code
3102 San Augustine		Pasadena	TX	77503

Applicant Contacts

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Telephone	Fax	Email		
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Mailing Address Line - 1	Mailing Address Line - 2	City	State	Zip Code
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Schedule #3—Purpose of Amendment

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

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

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

Part 4: Amendment Justification

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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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Schedule #4—Program Requirements

Part 2: Statutory Requirements

#	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 turnaround model, the campus must implement the following federal requirements.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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"> 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 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. 	Program Assurances

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18	If the LEA/campus selects to implement the turnaround model , the campus may implement the following federal requirements. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Any of the required and permissible activities under the transformation model; or b. A new school model (e.g., themed, dual language academy). 	Program Assurances
19	If the LEA/campus selects to implement the school closure model , the campus must implement the following requirement. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Enroll the students who attended that school in other schools in the LEA that are higher achieving within reasonable proximity to the closed school and may include, but are not limited to, charter schools or new schools for which achievement data are not yet available. b. A grant for school closure is a one-year grant without the possibility of continued funding. 	Program Assurances
20	If the LEA/campus selects to implement the restart model , the campus must implement the following federal requirements. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Convert or close and reopen the school under a charter school operator, a charter management organization (CMO), or an education management organization (EMO) that has been selected through a rigorous review process. A CMO is a non-profit organization that operates or manages charter schools by centralizing or sharing certain functions and resources among schools. An EMO is a for-profit or non-profit organization that provides "whole-school operation" services to an LEA. b. Enroll, within the grades it serves, any former student who wishes to attend the school. 	Program Assurances
21	If the LEA/campus selects to implement the transformation model , the campus must implement the following federal requirements. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop and increase teacher and school leader effectiveness. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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-- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Take into account data on student growth as a significant factor as well as other factors such as multiple observation-based assessments of performance and ongoing collections of professional practice reflective of student achievement and increased high school graduation rates; and (2) Are designed and developed with teacher and principal involvement; (C) Identify and reward school leaders, teachers, and other staff who, in implementing this model, have increased student achievement and high school graduation rates and identify and remove those who, after ample opportunities have been provided for them to improve their professional practice, have not done so; (D) Provide staff ongoing, high-quality, job-embedded professional development (e.g., regarding subject-specific pedagogy, instruction that reflects a deeper understanding of the community served by the school, or differentiated instruction) that is aligned with the school's comprehensive instructional program and 	Program Assurances

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21	<p>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</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>2. Comprehensive instructional reform strategies.</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>3. Increasing learning time and creating community-oriented schools.</p> <p>(A) Establish schedules and strategies that provide increased learning time; and</p> <p>(B) Provide ongoing mechanisms for family and community engagement.</p> <p>4. Providing operational flexibility and sustained support.</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(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).</p>	Program Assurances
22	<p>An LEA may also implement other strategies to develop teachers' and school leaders' effectiveness, such as--</p> <p>(A) Provide additional compensation to attract and retain staff with the skills necessary to meet the needs of the students in a transformation school;</p> <p>(B) Institute a system for measuring changes in instructional practices resulting from professional development; or</p> <p>(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.</p>	Program Assurances

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23	<p>An LEA may also implement comprehensive instructional reform strategies, such as--</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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-- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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	<p>An LEA may also implement other strategies that extend learning time and create community-oriented schools, such as--</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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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#	Requirement Description – Federal Statutory Requirements	Primary Component Where Described
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.	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

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.

Part 3: Statutory Assurances

#	Statutory Assurance Description
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.

Part 4: TEA Program Assurances

#	TEA Assurance Description
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. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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.

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#	TEA Assurance Description
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	<p>If the LEA/Tier III campus selects to implement the transformation model, the campus assures That it will it implement the following federal requirements.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop and increase teacher and school leader effectiveness. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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

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#	TEA Assurance Description
10	<p>2. Comprehensive instructional reform strategies.</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>3. Increasing learning time and creating community-oriented schools.</p> <p>A. Establish schedules and strategies that provide increased learning time; and</p> <p>B. Provide ongoing mechanisms for family and community engagement.</p> <p>4. Providing operational flexibility and sustained support.</p> <p>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</p> <p>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).</p>
11	<p>An LEA may also implement other strategies to develop teachers' and school leaders' effectiveness, such as--</p> <p>(A) Provide additional compensation to attract and retain staff with the skills necessary to meet the needs of the students in a transformation school;</p> <p>(B) Institute a system for measuring changes in instructional practices resulting from professional development; or</p> <p>(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.</p>
12	<p>An LEA may also implement comprehensive instructional reform strategies, such as--</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(B) Implement a school wide "response-to-intervention" model;</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(D) Use and integrate technology-based supports and interventions as part of the instructional program; and</p> <p>(E) In secondary schools--</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(2) Improve student transition from middle to high school through summer transition programs or freshman academies;</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(4) Establish early-warning systems to identify students who may be at risk of failing to achieve to high standards or graduate.</p>

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#	TEA Assurance Description
13	<p>An LEA may also implement other strategies that extend learning time and create community-oriented schools, such as--</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<p>The LEA may also implement other strategies for providing operational flexibility and intensive support, such as--</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<p>The LEA/campus assures TEA that data to meet the following federal requirements will be available and reported as requested.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Number of minutes within the school year. b. Average scale scores on State assessments in reading/language arts and in mathematics, by grade, for the "all students" group, for each achievement quartile, and for each subgroup. c. Number and percentage of students completing advanced coursework (e.g., AP/IB), early-college high schools, or dual enrollment classes. (High Schools Only) d. College enrollment rates. (High Schools Only) e. Teacher Attendance Rate f. Student Completion Rate g. Student Drop-Out Rate h. Locally developed competencies created to identify teacher strengths/weaknesses i. Types of support offered to teachers j. Types of on-going, job-embedded professional development for teachers k. Types of on-going, job-embedded professional development for administrators l. Strategies to increase parent/community involvement m. Strategies which increase student learning time

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Schedule #4A—Program Abstract**

Part 1: Grant Eligibility

Tier I Eligible Campus
 Tier II Eligible Campus
 Tier III Eligible Campus

Identify which timeline the LEA/Campus the applicant will implement.

Option 1: LEA/campus currently engaged in aggressive reform
 Option 2: LEA/campus in need of foundational technical assistance

Part 2: Grant Program Summary. 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).

Keller Middle School has a student population of 87% Hispanic, 9.4% White, 3% Black, 88.1% on free and reduced lunch, and 48.4% considered at-risk. Addressing the many needs of such a diverse demographic requires intentional interventions. Based on data from the 2009 TAKS test, issues will address the needs of the above high need groups.

Campus performance for the 2009 5th grade TAKS reading test was 75% met standard compared to 85% met standard in the state. In addition, the percent of students that met standard on the 2009 TAKS 5th grade Science test was 68% while the state average was 85%. Mathematics for the 6th grade TAKS test was also an area of concern with the campus met standard at 75% and the state at 82%.

In considering solutions to resolve the academic issues that exist, Pasadena I.S.D. reviewed and amended the district strategic plan to target many areas including technology embedded in instruction and college and career readiness on all levels. While a needs assessment will define Keller's final plan, the following activities are expected to be a part of the proposed school improvement program and are consistent with the goals and objectives of the Pasadena I.S.D. Strategic Plan:

- **Develop and increase teacher and school leader effectiveness (Federal Statutory Requirement 21.1)**
 – External providers will be hired to assess and coach campus leadership. Content area specialists will be hired coach teachers on how to use data from campus-based and teacher-designed assessments to address identified gaps and weaknesses for individual classes. Job-embedded professional development will focus on lesson plan development and teacher-designed assessments that have a greater impact on learning and that are tied to the Student Expectations. Additionally, new assessments will be created for leadership and teachers.
- **Comprehensive instructional reform strategies (Federal Statutory Requirement 21.1)** – Reading, math and science curriculum will undergo auditing, revision, and alignment for all grade levels. Teachers will use disaggregated data to guide instruction and to engage in collaborative planning that addresses student needs. The implementation of peer tutoring will aid students in performing highly in content areas and build their self-esteem. Teachers will use student-led conferences to empower their students to take responsibility for their learning.
- **Increase learning time and create community-oriented schools (Federal Statutory Requirement 21.1)** –Zero hour will allow students to take a class, for credit, before the regular school day begins. Access to 300 hours of extended day school enrichment activities will increase student learning opportunities. Parents will have access to classes such as computer classes, English as a Second Language classes, college and career awareness, and extended library hours.
- **Provide operational flexibility and sustained support (Federal Statutory Requirement 21.1)** –A Bilingual Specialist will coach teachers and assist with bilingual instruction. A math, reading and science coach for each grade level will coach teachers on how to effectively use data disaggregation to drive instruction.

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Schedule #4B—Program Description

Part 1: Comprehensive Needs Assessment

Section A: Campus Grade Levels

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	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	307	331	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	638
Open-Enrollment Charter School	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	0
Total Students:	0	0	0	0	0	0	307	331	0	0	0	0	0	0	638

Total Instructional Staff	56
Total Support Staff	18

Section B: Data Sources Reviewed or to be Reviewed in the Comprehensive Needs Assessment Process

1	Demographic Data - Reviewed from the following sources: Mizuni ² —for enrollment numbers, ethnicity, gender, special programs; Free and Reduced lunch, AEIS—mobility; staff demographics of ethnicity, gender, turnover, and student/teacher ratios.
2	Student Academic Achievement Data - Reviewed from TAKS scores. Scores will be reviewed and disaggregated by ethnicity, gender, socio-economic status, LEP, and special program. The questions that will be asked include: Which students are making progress and why; the impact of existing intervention programs; longitudinal student achievement data indicators; what does the data reflect within and among content areas; which students are making annual progress and projected growth.
3	School Culture and Climate - Reviewed from the following sources: Student, principal, staff surveys. Survey questions will address: school climate; attitude alignment to the school vision and mission; behaviors and discipline; physical safety; expectations; attendance; extracurricular activities; physical environment.
4	Staff Quality and Retention - Reviewed from the following sources: human resources records; teacher performance appraisals; teacher observational walkthrough data; teacher certification records; <i>Eduphoria</i> ³ records to assess staff development relevance.
5	Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment - Reviewed from the following sources: evaluation of curriculum for vertical alignment; TEKS-SEs and College readiness alignment; evaluations of academic intervention effectiveness; assessments of walkthroughs for use of research-based instructional techniques; instructional use of data.
6	Family and Community Involvement - Reviewed from the following sources: Parent attendance; parent participation on the site based decision-making committee.
7	School Context and Organization - Reviewed from the following sources: scheduling data; teacher teams meeting agendas and minutes; faculty and team meeting agendas and minutes.
8	Technology - Reviewed from the following sources: school technology inventory; student/staff technology proficiency; STaR chart assessments ⁴ ; observational walkthroughs that identify instructional use of technology.

¹ The needs assessment sources identified on this page were guided by the needs assessment process described in the 'No Child Left Behind Program Series', *NCLB Comprehensive Needs Assessment* published by the Texas Education Agency.

² Mizuni is a data warehouse accessible through a user portal, with dashboards, and reports used for data analysis by administrators, support staff, teachers, and soon to be parents and students.

³ Eduphoria is an instructional data management system that tracks staff development and serves as a lesson plan bank.

⁴ TEA assessment helps schools and teachers understand their progress toward meeting the *Long-Range Plan for Technology*, as well as meeting the goals of their district.

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Part 1: Comprehensive Needs Assessment Cont.

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

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

To identify the needs of Keller Middle School, campus staff and district leadership will be involved in a comprehensive needs assessment. The process will begin within one month of the grant award and data specific to the campus will include:

- Demographic data;
- Student academic achievement data;
- School culture and climate data;
- Staff quality and retention data;
- Curriculum, instruction, and assessment data;
- Family and community involvement data;
- School context and organization data; and
- Technology data.

Data collection: Collection of the data above will come from the data sources listed on page 17 by the Director of Research and Evaluation, campus administration, Associate Superintendents, and the campus-based grant manager. Data collection will occur within two months of the grant award and it will be formatted to identify trends and relationships.

Stakeholder input: The Director of Research and Evaluation, campus administration, Associate Superintendents, and the campus based grant manager will lead stakeholder meetings and conduct surveys. Stakeholder meetings and surveys will occur within three months of receiving the grant award and include community (local area industry, institutes of higher education, and the City of Pasadena), parents, students, teachers, the Superintendent, Associate Superintendents, and campus leadership.

Data evaluation: By the end of the third month of the grant award, the data and stakeholder input will be evaluated and school improvement priorities will be established.

Identifying the model and finalizing the plan design: Within four months of the grant award, the Keller design team⁵ will visit schools that have implemented successful school improvement reforms. The model will be identified and the plan design will be finalized and aligned to the district's strategic plan, using the needs assessment data, and information gained from site visits to successful school improvement districts. By the end of the fourth month after the grant award, the design team will submit the final school improvement plan to TEA.

⁵ The design team will include the campus principal, the campus grant manager, the campus Associate Superintendent for Campus Development, the Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, parents, staff, and students.

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Part 1: Comprehensive Needs Assessment Cont.

Section D: Groups of Participants Contributing/to Contribute to Needs Assessment Process, ensuring Parents and Community Groups were involved in the process.

1	Community (local area industry, IHE's, and City of Pasadena)
2	Parents
3	Superintendent of Schools
4	Associate Superintendents of Campus Development
5	Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction
6	Associate Superintendent of Special Programs
7	Associate Superintendent of Leadership and Instructional Support
8	Principals
9	Assistant Principals
10	Counselors
11	Teachers
12	Students
13	Curriculum specialists
14	Peer facilitators
15	Librarians

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Part 2: Project Management

Section A: LEA (District) Capacity Responses are limited to **one page each**, front side only, with a font size no smaller than 9 point (Arial or Verdana).

Capacity -- 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.

Pasadena Independent School District values the opportunities that grant funds provide and recognizes that grants allow the district to laser focus on instructional/learning gaps. Thus, the Board of Trustees supports district and campus use of grant funds and assures district resources of accounting, payroll, purchasing, and over-site are available to assure federal and state compliance. This will occur through the following supports:

Superintendent support: The superintendent will guide his administrative team in assuring the school-based program implementation maintains the direction and focus of the district's strategic plan. He will also help problem-solve resource needs and assure that the Board of Trustees is informed of program progress and accomplishments.

Associate Superintendent support: The campus will work with an Associate Superintendent of Campus Development and an Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction. Both will assure that program implementation will stay and remain aligned to the district improvement plan and the district strategic plan

Grant Department: The grant department will guide Keller Middle School in assuring that all State and Federal grant requirements are met. It will provide pre-implementation training, help with progress reports and meeting report deadlines, and assuring that all program activities described in the grant proposal are completed.

Finance Department: The finance department will provide a grant accountant to oversee the fiscal stewardship of all grant funds. The accountant will assure the grant funds are always separate from other district funds, that all state and federal requirements are met, and that all financial reports are completed and submitted on time. In addition, the finance department will assure that the internal auditor evaluates grant fund usage. This will assure that the program grant manager is following the applications describe use of all grant funds.

Payroll: The payroll department will be responsible for assuring the grant funded positions are paid according to the grant application description.

Department of Instructional Technology: The department of instructional technology will support teachers in integrating technology into instruction and helping all teachers reach the 'Target Tech' level of instruction- the highest level of technology integration as evidenced by the Texas Campus and Teacher School Technology and Readiness (STaR) chart. In addition, the campus-based technology liaison will use the STaR chart to identify resources to address gaps in technology integration in classroom instruction.

Department of Technology: The department of technology will support Keller Middle School in assuring that technology is properly installed and functional.

Campus: The campus will assure that a team will attend and participate in grant orientation meetings, technical assistance meetings, periodic meetings of grantees, the Texas School Improvement Conference, and the sharing of best practices that will support and guide school improvement implementation.

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Part 2: Project Management Cont.

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Partnership/Involvement of Others – Describe how the LEA/campus consulted with relevant stakeholders (students, staff, parents, community) regarding this application and proposed implementation of a school intervention model.

Prior to deciding the model and program design for school improvement at Keller Middle, a comprehensive needs assessment will be completed and will include ideas and recommendations from staff, students, parents, and community members. This information will be secured for the needs assessment, through the following process:

Student consultation: Keller Middle School will seek information from students about their current educational experience, what they would like from their education, what they would like to see different at school, and what their plans for their future include. This information will be secured through focus groups and surveys

Staff consultation: Keller Middle School will seek information from staff about their current teaching experience, what would help them improve as a teacher, what they perceive as student’s academic challenges, and what their plans for the future include. This information will be secured through focus groups and surveys.

Parent consultation: Keller Middle School will seek information from parents about their child’s current educational experience, what they would like to see different at school, whether or not they feel comfortable coming to the school to ask questions and to be involved, whether or not they understand how they can help their children academically, and whether or not the school is meeting their child’s learning needs. This information will be secured through focus groups and surveys.

Community involvement: Keller Middle School will seek information from local area industry and Institutes of Higher Education on the preparedness gaps of students who pursue careers or post-secondary education. This information will be secured through focus groups and surveys.

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Management of Grant Activities – 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.

Although the comprehensive needs assessment is not complete and the intervention has not been selected, Keller Middle School is anticipating that it will modify its practices and policies to align with the requirements of the transformation model. The following modifications will guide the staff and leadership at Keller Middle School:

- **Develop and increase teacher and school leader effectiveness (Federal Statutory Requirement 21.1)** – Leadership will be the first focus of increasing whole school improvement. An external provider will guide Keller in assessing school leadership skills, gaps, and adapt a program of coaching responsive to the needs of the leadership team. Existing campus grade level math, reading, and science peer facilitators and newly hired content specialists for math, reading, and science will receive additional training on how to use student data to address identified gaps and weaknesses. The three content area specialists will work with each teacher, individually, on using the data to drive instruction and coach the teachers on strategies to address areas of need. Job-embedded professional development will train teachers to design lessons that are tied to the Student Expectations. Additionally, through the specialist’s expertise, teachers will learn to develop content assessments that identify students who need small group instruction and learn to adjust instruction, if necessary.
- **Comprehensive instructional reform strategies (Federal Statutory Requirement 21.1)** – The reading, math and science curriculum will undergo auditing, revision, and alignment for both grade levels. The content specialists will guide the curriculum revisions. Collaboration with external experts for science and math strategies will provide additional content for the curriculum and additional activities for implementation in the classroom. The specialists will coach teachers to use the new aligned curriculum at the level in which student achievement meets the TEKS Student Expectations. Coaches will also aid teachers to use data to make effective instructional decisions. Teacher teaming will be used to respond to students’ needs quickly. Each team will have four core teachers that have a common planning period. Teachers will also have a common planning period to meet as a department and to align instruction vertically. Teacher collaboration across content areas and grade levels will allow teachers to use strategies that have proven effective in addressing the areas of highest academic need. Student peer tutoring will be used to promote peer-to-peer learning, which studies have shown increases academic achievement and improves social skills.⁶ Finally, each teacher will engage in student-led conferences allowing students to discuss their performance with their parents and teacher.
- **Increase learning time and create community-oriented schools (Federal Statutory Requirement 21.1)** – Students attending Keller Middle School will have a menu of options to address learning beyond the school day. The options include a zero period, after-school program, and a summer program. Zero hour will allow students to take a class, for credit, before the regular school day begins. Success of school-wide reform depends in part on engaging parents and the community in school activities. Activities offered for parents and the community will include computer classes, English as a Second Language classes, college and career awareness, and extended library hours.
- **Provide operational flexibility and sustained support (Federal Statutory Requirement 21.1)** – The campus will hire a Masters-level program manager for all TTIPS grant activities. A Bilingual Specialist will also join the team to coach teachers and assist with bilingual instruction. A math, reading and science coach for each grade level will work with teachers as a resource and coach to assist with data disaggregation conversations and usage that determine student academic needs.

⁶ Hunter, Monica. *The Effects of a Peer Tutoring and Group Counseling Program on Academic Achievement and Behavior of At-Risk Junior High Males*. Auburn University Theses and Dissertations. 15 August-2005. Retrieved April 29, 2010 from http://etd.auburn.edu/etd/bitstream/handle/10415/1279/HUNTER_MONICA_48.pdf?sequence=1.

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Resource Management – Describe how the LEA/campus will align other resources (federal, state, local, and community) with the school improvement intervention.		
<p>Using existing Keller Middle School resources will enhance and support the transformation school improvement model planned by allowing Keller to align current resources with school improvement interventions and strengthen the impact of the model on student performance. In addition to the campus teachers and support staff, the resources below will align with the transformation model:</p>		
<p>Safe and Civil Schools – This framework provides the campus with resources for behavior and classroom management. The principles and procedures of this approach change the school climate reducing misbehavior and increasing student engagement using Positive Behavior Supports.</p>		
<p>Communities in Schools – The nation’s largest dropout prevention organization provides services to at-risk youth and their parents. A full-time staff person facilitates the activities based on the needs of the students and families.</p>		
<p>Pasadena I.S.D. Strategic Plan –The district is committed to improving all areas from strengthening leadership to improving student academic success. The Pasadena I.S.D. strategic planning committee’s vision and goals are in alignment with Keller Middle School’s school-wide literacy initiative.</p>		
<p>D.A.T.E. Grant – To recognize teachers and staff who have gone beyond regular instructional practices to reach an academic goal on the TAKS test and complete supportive activities, the D.A.T.E. grant provides financial incentive awards. Each calculated goal includes an Academic Growth Requirement as an added “stretch” for the team.</p>		
<p>Conscious Discipline – In this research-based classroom management program and social-emotional curriculum, teachers are transformed, first. Eventually, their new perspective leads to change for the students they touch. Students are able to manage daily tasks such as learning, forming relationships, effective communications, being aware of their peer’s needs and working well with others.</p>		
<p>Computers and Promethean Boards – Keller Middle School has 72 student computers and 10 interactive whiteboards. Interactive whiteboards allow content on a computer screen to be projected on a display that students can interact with during instruction to meet the needs of the 21st Century learners that are in each class.</p>		
<p>Instructional Specialists for Math, Reading and Science – The Reading and Math Peer Facilitators and the Science Specialist will continue to use assessment data to help teachers and the leadership make effective instructional decisions campus-wide. Specialists assist the teachers with interpreting assessment data down to the individual student in each class and coach teachers on strategies that will address gaps and weaknesses.</p>		
<p>Kids 2 College - Kids to College is a college awareness curriculum for 6th grade students with a culminating activity of visiting a local university. Parents also receive a workbook informing them of the many options that exist to prepare and send their child to college.</p>		

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Grant Project Manager Qualifications – Describe the qualifications of the person selected to be the project manager for this grant on the campus.

JOB DESCRIPTION for Grant Coordinator (SIG)

Job Title: Campus-based Program Grant Manager
 Reports to: Associate Superintendent
 Dept./School: Department of Compliance and Accountability
 Pay Grade:
 Duty Days: 220
 Date Revised: 5/18/2010

PRIMARY PURPOSE: The job was established for the purpose of coordinating and overseeing the grant opportunity funded through the School Improvement Grants (SIG).

QUALIFICATIONS:

Required:

Minimum Education/Certification: Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university, Valid Texas Teacher Certificate, Minimum Three Years Teaching Experience, Supervisory experience

Preferences:

Master’s degree from an accredited college or university, Experience in collaboration and working effectively with teachers and administrators, Experience in organizing and coordinating district wide program, Experience in managing budgets and personnel, Outstanding communication skill, Ability to interpret data

Special Knowledge and Skills:

Competence in developing reports with quantitative and qualitative information; strong problem solving and analytical skills required with a proven track record; strong communication, public relations, and interpersonal skills; ability to work independently and collaboratively.

Experience: Minimum of 3 years of teaching experience

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES: Coordinate the program evaluation and program data collection; coordinate/manage the grant budget; monitor accomplishment of program objectives; coordinate partnership activities; Coordinate/manage the purchasing of services; communicate regularly with campus personnel regarding grant implementation; identify and coordinate summer enrichment activities for identified campuses; chair and serve on planning and implementation teams; coordinate program communication; ensure compliance with all grant guidelines; participate in meetings, workshops and seminars for the purpose of conveying and/or gathering information required or related to the grant; performs other duties as assigned for the purpose of ensuring the efficient and effective functioning of the grant program; complete special projects as assigned; perform all other duties assigned.

SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES: Supervise and evaluate the performance of employees assigned.

WORKING CONDITIONS: Mental Demands: Ability to communicate effectively (verbal and written); interpret policy; and procedures; maintain control under stress; Physical Demands/Environmental Factors: Frequent district-wide and state-wide travel; occasional prolonged and irregular hours.

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LEA Support – Describe how the LEA will structure and implement an individual or office with responsibility for supporting the campus’ school improvement efforts.

Pasadena Independent School District will assure that Keller Middle School has a campus-based grant program manager whose sole responsibility is to support the campus’ school improvement efforts. The structure that PISD will build to support the campus-based intervention will include:

1). Capacity: Pasadena I.S.D.’s goal is to assure school improvement activities are implemented with fidelity. PISD will build the capacity to meet this goal by:

- Using an external provider to guide school improvement activity implementation.
- Training all staff on program requirements and school improvement activities.
- Creating a management organizational chart that delineates roles and responsibilities.
- Assigning a grant accountant who will assure the grant funds are used according to the grant description and federal and state requirements,
- Assigning a grant official to provide grant implementation training, review of grant requirements, and support and assist with grant progress reports.
- Recruiting and hiring a qualified grant program manager that will handle the day-to-day operational responsibilities and coordinate school improvement activities.
- Establishing a system of checks and balances to assure all aspects of the school improvement program are implemented, operational, and effective. Establish a system for modifying program components if desired outcomes are not occurring
- Campus and district leadership will attend and participate in consultant-led instructional leadership training, grant orientation meetings, technical assistance meetings, periodic meetings of grantees, the Texas School Improvement Conference, and the sharing of best practices.

2). Management of Grant Activities: Pasadena I.S.D.’s grant management process will be campus-based and the day-to day grant implementation will be managed by a campus-based grant program manager. The Manager’s responsibilities will include:

- Coordinating needs assessment, staff training, 300 hours of additional instructional enrichment opportunities, embedded professional staff development, and over-site of instructional use of data;
- Coordinating the consultant-led activities;
- Coordinating partnerships and involvement of outside organizations and supports;
- Coordinating program implementation and assuring program fidelity;
- Assuring grant and district provided resources are used to support the intervention;
- Evaluation of program effectiveness and modifying program activities as needed.

These activities will be supervised and supported by the principal. The Associate Superintendent for Campus Development will support the principal by assuring that district resources are available and that program implementation is aligned with the district’s strategic plan.

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

The school improvement model and program design implementation will be supported through this grant for one year of planning and two years of implementation. This timeframe will allow Keller Middle School to re-organize and integrate new operational, instructional, and school culture strategies by building an infrastructure of processes and procedures.

Though all of the strategies and activities will not be defined until the needs assessment is complete, it is expected that minimally, the following activities will occur and will continue beyond the grant year, without additional funding:

- An assessment process to identify campus instructional leadership skills and abilities,
- A coaching process developing instructional leadership skills,
- An assessment process to identify teacher skills and abilities,
- A coaching process for developing classroom instruction skills and abilities,
- A process for auditing and revising the curriculum, and training teachers to use it,
- A menu of 300 additional hours of student educational opportunities outside of the regular school day,
- Instruction driven by data from all student assessments,
- Instructional resources that are matched to the depth of instruction needed to respond to the TEKS-Student Expectations,
- An embedded system of college and career awareness and readiness activities for students and parents,
- Reading Night at apartment complexes that feed into the school,
- Student peer tutors for each grade level.

School improvement model activities requiring continued funding:

- Four campus content specialists (reading, math, and science coaches, and the bilingual specialist),
- Teachers for zero hour classes and after-school program,
- College visits,

The staffing that need continued funding beyond the grant year are positions that support the goals of the district's long-range strategic plan. Thus, it is expected that if the program components have resulted in significant improvement, the district will continue them.

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External Providers -- Describe how the LEA will recruit, screen, and select external providers to ensure their quality.

Pasadena I.S.D. has experience in using external providers in the school improvement process. Therefore, it has experience in recruiting, screening, and selecting providers who understand the district, are responsive to the instructional and organizational gaps, and are willing to work with the district's resources.

Recruit: First, the scope of work will be released to our known external providers and to the public and to accept proposals for providing the services. The scope of work will include the following:

1. School Profile Visit—The profile will identify trends in student performance over time, and where possible, present school data and performance compared to similar schools and state averages. Data areas for review include student achievement data, student participation data, student subgroup data, demographic data, student/parent surveys, and school characteristics to identify strengths and potential areas of need. In addition to the district's current data sources, information collected includes, but is not limited to, Grade 5-6 standardized test results, achievement levels on standardized tests/assessments other than state exams, yearly growth in literacy, student participation in enrichment courses (music, art, physical education, etc.), student satisfaction surveys, student risk behaviors, additional data indicators pertinent to Pasadena I.S.D., and staff surveys to determine general attitudes about the working environment.

2. Instructional Review—Conducting classroom observations, teacher interviews, and teacher surveys, to understand classroom instruction. Evaluation of curriculum maps will assure the standards—State, College, and National are evident and present in Pasadena I.S.D. curriculum.

3. School Improvement Planning and Model Selection—Guiding campus and district staff in selecting a school improvement model, identifying improvement activities, and developing an implementation plan.

4. Staff development—Modeling on leadership and instructional best practices and on relationship building.

5. Job-embedded executive coaching for school positional leaders/principal and school leadership teams—Demonstrating use of the observational walk-through for teacher development and instruct on being an effective instructional leader.

6. Job-embedded coaching for teachers—Guidance on using best-practices in the classroom

7. Parent and Community partnership development guidance—Training on supporting student academic achievement

8. Fidelity, accountability, and sustainability activities—Establishing systems to assure that program implementation occurs as planned, results in the expected outcomes, and is integrated into operational and organizational procedures and culture.

Screen: Next, screening of external provider proposals for services proposed and cost of services will occur. The campus principal and designated campus staff and the associate superintendent responsible for Keller Middle School will interview external providers whose proposals are responsive to the scope of work.

Selection: The external provider will be chosen by the interview team and a Memorandum of Understanding will be developed and approved by the Board of Trustees.

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Site Visits – 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.

Using the results from the comprehensive needs assessment (Statutory Requirement #1), the Keller Middle School planning committee will identify the areas that require the most improvement. The committee is comprised of the School Principal, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Associate Superintendent of Campus Development, teacher representative, Technical Assistance provider, and the Department of Research and Evaluation. Referring to the critical areas as a guide, the committee will develop activities under the Transformation Model for Keller Middle School. To adequately address the needs of the campus (Statutory Requirement #21) as determined by the needs assessment, the committee will evaluate the four pieces of the model. They are:

- developing and increasing teacher and school leader effectiveness,
- implementing comprehensive instructional reform strategies,
- increasing learning time and creating community-oriented schools and,
- providing operational flexibility and sustained support.

Research conducted by the members of the planning committee will produce a list of schools in the state that have the same areas of need, the same student demographics, and are currently implementing a school reform model to address the critical areas. A member of the planning committee will contact selected campuses. The committee will then present the additional findings to the committee. After discussing all information for the selected campuses, the committee will decide the campuses to visit. Committee members will visit no more than six schools throughout the year.

Keller Middle School anticipates the needs assessment will reflect several areas that will require transformation. The areas expected to require improvements include:

- strategies to increase teacher and leadership effectiveness, such as the implementation of new observation protocols (Federal Statutory Requirement #21, 1B.1),
- increase college and career awareness, (Federal Statutory Requirement #23, E1),
- increase learning time through an extension of the school day (Federal Statutory Requirement #21, 3A) and,
- adding more job-embedded professional development as a regular part of the school year (Federal Statutory Requirement #21, D).

Visiting a middle school that is currently implementing a school improvement model and has similar demographics will provide insight for successful implementation of the transformation model at Keller Middle School. The committee will consider such factors, in addition to areas that are prominent in the needs assessment, as the site visits are determined.

After visiting the selected campuses, the committee expects to learn about strategies that are successful and unsuccessful in school improvement reform and will be able to apply those lessons learned in the implementation plan for Keller Middle School. Research shows that schools that perform well are constantly refining their processes.⁷ Throughout the three years of the grant, the committee will visit and explore successful practices from around the state. The expectation is that each visit will produce a new way to modify our plan to yield the best possible results for the students.

⁷Jones, Richard (2010). *The Process of Change-Why Change, What to Do, and How to Do It*. International Center for Leadership in Education. New York, pg. 11.

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Lack of Capacity -- 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.

Pasadena Independent School District does not have any Tier I schools.

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Section A: Intervention Model Selection Process

Intervention Model to be Implemented – Indicate the model(s) being *considered* by the LEA/campus for implementation. Indicate whether the LEA/campus will participate in the TEA Approved Model with Technical Assistance provided by the TEA-funded School Improvement Resource Center or the LEA/campus will implement its own intervention design within the requirements of the grant program.

- Turnaround
- Closure
- Restart
- Transformation

Tier III Modified Transformation

TEA Designed Model with Technical Assistance Provided by the School Improvement Resource Center

Supplemental Education Services (SES) incorporated into the intervention model

Note: Applying to implement the TEA Approved Model with Technical Assistance Provided by the School Improvement Resource Center in no way implies or guarantees funding.

The LEA/campus will implement its own intervention design, within the parameters required by the final federal regulations released by USDE

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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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MODEL SELECTION PROCESS.

- 1. Complete a comprehensive needs assessment.** A comprehensive needs assessment will guide the model selection and program plan development.
- 2. Complete site visits to schools with successful school improvement models.** Site visits will allow Keller Middle School to take lessons learned from existing middle school reform models and implement them district-wide.
- 3. Evaluate stakeholder input.** A significant amount of stakeholder ideas and concerns will be secured during the needs assessment process through interviews and surveys. This information will be evaluated with the District’s Education Committee feedback and will guide final school improvement model selection and program plan design.
- 4. Identify best practices that meet school needs.** Considering the comprehensive needs assessment, the information gained from site visits to successful school improvement models, stakeholder input, and the design team will help identify best practices to include in the final school improvement plan.
- 5. Decide on the model that aligns to the identified needs of the campus.** The model that will responds to the comprehensive needs assessment, allow the use of the information gained from site visits to successful school improvement models, support stakeholder input, and allow Keller Middle to use identified best practices.

PROGRAM DESIGN:

The expectation is that Keller Middle will use the Tier III Transformation Model. If this school improvement model is selected, staff will develop a plan for implementing program strategies, establishing the baselines for newly identified indicators, and refining the one and two year program goals. The plan will be based on the four principles of TEA’s model of transformation that include: improving student achievement and increasing college and career readiness by building the capacity of campus leaders and teachers; reforming instructional strategies in all grade levels and content areas; increasing opportunities for learning outside of the regular school day; and utilizing district support to transform operational systems.

TIMELINE:

(October 1, 2010 – February 2011)

- Hire campus-based grant program manager.
- Contract with external provider
- Contract with external evaluator.
- Collaborate with SIRC to complete the School Snapshot.
- Complete needs assessment of student academic performance and student, staff, parent, and community views of academic/instructional/school culture needs.
- Complete site visits to successful school improvement models.
- Select school improvement model..

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- Design school improvement plan and submit model selection and program plan to TEA.
- Establish evaluation processes and procedures.

Develop and increase teacher and school leader effectiveness

(February 2011 – August 2011—For the development of the following systems.)

- Develop and establish a system to assess principal leadership skills and abilities.
- Develop and establish teacher evaluation systems.
- Develop and establish a system to reward effective teachers and leaders.
- Develop and establish a system of ongoing, high quality, job-embedded professional staff development.
- Develop and establish an observational walk-through protocol for assessing and improving teacher quality that includes assessment, feedback, and follow-up.

(August 2011 – June 30, 2013—For the establishment of the following systems.)

- Use the system of assessment to determine principal leadership skills and abilities.
- Use the teacher evaluation system.
- Use a system to reward effective teachers and leaders.
- Use ongoing, high quality, job-embedded professional staff development.
- Use observational walk-through protocols for assessing and improving teacher quality that includes assessment, feedback, and follow-up.

Comprehensive instructional reform strategies.

(February 2011 – June 2011)

- Vertically and horizontally align math, reading/ELA, and science curriculums to the TEKS student expectations and the Texas College Readiness Standards.
- Develop and implement a plan for using literacy strategies across all content areas.
- Train teachers to use new math, reading/ELA and science curriculums and literacy strategies.
- Hire and train literacy, math, and science coaches and content area specialists.
- Finalize college and career awareness advisory curriculum.
- Finalize grade-level team assignments for collaborative planning and sharing.

(February 2011 – June 30, 2013)

- Refine curriculum, as needed, as evidenced by the Curriculum Based Assessments and teacher-designed assessments.
- Train teachers/leaders to disaggregate data and to use it to guide decision-making.
- Train leadership on best practices.

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- Conduct reading, math and science student assessment.
- Train teachers to conduct student-led conferences.
- Train teachers to create teacher-designed assessments.
- Train teachers on science models and include 4th grade teachers from feeder schools.
- Train teachers to create lesson plans tied to the student expectations.
- Train students to engage in regular peer tutoring.
- Set up classroom libraries.
- Create student book clubs.
- Assure that 100% of Keller Middle School teachers are using technology at the Target Tech level.
- Coach leadership on effective leadership practices.
- Literacy, math, and science coaches and peer facilitators disaggregate data and coach teachers individually.

Increasing learning time and creating community-oriented schools.

(January 1, 2011 – June 2011)

- Create a schedule of 300 hours of organized student academic enrichment experiences that occur beyond the normal school day and are tied to the TEKS.
- Design and hire personnel for zero hour classes.
- Design and hire personnel for extended day program.
- Design and hire personnel for summer enrichment program.
- Extend library hours for family use
- Organize parent and community ESL classes.
- Organize parent and community computer classes.
- Create a schedule of organized career and college awareness enrichment experiences for students and parents that occur beyond the normal school day.
- Establish a program of curriculum embedded college and career awareness activities.

(August 2011 – June 30, 2013)

- Provide organized student academic enrichment experiences that occur beyond the normal school day and are tied to the TEKS.
- Provide a program of family and community engagement activities that are career and college awareness focused.
- Provide organized career and college awareness enrichment experiences for students and parents that occur beyond the normal school day.
- Provide a program of curriculum embedded college and career awareness activities.

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- Implement zero hour classes.
- Implement extended day program.
- Implement summer enrichment program.
- Continue extended library hours for family use
- Conduct parent and community ESL classes.
- Conduct parent and community computer classes.
- Implement a program of curriculum embedded college and career awareness activities.

Providing operational flexibility and sustained support.

(October 1, 2010 – December 2010)

- Define the role of the literacy coaches.
- Define the role of the content instructional coaches.

(October 1, 2010 – June 30, 2013)

- Conduct periodic reviews to ensure that the curriculum is being implemented with fidelity and having an impact on student achievement.

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Section C: Groups of Participants – List the groups of participants who will actively assist in the process to select a school intervention model that aligns to the identified needs of the campus.

1	Community (local area industry, IHE's, and City of Pasadena)
2	Parents
3	Superintendent of Schools
4	Associate Superintendents of Campus Development
5	Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction
6	Associate Superintendent of Special Programs
7	Associate Superintendent of Leadership and Instructional Support
8	Principals
9	Teachers
10	Students
11	Curriculum specialists
12	Peer facilitators
13	Assistant Principals
14	Counselors
15	Librarians

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On the following pages of charts applicants should describe all other school improvement activities that will be incorporated with the model to be selected.

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.

- 1 – Improve Academic Performance, including (but not limited to) Reading/ELA and Math
 - A. Data-driven instruction
 - B. Curriculum Alignment (both horizontal and vertical)
 - C. On-going Monitoring of Instruction
- 2 – Increase the Use of Quality Data to Drive Instruction
 - A. Data Disaggregation/Training
 - B. Data-driven Decisions
 - C. On-going Communication
- 3 – Increase Leadership Effectiveness
 - A. On-going Job Embedded Professional Development
 - B. Operational Flexibility
 - C. Resource/Data Utilization
- 4 – Increase Learning Time
 - A. Flexible Scheduling
 - B. Instructionally-focused Calendar
 - C. Staff Collaborative Planning
- 5 – Increase Parent/Community Involvement
 - A. Increased Opportunities for Input
 - B. Effective Communication
 - C. Accessible Community Services
- 6 – Improve School Climate
 - A. Increased Attendance
 - B. Decreased Discipline Referrals
 - C. Increased Involvement in Extra/Co-Curricular Activities
- 7 – Increase Teacher Quality
 - A. Locally Developed Appraisal Instruments
 - B. On-going Job Embedded Professional Development
 - C. Recruitment/Retention Strategies

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

CSF Milestone	Additional Improvement Activity	Rationale	Supporting Research	Timeline Begin Date	Timeline End Date
A.	Improve Student Achievement in Reading/ELA (Federal Transformation Model Required Activities #21, 2B)	Students must be able to read in order to learn and the higher their reading skills the greater engagement in learning.	"Reading." Literacy Matters. Retrieved April 29, 2010 from http://www.literacymatters.org/content/readandwrite/reading.htm	February, 2011	June, 2013
A.	Improve Student Achievement in Mathematics (Federal Transformation Model Required Activities #21, 2B)	Students who are successful in more rigorous math classes have a higher chance of succeeding in post-secondary education.	Shakrani, Sharif. (2006). "The Michigan Merit Curriculum." New Educator. Retrieved May 24, 2010 from http://www.educ.msu.edu/neweducator/Fall06/curriculum.htm	February, 2011	June, 2013
A.	Improve Student Achievement in Science (Federal Transformation Model Required Activities #21, 2B)	Science helps students think critically and rationalize information. Science complements math and reading by reinforcing the concepts.	Barber, Jacqueline et. Al. "Improving Science Content Acquisition through a Combined Science/Literacy Approach: A Quasi-Experimental Study." Retrieved May 24, 2010 from http://lawrencehallofscience.org/seeds/PDFs/Barber_NagyCatz_A2314BB.pdf	February, 2011	June, 2013
A.	WRAP Assessment (Federal Transformation Model Required Activities #21, 2B)	A reading assessment will allow teachers to understand student's grade level reading skills and responsively teach to the gap.	Denton, C., Bryan, D., Wexler, J., Reed, D. and Vaughn, S. (2007). <i>Effective Instruction for Middle School Students with Reading Difficulties: The Reading Teacher's Sourcebook</i> . Austin: University of Texas System/Texas Education Agency. Retrieved May 24, 2010 from http://www.meadowscenter.org/vgc/downloads/middle_school_instruction/RTS_Ch1.pdf	February, 2011	June, 2013

A.	Use Mathematics Curriculum Based Assessments (CBA). (Federal Transformation Model Required Activities #21, 2B)	Math CBA's will allow teachers to understand student's math gaps and responsively teach to the gap.	Chiappetta, Carrie. (2009). "Why is it important to integrate math with other subjects?" K12 Academics. Retrieved May 24, 2010 from http://www.k12academics.com/articles/why-it-important-integrate-math-other-subjects	February, 2011	June, 2013
A.	Use Science Curriculum Based Assessments (CBA). (Federal Transformation Model Required Activities #21, 2B)	Science CBA's will allow teachers to understand student's science gaps and responsively teach to the gap.	Barber, Jacqueline et. Al. "Improving Science Content Acquisition through a Combined Science/Literacy Approach: A Quasi-Experimental Study." Retrieved May 24, 2010 from http://lawrencehallofscience.org/seeds/PDFs/Barber_NagyCatz_A2314BB.pdf	February, 2011	June, 2013
B.	Align reading/ELA curriculums horizontally and vertically and to student expectations TEKS) and Texas College Readiness standards (Federal Transformation Model Required Activities #21, 2A; Federal Permissible Activities #23A)	Instructional challenges of a large district (63 schools) often result from vertical and horizontal gaps. Alignment eliminates instructional gaps and reduces the number of students that are not prepared for upper grade level work. Furthermore, aligning curriculums to Texas College Readiness standards will assure that students are ready for post-secondary level work.	Case, Betsy & Zucker, Sasha. (2005). <i>Horizontal and Vertical Alignment</i> . Pearson Education. Retrieved May 24, 2010 from http://www.pearsonassessments.com/NR/rdoonlyres/E680AEC5-A1E3-475A-B9B6-93DBC5C4DFD1/0/HorizontalVerticalAlignment.pdf	February, 2011	June, 2011
B.	Align math curriculums horizontally and vertically and to student expectations TEKS) and Texas College Readiness standards (Federal Transformation Model Required Activities #21, 2A; Federal Permissible Activities #23A)	Instructional challenges of a large district (63 schools) often result from vertical and horizontal gaps. Alignment eliminates instructional gaps and reduces the number of students that are not prepared for upper grade level work. Furthermore, aligning curriculums to Texas College Readiness standards will assure that students are ready for post-secondary level work.	Case, Betsy & Zucker, Sasha. (2005). <i>Horizontal and Vertical Alignment</i> . Pearson Education. Retrieved May 24, 2010 from http://www.pearsonassessments.com/NR/rdoonlyres/E680AEC5-A1E3-475A-B9B6-93DBC5C4DFD1/0/HorizontalVerticalAlignment.pdf	February, 2011	June, 2011
B.	Align science curriculums horizontally and vertically and to student expectations TEKS) and Texas	Instructional challenges of a large district (63 schools) often result from vertical and horizontal gaps. Alignment	Case, Betsy & Zucker, Sasha. (2005). <i>Horizontal and Vertical Alignment</i> . Pearson Education. Retrieved May 24, 2010	February, 2011	June, 2011

	College Readiness standards (Federal Transformation Model Required Activities #21, 2A; Federal Permissible Activities #23A)	eliminates instructional gaps and reduces the number of students that are not prepared for upper grade level work. Furthermore, aligning curriculums to Texas College Readiness standards will assure that students are ready for post-secondary level work.	from http://www.pearsonassessments.com/NR/rdonlyres/E680AEC5-A1E3-475A-B9B6-93DBC5C4DFD1/0/HorizontalVerticalAlignment.pdf		
C.	Use observational walkthroughs to monitor classroom instruction (Federal Transformation Model Required Activities #21,1B; Permissible Activities #22B)	Observational walkthroughs will be used to improve classroom instruction. Depending on the quality of instruction occurring in the classroom, teachers will benefit from a weekly, monthly, or quarterly walkthrough. The walkthroughs will identify areas of instructional improvement needed and they will be looked for during the next walkthrough.	Ginsberg, Margery & Murphy, Damon (2002). <i>How Walkthroughs Open Doors</i> . Retrieved May 24, 2010 from http://teacherweb.com/ma/teachers21/jerrygoldberg/howwalkthroughsopenddoors.pdf	August, 2011	June, 2013
C.	Use attendance records to monitor attendance to professional staff development, vertical/horizontal team meetings, and faculty meetings. (Federal Transformation Model Required Activities #21D)	Instruction improves when teachers attend appropriate staff development, vertical/horizontal team meetings, and faculty meetings.	Lezotte, Lawrence W. <i>Learning for All</i> . Michigan: Effective Schools Products Ltd, 1997.	February, 2011	June, 2013
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Critical Success Factor 2: Increase the use of Quality Data to Drive Instruction

CSF Milestone	Additional Improvement Activity	Rationale	Supporting Research	Timeline Begin Date	Timeline End Date
A.	Train administrators to disaggregate academic data for the district. (Federal Transformation Model Required Activities #21, 2B; Federal Permissible Activities #23C)	When data is disaggregated district-wide, administrators can understand instructional priorities. Once instructional priorities are established, professional staff development can be targeted as well as other district resources.	"Data-Driven." National Staff Development Council. (2010) Retrieved May 24, 2010 from http://www.nsd.org/standards/datadriven.cfm .	February, 2011	June, 2013
A.	Train administrators to disaggregate campus academic data. (Federal Transformation Model Required Activities #21, 2B; Federal Permissible Activities #23C)	When campus data is disaggregated, administrators can understand campus-based instructional priorities. Once instructional priorities are established, Campus leadership can be target campus resources.	"Data-Driven." National Staff Development Council. (2010) Retrieved May 24, 2010 from http://www.nsd.org/standards/datadriven.cfm .	February, 2011	June, 2013
A.	Train teachers to disaggregate student academic data. (Federal Transformation Model Required Activities #21, 2B; Federal Permissible Activities #23C)	When teachers disaggregate, student data, they can understand student learning gaps and make them instructional priorities. Once instructional priorities are established, teachers can more efficiently budget their time and resources to help students improve academically.	"Data-Driven." National Staff Development Council. (2010) Retrieved May 24, 2010 from http://www.nsd.org/standards/datadriven.cfm .	February, 2011	June, 2013
B.	Use data to identify and remedy organizational and instructional gaps, to make decisions on using district resources, and for continuous quality assurance. (Federal Transformation Model Required Activities #21, 2A; Federal Permissible Activities #23C)	Decisions that are made from quality data will keep Pasadena ISD's curriculum aligned to State and Federal requirement, and its own strategic plan.	<i>Realigning Resource for District Transformation: Using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds to Advance a Strategic Education Reform Agenda.</i> (2009). Center for American Progress. Retrieved May 24, 2010 from http://www.educationresourcesstrategies.org/documents/ERSCAPStimulusPaperFinalApril09.pdf	February, 2011	June, 2013

B.	Peer-to-peer tutoring (Federal Transformation Model Required Activities #21, 2A; Federal Permissible Activities #23C)	Research has shown that students learn better from each other because they depend on their peers for support. Peer tutoring can impact students beyond the classroom.	Hunter, Monica. <u>The Effects of a Peer Tutoring and Group Counseling Program on Academic Achievement and Behavior of At-Risk Junior High Males.</u> Auburn University Theses and Dissertations. 15 August-2005. Retrieved April 29, 2010 from http://etd.auburn.edu/etd/bitstream/handle/10415/1279/HUNTER_MONICA_48.pdf?sequence=1	August, 2011	June, 2013
C.	Staff collaborative planning. (Federal Transformation Model Required Activities #21, 2B)	Collaborating with colleagues allows teachers to grow as professionals and introduce new strategies in the classroom.	Hord, Shirley. <i>"Professional Learning Communities: Communities of Continuous Inquiry and Improvement."</i> (1997) SEDL. Retrieved April 29, 2010 from http://www.sedl.org/pubs/change34/welcome.html	February, 2011	June, 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
A.	Assess leadership skills of the principal. (Federal Transformation Model Required Activities #21, 1B)	The principal is the instructional and operational leader of the school. If a principal does not lead staff, then student academic performance falls.	Goldring, E. et.al (2008). <i>The Evaluation of Principals: What and How do States and Districts Assess Leadership?</i> New York: Annual Meeting of American Educational Research Association. Retrieved May 24, 2010 from http://peabody.vanderbilt.edu/Documents/pdf/LSI/AERA_EvaluationPrincipals.pdf	August, 2011	June, 2013
A.	Provide training on instructional leadership (Federal Transformation Model Required Activities #21, 1D)	Instructional leadership skills are skills that can be learned and incorporated into a leadership style.	Lashway, Larry (2003). <i>Developing Instructional Leaders</i> . ERIC Digest. Retrieved May 24, 2010 from http://www.ericdigests.org/2003-2/leaders.html	February, 2011	June, 2013
A.	Provide job-embedded training (Federal Transformation Model Required Activities #21, 1D)	Job-embedded training will provide campus leaders a way to stay aligned and use instructional leadership best practices.	Galloway, Holly. <i>Job-embedded Professional Development</i> . Texas: Texas State University-San Marcos. Retrieved May 24, 2010 from http://www.txstate.edu/edphd/PDF/jobpd.pdf	February, 2011	June, 2013
A.	Provide instructional leadership coaching (Federal Transformation Model Required Activities #21, 1D; Federal Transformation Model Permissible Activities #22B)	Coaching during the learning process allows the learner to integrate instructional leadership techniques with fidelity and faster.	Cromwell, Sharon. (2002). "A Lesson for Principals: Put Instruction First." <i>Education World</i> . Retrieved May 24, 2010 from http://www.educationworld.com/a_admin/admin285.shtml	February, 2011	June, 2013
B.	Increase operational flexibility by dedicating one staff person to literacy. (Federal Transformation Model	Because of the diversity of Keller Middle School's students' learning needs (21% LEP), bringing all students to the same level	"Reading Aloud to Teens Gains Favor Among Teachers." <i>Education Week</i> . 4 January 2010. Retrieved April 29, 2010	October, 2010	December, 2010

	Required Activities #21, 4A)	of literacy is a challenge. Dedicating one person to address the needs of students with literacy learning gaps will allow students to gains skills faster.	from http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2010/01/06/16read_ep.h29.html		
C.	Assure that all technology resources are fully integrated into instruction. (Federal Transformation Model Required Activities #21, 2A; Federal Permissible Activities #23D))	Technology use in the classroom is essential for the 21 st century learner to be competitive in the workforce.	Partnership for 21 st Century Skills. "21 st Century Curriculum and Instructions." (2007). Retrieved May 24, 2010 from http://assets.pearsonschool.com/asset_mgr/legacy/200949/21st_century_skills_curriculum_and_instruction-6_30483_1.pdf	February, 2011	June, 2013
C.	Assure that data is used to guide leadership decisions. (Federal Transformation Model Required Activities #21, 2A; Federal Permissible Activities #23E.4))	When data is not the foundation of decision-making, then, the campus is at risk of losing focus and committing precious resources to activities and strategies that do not make a difference. Using data to drive decisions will keep Keller Middle School aligned with state, national, and Texas College Readiness standards.	Goldring, E. et.al (2008). <i>The Evaluation of Principals: What and How do States and Districts Assess Leadership?</i> New York: Annual Meeting of American Educational Research Association. Retrieved May 24, 2010 from http://peabody.vanderbilt.edu/Documents/pdf/LSI/AERA_EvaluationPrincipals.pdf	February, 2011	June, 2013

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Critical Success Factor 4: Improve Learning Time

CSF Milestone	Additional Improvement Activity	Rationale	Supporting Research	Timeline Begin Date	Timeline End Date
A.	Provide flexible scheduling through zero hour and extended day academic enrichment activities. (Federal Transformation Model Required Activities #21, 3A; Federal Permissible Activities #23, E2, #24B)	Allowing students access to 300 hundred hours of additional opportunities before and after school and during the summer to learn increases the student's ability to master the content.	Hackmann, Donald and Valentine, Jerry (1998). <i>"Designing an Effective Middle Level Schedule."</i> Middle School Journal. Retrieved May 24, 2010 from http://www.nmsa.org/portals/0/pdf/publications/OnTarget/scheduling/scheduling_5.pdf .	January, 2011	June, 2013
B.	Instructionally-focus calendar (Federal Transformation Model Required Activities #21, 3A)	When teachers intentionally include strategies that promote academic achievement, students learn and retain information better.	Doing What Works. (2009). <i>Provide academic support and enrichment to improve academic performance.</i> Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Education. Retrieved May 24, 2010 from http://dww.ed.gov/practice/?T_ID=24&P_ID=55	January, 2011	June, 2013
C.	Staff collaborative planning. (Federal Transformation Model Required Activities #21, 3A)	Collaborating with colleagues allows teachers to grow as professionals and introduce new strategies in the classroom.	Hord, Shirley. <i>"Professional Learning Communities: Communities of Continuous Inquiry and Improvement."</i> (1997). SEDL. Retrieved April 29, 2010 from http://www.sedl.org/pubs/change34/welcome.html	February, 2011	June, 2013

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Critical Success Factor 5: Increase Parent/Community Involvement

CSF Milestone	Additional Improvement Activity	Rationale	Supporting Research	Timeline Begin Date	Timeline End Date
A.	Assure that parents are involved in college/career awareness activities (Federal Transformation Model Required Activities #21, 3B)	Students whose parents are more involved in their school decisions and activities show a higher success rate on tests, attendance, graduation, and postsecondary enrollment.	<i>Parent & Community Engagement Blueprint Executive Summary.</i> Project GRAD USA. Retrieved April 29, 2010 from http://www.projectgrad.org/atf/cf/%7B9a8b1b2b-8144-4568afebfd51204b79b9%7D/GRAD%20USA%20PC%20Blueprint%20Executive%20Summary%202009.pdf	January, 2011	June, 2013
A.	Plan and implement Grade Level Teaming (Federal Transformation Model Required Activities #21, 2A)	Low-performing students require assessment more frequently than other students. Students are identified through grade-level meetings where data is disaggregated.	Burns, M. and Gibbons, K. (2008). <i>Implementing Response-to-Intervention in Elementary and Secondary Schools</i> . Taylor & Francis Group, LLC.: New York. Page. 53.	February, 2011	June, 2013
B.	Effective communications—translated materials (Federal Transformation Model Required Activities #21, 3B)	Parents that are made aware of information concerning their child's academic performance, career options, and college affordability will support students' postsecondary plans.	<i>Research Statements and Findings on Financial Aid Awareness and College Access.</i> Center for Higher Education Policy Analysis: Rossier School of Education. University of Southern California, 2005.	October, 2010	June, 2013
C.	Extend library hours for families (Federal Transformation Model Required Activities #21, 3B)	Family involvement has a great impact on student achievement. Extended library hours allow parents to become more involved with their child's education. When children see their families read, they are more apt to model their behavior.	" <i>The Out-of School-Hours Experience.</i> " TeacherNet, December 2, 2009. Retrieved May 27, 2010 from http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/teachingandlearning/library/oosh/	January, 2011	June, 2013

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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
A.	Attendance will become a priority topic for school climate and culture activities. Safe and Civil Schools will be the venue that it is implemented. (Federal Transformation Model Permissible Activities #24C)	Students are eager to come to school when the school climate is positive and there are activities that they can relate to on a regular basis.	Marshall, Megan (2002). <i>Examining School Climate: Defining Factors and Educational Influences</i> . Georgia: Center for Research on School Safety, School Climate and Classroom Management. Retrieved May 24, 2010 from http://education.gsu.edu/schoolsafety/download%20files/wp%202002%20school%20climate.pdf .	October, 2010	June, 2013
B.	Respect and courteous behavior will be a priority topic for school climate and culture activities. Safe and Civil Schools will be the venue that it is implemented. (Federal Transformation Model Permissible Activities #24C)	A school climate that is positive typically has less behavioral and emotional issues that are dealt with annually.	Marshall, Megan (2002). <i>Examining School Climate: Defining Factors and Educational Influences</i> . Georgia: Center for Research on School Safety, School Climate and Classroom Management. Retrieved May 24, 2010 from http://education.gsu.edu/schoolsafety/download%20files/wp%202002%20school%20climate.pdf .	February, 2011	June, 2013
C.	Every student will be involved in existing Extra/Co-curricular activities or new. (Federal Transformation Model Required Activities #21, 3A; Permissible Activities #23E.2; #24B)	Extra/Co-curricular activities help students discover their potential and learn to work with others in a team setting.	Bradley, Charlie (2007). <i>"Becoming Involved in School: The Benefits of Extra-Curricular Activities."</i> Associated Content. Retrieved May 24, 2010 from http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/229388/becoming_involved_in_school_the_benefits.html	August, 2011	June, 2013

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Critical Success Factor 7: Increase Teacher Quality

CSF Milestone	Additional Improvement Activity	Rationale	Supporting Research	Timeline Begin Date	Timeline End Date
A.	Teachers in need of support will have a minimum of one observational classroom walkthrough per week, teachers in need of guidance will have a minimum of one observational classroom walkthrough per month, and teachers who do not need guidance will have one observational walkthrough per semester (Federal Transformation Model Required Activities #21, 1B; Federal Permissible Activities #22B)	Observational classroom walkthroughs are excellent for assessing teacher classroom instruction. When instructional issues are identified in a walk-through, the walk-through serves as an excellent platform for guidance and direction. The walk-through form developed by Pasadena ISD allows for this process and a way to gauge teacher growth.	Ginsberg, Margery & Murphy, Damon (2002). <i>How Walkthroughs Open Doors</i> . Retrieved May 24, 2010 from http://teacherweb.com/ma/teachers21/jerrygoldberg/howwalkthroughsopenddoors.pdf	August, 2011	June, 2013
B.	Coaching, collaborative planning, and BlackBoard discussions will support teachers in improving instruction (Federal Transformation Model Required Activities #21, 1D; Federal Permissible Activities #22B)	Without embedded professional development, teachers can become isolated from current teaching trends and from stimulating ideas and knowledge.	Lezotte, Lawrence W. <i>Learning for All</i> . Michigan: Effective Schools Products Ltd, 1997.	January, 2011	June, 2013
C.	A system of rewards will allow a teacher to know when they are meeting instructional goals and provide them with a structured process for reaching them. (Federal Transformation Model Required Activities #21C.)	A reward system will identify steps to reaching goals for teachers. This will provide teachers with a concrete goal to measure student achievement. This will not only improve student achievement, it will improve teacher morale.	Terry, Brooke D. (2009). <i>"Keep Teacher Performance Pay."</i> Texas Insider. Retrieved May 24, 2010 from http://www.texasinsider.org/?p=7075	October, 2010	June, 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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Section A: Ongoing Monitoring/Continuous Improvement - Describe the LEA/campus' process for providing on-going monitoring of grant activities to ensure continuous improvement

While the specific details of the ongoing monitoring and continuous improvement will be defined during Year One during the needs assessment process, the following will discuss the process that will be used to assure program fidelity.

The external evaluator will create protocols, spreadsheets and databases that will be used to track and maintain process data. An implementation team, consisting of the principal, project manager, curriculum specialist, parents, and the Associate Superintendent, will insure implementation fidelity by monthly review of the evaluators process data and grant objectives that will center around (1) development of teacher and leadership effectiveness, (2) the use of the comprehensive instructional reform activities, (3) the use and effectiveness of increased learning time. Data on progress or non-progress will be used for feedback. The implementation team will be the venue for identifying program implementation problems, problem-solving program problems, and continuous improvement.

The external evaluator will participate in monthly conference calls to review grant management, program delivery following timelines, and problem solving implementation. Monitoring will include: (1) development of teacher and leadership effectiveness, (2) the use of the comprehensive instructional reform activities, (3) the use and effectiveness of increased learning time.

Keller Middle and Pasadena Independent School District will allow TEA site visits and will support TEA in securing any evaluation and program information requested.⁸

⁸ FERPA laws will be followed in releasing information.

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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

Until the final plan is developed, the specific activities that are monitored for the formative evaluation cannot be defined. However, in general, the following areas will be monitored and the process described will be followed.

Formative evaluation will begin with the grant award and will focus on monitoring grant activities to assure that they are implemented with fidelity and according to the timeline. In addition, the formative evaluation will provide the data that will alert the planning committee that a program strategy or activity is not advancing toward the desired outcome and will require problem-solving.

The formative evaluation will track the following activities:

- The administrator leadership skills and abilities are assessed and skill gaps were identified.
- Administrator leadership gap remedies are identified and implemented.
- Remedy activities will be documented and assessed for effectiveness.
- The number of observational walkthroughs completed will be documented and evaluated.
- The use of observational walkthrough data will be documented and evaluated.
- The coaching will be documented and evaluated.
- The number of lesson plans that integrate technology will be identified, documented, and evaluated.
- The number of collaborative teaching meetings and vertical meetings scheduled and teacher attendance will be documented and evaluated.
- The data disaggregation activities will be documented and evaluated.
- The math, reading/ELA, and science curriculum alignment to State, National, and Texas College Readiness standards will be evaluated for completion, fidelity, and use.
- The number of college awareness activities will be identified and effectiveness and attendance will be evaluated.
- The parent and community involvement will be identified and evaluated.
- The use and effectiveness of the literacy coaches and content specialists will be identified and evaluated.
- The student disciplinary actions will be tracked, monitored, and evaluated.
- The use of data to drive instruction will be documented and evaluated.
- The number of enrichment and parent and community activities that result in extended school day activities will be tracked and evaluated.

This process will allow Keller Middle School to 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 district'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.

Keller Middle will, through this assessment process, provide a formative assessment of its capacity and commitment to carry out the grant intervention models. Keller Middle will also provide access for onsite visits by TEA and its contractors.

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Section C: Qualitative and Quantitative Data Collection Methods- 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

Data collection methods to evaluate the Keller Middle School program will be aligned to its objectives and performance measures. External evaluation staff will work with the implementation team to collect data. Qualitative and quantitative process performance measures will be documented continuously using: meeting minutes, checklists, sign-in sheets, and excel spreadsheets and qualitative and quantitative outcome performance measures will be documented by using the following data collection methods:

Quantitative methods (1) online and scanable surveys (developed by evaluator) administered at baseline, midterm, and end of the project to students (satisfaction and attitudes towards regular and extended school day activities), teachers (satisfaction and usefulness of trainings, increase in confidence and ability to differentiate instruction based on data disaggregation) and administrators (satisfaction and usefulness of trainings), (2) trend analysis of annual reviews of AEIS reports and school records for scores on TAKS and other end of year standardized tests (student achievement) and (3) trend analysis of supplemental diagnostic tests.

Qualitative methods: Annually, evaluation staff will conduct interviews with a minimum of 10% of the teachers and administrators asking about their satisfaction with program delivery and possible changes resulting from the program.

The quantitative data will be analyzed using descriptive statistics and repeated measures for change over time with SPSS software. Qualitative content analysis will be conducted on transcriptions of interviews and examination of comments for themes.

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Part 2: Process for Development of Performance Goals

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The process followed to determine the performance goals for Keller Middle School will involve research of best practices, creation of goals based on proven strategies, ongoing review of goals, and revision of goals, as needed. Meetings will take place with a the planning committee, which includes the School Principal, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Grant Manager, teacher representative, Technical Assistance provider, and the Department of Research and Evaluation. During the initial meeting, the committee will identify target areas of need as a result of the campus needs assessment. The committee will use the Critical Success Factors (CSF) as a guide for developing appropriate performance goals that are realistic and achievable. Using the information from the needs assessment will also help the committee identify specific milestones for each CSF. For each CSF, the committee will consider the following strategies for inclusion in the model as milestones are developed:

- **Improve Academic Performance, including (but not limited to) Reading/ELA and Math** (*Federal Statutory Requirement #21,)* - Curriculum alignment for all grade levels to the TEKS Student Expectations and the college readiness standards, vertically and horizontally. Implementation of a literacy initiative across all subject levels with the use of instructional coaches that will include a writing component and sustained silent reading.
- **Increase the Use of Quality Data to Drive Instruction** (*Federal Statutory Requirement #21, 2*) - Training for teachers on how to use data to make instructional decisions in the classroom and to audit the resources for true alignment. Use data to determine the most effective professional development workshops to offer that will address areas of weakness.
- **Increase Leadership Effectiveness** (*Federal Statutory Requirement #21,1*) - The Associate Superintendents for Campus Development will work with the principal to develop an additional assessment tool to measure leadership team effectiveness, including principal self-evaluations.
- **Increase Learning Time** (*Federal Statutory Requirement #21,3*) - Extending the regular school day in various ways that include implementing an after-school enrichment programs and increasing the capacity of current programs such as extended day.
- **Increase Parent/Community Involvement** (*Federal Statutory Requirement #21,3*) - Conduct campus events that expose parents to college and career awareness. The campus will engage an institute of higher learning to disseminate information about careers, college affordability, and college preparation at parent events. Local businesses will also contribute information on careers during the events. Offer computer, ESL and GED classes for parents.
- **Improve School Climate** (*Federal Statutory Requirement #21,4A*) - Implementing the strategies in Safe and Civil Schools to foster improved behavioral and classroom management.
- **Increase Teacher Quality** (*Federal Statutory Requirement #21,1D*) - Increase the opportunities for staff members to participate in job-embedded professional development and the placement of content specific instructional coaches and literacy coaches. Provide teachers with training on how to integrate technology regularly in their instruction.

The planning committee will take each of the CSFs and determine what activities under each CSF will support the areas of the transformation model and address the needs of the campus. Each research-based strategy chosen for the implementation at Keller Middle School will have a proven record of success with the campus student demographic. After the activities have been identified, each activity will have a performance indicator created to measure the success of the implemented activity on student achievement. A baseline for each performance indicator determined using the current year's performance will serve as an initial guide for determining the actual goals for Years 1, 2, and 3.

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Using the baseline figure, the goal for each year will include the baseline plus a stretch. Each year, the campus will show an increase as they progress toward the goal. For example, for the CSF of improving academic performance, the performance measure for improving student achievement in reading may include the number of books per student read from a classroom library collection.

As the activities are refined, the performance measures will need modification to better measure for the intended result. The planning committee will meet periodically to review the performance measures to ensure each is a realistic measure. Performance measures will only be revised with the approval of the planning committee. The performance goals in Schedule 4C, Part 3 are a projection based on expected outcomes from the campus needs assessment.

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Part 3: Annual Performance Goals

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	Improvement in student achievement in reading/ELA	2012 TAKS; Campus Based Assessments; WRAP Reading Assessment	5 th grade-75% 6 th grade-88%	0%	5 th grade-80% 6 th grade-93%	5 th grade-85% 6 th grade-98%
2	Improvement in student achievement in mathematics	2012 TAKS; Curriculum Based Assessments	5 th grade-84% 6 th grade-75%	0%	5 th grade-89% 6 th grade-80%	5 th grade-94% 6 th grade-85%
3	Improvement in student achievement in science	2012 TAKS; Curriculum Based Assessments	5 th grade-68%	0%	5 th grade-73%	5 th grade-78%
4	Number of aligned curriculums to improve academic performance	Lesson plans; 2012 TAKS	DNA	0%	50%	100%
5	Number of observational walkthroughs to improve academic performance	Observational Walkthrough Form	DNA	0%	10%	10%

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	Lesson plans reflecting learning needs identified in the data	Lesson plans, Team meeting minutes	DNA	20%	50%	100%
2	Teachers who use disaggregated data to make instructional decisions in collaborative planning	Faculty and Team meeting minutes, Lesson plans	DNA	20%	50%	100%
3	Administrators and teachers properly trained to disaggregate data to drive instruction	Workshop sign-in sheets; Eduphoria	DNA	50%	100%	100%

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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	Teachers remaining at Keller Middle School each year due to leadership effectiveness	Pasadena I.S.D. Human Resources	98%	99%	100%	100%
2	Teachers using technology resources integrated in instruction through leadership effectiveness	Lesson plans	10%	20%	30%	40%
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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	Students attending zero hour classes to increase learning time	Attendance rosters from activities	DNA	0%	40%	50%
2	Students attending summer enrichment to increase learning time	Attendance rosters from activities	DNA	0%	40%	50%
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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	Parents attending college/career awareness activities	Workshop sign-in sheets	DNA	20%	30%	50%
2	Parents attending ESL and GED classes	Workshop sign-in sheets	DNA	20%	30%	50%
3	Parents attending computer classes	Workshop sign-in sheets	DNA	20%	30%	50%
4	Parent/Community involvement increasing due to effective communication	Workshop sign-in sheets, Parent contact logs	DNA	20%	30%	40%
5	Families/Community members using the library during extended hours	Workshop sign-in sheets	DNA	20%	30%	40%

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	Campus culture improved as a result of increased leadership effectiveness	Staff/student/parent surveys	DNA	30%	45%	60%
2	Number of incidents decreased by increased leadership effectiveness that will pro	PEIMS	379	10%	10%	10%
3	Absenteeism reduced due to improved school climate	PEIMS	97%	10%	10%	10%
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Increase Teacher Quality – Enter the annual goals for increasing teacher quality by measures identified by the LEA, to which the LEA is holding the campus accountable.

#	Performance Measure	Assessment Instrument/ Tool	Most Recent Year Performance	Year 1 Progress Goal	Year 2 Progress Goal	Year 3 Progress Goal
1	Teachers obtaining training for lesson plan development to increase teacher quality	Workshop sign-in sheets	DNA	30%	40%	50%
2	Teachers receiving training on development of teacher-designed assessment to increase teacher quality	Workshop sign-in sheets	DNA	30%	40%	50%
3	By participating in coaching, monthly, teacher quality will increase	Coaching records	DNA	50%	65%	80%
4	Teachers disaggregate data and reflect needs in lesson plans	Lesson plans	DNA	20%	50%	60%
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Other – Enter any other annual goals for improvement to which the LEA is holding the campus accountable.

#	Performance Measure	Assessment Instrument/ Tool	Most Recent Year Performance	Year 1 Progress Goal	Year 2 Progress Goal	Year 3 Progress Goal
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Schedule # 4D—Equitable Access and Participation: Barriers and Strategies

No Barriers				
#	No Barriers	Students	Teachers	Others
000	The applicant assures that no barriers exist to equitable access and participation for any groups.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Barrier: Gender-Specific Bias				
#	Strategies for Gender-specific Bias	Students	Teachers	Others
A01	Expand opportunities for historically underrepresented groups to fully participate	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Barrier: Cultural, Linguistic, or Economic Diversity				
#	Strategies for Cultural, Linguistic, or Economic Diversity	Students	Teachers	Others
B01	Provide program information/materials in home language	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
B02	Provide interpreter/translator at program activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
B03	Increase awareness and appreciation of cultural and linguistic diversity through a variety of activities, publications, etc.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
B07	Ensure staff development is sensitive to cultural and linguistic differences and communicates an appreciation for diversity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
B09	Provide parenting training	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
B10	Provide a parent/family center	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B11	Involve parents from a variety of backgrounds in decision making	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
B12	Offer "flexible" opportunities for parent involvement including home learning activities and other activities that don't require parents to come to the school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
B16	Offer computer literacy courses for parents and other program beneficiaries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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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"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
B18	Coordinate with community centers/programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
B19	Seek collaboration/assistance from business, industry, or institution of higher education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
C02	Provide Counseling.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
C03	Conduct home visits by staff.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C04	Provide flexibility in scheduling activities.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C08	Provide community service programs/activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C09	Conduct parent/teacher conferences.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
C10	Strengthen school/parent compacts.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C11	Establish partnerships with law enforcement agencies.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C12	Provide conflict resolution/peer mediation strategies/programs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C13	Seek collaboration/assistance from business, industry, or institution of higher education.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
D02	Provide Counseling.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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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Barrier: Drug-Related Activities (cont.)

D06	Provide before/after school recreational, instructional, cultural, or artistic programs/activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D07	Provide community service programs/activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
D12	Provide conflict resolution/peer mediation strategies/programs.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D13	Seek collaboration/assistance from business, industry, or institution of higher education.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>

Barrier: Visual Impairments

#	Strategies for Visual Impairments	Students	Teachers	Others
E01	Provide early identification and intervention.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>

Barrier: Hearing Impairments

#	Strategies for Hearing Impairments	Students	Teachers	Others
F01	Provide early identification and intervention.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>

Barrier: Learning Disabilities

#	Strategies for Learning Disabilities	Students	Teachers	Others
G01	Provide early identification and intervention.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>

Barrier: Other Physical Disabilities or Constraints

#	Strategies for Other Physical Disabilities or Constraints	Students	Teachers	Others
H01	Develop and implement a plan to achieve full participation by students with other physical disabilities/constraints.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
H99	Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Schedule # 4D—Equitable Access and Participation: Barriers and Strategies

Barrier: Absenteeism/Truancy

#	Strategies for Absenteeism/Truancy	Students	Teachers	Others
K01	Provide early identification/intervention.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
K02	Develop and implement a truancy intervention plan.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
K03	Conduct home visits by staff.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
K04	Recruit volunteers to assist in promoting school attendance.	<input 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"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
K07	Conduct parent/teacher conferences.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
K99	Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Barrier: High Mobility Rates

#	Strategies for High Mobility Rates	Students	Teachers	Others
L01	Coordinate with social services agencies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>

Barrier: Lack of Support from Parents

#	Strategies for Lack of Support from Parents	Students	Teachers	Others
M01	Develop and implement a plan to increase support from parents.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
M02	Conduct home visits by staff.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
M03	Recruit volunteers to actively participate in school activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
M04	Conduct parent/teacher conferences.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
M05	Establish school/parent compacts.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
M06	Provide parenting training.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
M07	Provide a parent/family center.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
M08	Provide program materials/information in home language.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
M09	Involve parents from a variety of backgrounds in school decision making.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
M10	Offer "flexible" opportunities for involvement, including home learning activities and other activities that don't require coming to school.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
M11	Provide child care for parents participating in school activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
M12	Acknowledge and include family members' diverse skills, talents, acknowledge in school activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
M13	Provide adult education, including GED and/or ESL classes, or family literacy program.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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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Texas Title I Priority Schools Grant Schedule # 4D--Equitable Access and Participation: Barriers and Strategies					
Barrier: Shortage of Qualified Personnel					
#	Strategies for Shortage of Qualified Personnel	Students	Teachers	Others	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
N03	Provide mentor program for new teachers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
N04	Provide intern program for new teachers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
N05	Provide professional development in a variety of formats for personnel.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
N06	Collaborate with colleges/universities with teacher preparation programs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
N99	Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Barrier: Lack of Knowledge Regarding Program Benefits					
#	Strategies for Lack of Knowledge regarding Program Benefits	Students	Teachers	Others	
P01	Develop and implement a plan to inform program beneficiaries of program activities & benefits.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
P02	Publish newsletter/brochures to inform program beneficiaries of activities and benefits.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
P03	Provide announcements to local radio stations & newspapers about program activities/benefits.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
P99	Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Barrier: Lack of Transportation to Program Activities					
#	Strategies for Lack of Transportation to Program Activities	Students	Teachers	Others	
Q01	Provide transportation for parents and other program beneficiaries to activities.	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Q04	Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Barrier: Other Barrier					
#	Strategies for Other Barrier	Students	Teachers	Others	
Z99	Other Barrier:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Other Strategy:				

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Schedule #5—Program Budget Summary

Program Authority: P.L. 107-110, Section 1003(g), as amended by ARRA, P.L. 111-5 CFDA # 84.388A & 84.377A	Fund Code ARRA (CFDA# 84.388A): 286 Regular (CFDA# 84.377A): 276
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Project Period: August 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013

Class/Object Code and Description	Campus Grant Costs	LEA Admin Grant Costs	Pre-Award Cost	Total Grant Funds Budgeted	
Payroll Costs	5B 6100	\$ 1,996,303	\$ 90,000	\$	\$ 2,086,303
Professional and Contracted Services	5C 6200	\$ 1,100,000			\$1,380,554
Supplies and Materials	5D 6300	\$ 1,500,808			\$ 1,500,808
Other Operating Costs	5E 6400	\$ 174,000			\$ 174,000
Capital Outlay (Exclusive of 6619 and 6629) (15XX for charter schools only)	5G 6600/15XX				
	Total Direct Costs	\$ 4,771,111	\$ 90,000		\$5,141,665
	2.107% Indirect Costs				\$ 108,335

Grand Total

Total Budgeted Costs:	\$ 4,771,111	\$ 90,000	\$	\$ 5,250,000
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Administrative Cost Calculation

Enter total amount from Schedule #5 Budget Summary, Last Column, Total Budgeted Costs	\$ 5,250,000
Multiply by 0.02107 (2.107% limit)	X 0.02107
Enter Maximum Allowable for Administration, including Indirect Costs	\$ 110,618

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Schedule #5—Program Budget Summary**

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

Year 1: SY 2010-2011 \$1,750,000

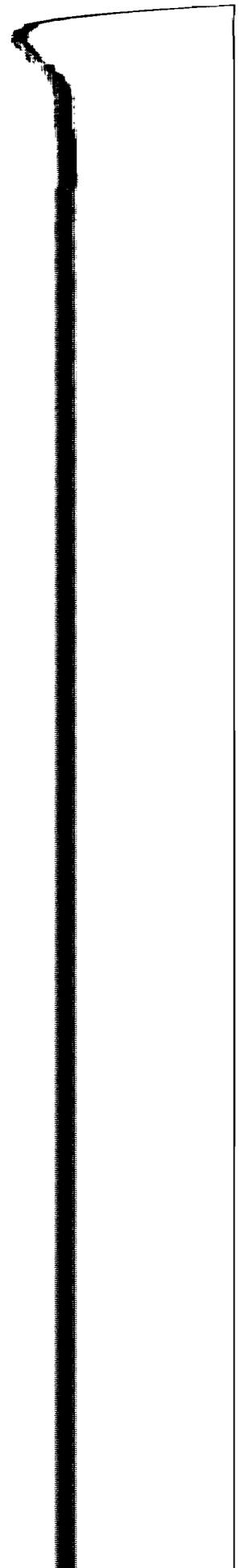
Year 2: SY 2011-2012 \$1,750,000 *

Year 3: SY 2012-2013 \$1,750,000 *

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

Provide any necessary explanation or clarification of budgeted costs

The budget is based on the proposed plan. However, during the first year, when a needs assessment is completed, a school improvement model is selected, and the final plan is developed to respond to the needs assessment and the model, the budget might change.



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Schedule #5B—Payroll Costs (6100)

Budgeted Costs

	Employee Position Titles	Justification	#Full-Time Effort	#Part-Time Effort	Pre-Award	Amount Budgeted
Instruction						
1	Teacher				\$	\$
2	Educational Aide	Aides will provide additional support to the content specialists in the classroom with the teachers. (185 days X 2.5 years)	1			\$ 50,000
3	Tutor					
Program Management and Administration						
4	Project Director					
5	Project Coordinator	The program manager will be campus-based and responsible for assuring all grant-funded activities are implemented. (240 days X 3 years)	1			\$ 240,000
6	Teacher Facilitator					
7	Teacher Supervisor	The teacher content specialist/coach will assure quality curriculum and instruction. (185 days X 2.5 years)	3			\$ 525,000
8	Secretary/Administrative Assistant	Administrative secretary will provide support to the TTIPS program manager and overall program. (240 days X 3 years)	1			\$ 80,000
9	Data Entry Clerk					
10	Grant Accountant/Bookkeeper	The grant accountant will submit financial reports and to draw-down the grant funding. (240 days X 3 years)		1		\$ 90,000
11	Evaluator/Evaluation Specialist					
Auxiliary						
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					
Other Employee Positions						
22	Title: Library Aide		2			\$ 100,000
23	Title: Instructional staff incentive pay for 3 years		74			\$ 424,740
24	Title:					
25	Title:					
26	Subtotal Employee Costs				\$	\$ 1,509,740
Substitute, Extra-Duty, Benefits						
27	6112	Substitute Pay— Substitutes to allow teachers to receive training: 12 days per teacher @ \$85 per day X 103 substitutes over 3 years			\$	\$ 105,060
28	6119	Professional Staff Extra-Duty Pay – Teachers will provide extra instruction during summer hours and after-school hours at \$28/hour for 3 years				\$ 285,000
29	6121	Support Staff Extra-Duty Pay				
30	6140	Employee Benefits - 9.817%				\$ 186,503

31	Subtotal Substitute, Extra-Duty, Benefits Costs	\$	\$ 576,563
32	Grand Total Payroll Budget (line 26 + line 31)	\$	\$ 2,086,303

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Schedule #5C- Itemized 6200 Professional and Contracted Services Costs Requiring Specific Approval

	Expense Item Description	Pre-Award	Total Amount Budgeted
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: _____		

Subtotal			
6200 - Professional and Contracted Services Cost Requiring Specific Approval			

Professional and Consulting Services (6219/6239) Less than \$10,000

#	Topic/Purpose/Service	Total Contracted Amount	Pre-Award	Total Amount Budgeted
1.		\$	\$	\$
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
7.				
8.				
9.				
10.				

Subtotal			
Professional and Consulting Services Less than \$10,000		\$	\$

Professional and Consulting Services (6219) Greater than or Equal to \$10,000

1. Description of Professional or Consulting Service (Topic/Purpose/Service):

External consultant services to support the needs assessment process

Contractor's Cost Breakdown of Service to be Provided	# Positions	Total Contracted Amount	Pre-Award	Total Amount Budgeted
Contractor's Payroll Costs	1			
Title: Consultant for approximately 15 days of support		\$ 90,000	\$	\$ 90,000
Subgrants, Subcontracts, Subcontracted Services				
Supplies and Materials				
Other Operating Costs				
Capital Outlay (Subgrants Only)				
Indirect Cost (____%)				
Total Payment:		\$ 90,000	\$	\$ 90,000

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Schedule #5C- Itemized 6200 Professional and Contracted Services Costs Requiring Specific Approval (cont.)

Professional and Consulting Services (6219) Greater than or Equal to \$10,000 (cont.)

2. Description of Professional or Consulting Service (Topic/Purpose/Service):

External consultants for content specific services, including extended day enrichment

Contractor's Cost Breakdown of Service to be Provided	# Positions	Total Contracted Amount	Pre-Award	Total Amount Budgeted
Contractor's Payroll Costs	7	\$ 591,000	\$	\$ 591,000
Title: Consultants for approximately 120 days				
Subgrants, Subcontracts, Subcontracted Services				
Supplies and Materials				
Other Operating Costs				
Capital Outlay (Subgrants Only)				
Indirect Cost (____%)				
Total Payment:		\$ 591,000	\$	\$ 591,000

3. Description of Professional or Consulting Service (Topic/Purpose/Service):

External evaluator

Contractor's Cost Breakdown of Service to be Provided	# Positions	Total Contracted Amount	Pre-Award	Total Amount Budgeted
Contractor's Payroll Costs		\$ 225,000	\$	\$ 225,000
Title:				
Subgrants, Subcontracts, Subcontracted Services				
Supplies and Materials				
Other Operating Costs				
Capital Outlay (Subgrants Only)				
Indirect Cost (____%)				
Total Payment:		\$ 225,000	\$	\$ 225,000

4. Description of Professional or Consulting Service (Topic/Purpose/Service):

External consultants for behavioral and classroom management training

Contractor's Cost Breakdown of Service to be Provided	# Positions	Total Contracted Amount	Pre-Award	Total Amount Budgeted
Contractor's Payroll Costs	3	\$ 194,000	\$	\$ 194,000
Title:				
Subgrants, Subcontracts, Subcontracted Services				
Supplies and Materials				
Other Operating Costs				
Capital Outlay (Subgrants Only)				
Indirect Cost (____%)				
Total Payment:		\$194,000	\$	\$194,000

Subtotal: Professional and Consulting Services Greater Than or Equal to \$10,000:	\$1,100,000	\$	\$1,100,000
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Subtotal of Professional and Contracted Services Costs Requiring Specific Approval:	\$ 1,100,000		\$ 1,100,000
Subtotal of Professional and Consulting Services or Subgrants Less than \$10,000:			
Subtotal of Professional and Consulting Services Greater than or Equal to \$10,000:SES Services for students at \$280,554 for 3 years	\$ 280,554		\$ 280,554
Remaining 6200- Professional and Contracted Services that do not require specific approval:			
Grand Total:	\$1,380,554		\$1,380,554

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Schedule #5D - Itemized 6300 Supplies and Materials Costs Requiring Specific Approval						
Expense Item Description				Pre-Award	Total Budgeted	
6399	Technology Hardware- Not Capitalized				\$	\$ 485,500
	#	Type	Purpose	Quantity		
	1	Computers	Computers for the Program Coordinator, Program Secretary, Content Specialists, and for classroom mini-labs for reading, math, and science assessment (265 computers X \$1000 per computer - \$165,000)	165		
	2	Mobile laptop lab	Access to computers for an entire class to interactively receive technology-embedded instruction (8 labs of 24 computers X \$16,000 = \$128,000)	8		
	3	Interactive whiteboards	Interactive whiteboards enhance instruction by allowing students to interact with the content matter via technology (45 whiteboards X \$2000 per whiteboard = \$90,000)	45		
4	Printers	Printers for printing information for student, teacher, and leader assessment, parent communication, and program communication. (5 printers X \$500 per printer = \$2,500)	5			
5						
6399	Technology Software- Not Capitalized—diagnostic and prescriptive math and reading software					\$ 80,000
6399	Supplies and Materials Associated with Advisory Council or Committee					
Total Supplies and Materials Requiring Specific Approval:						\$ 565,500
Remaining 6300- Supplies and Materials that do not require specific approval: Professional libraries, data disaggregation tool, peer tutoring material, electronic readers, classroom libraries, computer headphones, extended day materials, parental involvement materials						935,308
Grand Total					\$	\$ 1,500,808

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Schedule #5E - Itemized 6400 Other Operating Costs Requiring Specific Approval

Expense Item Description		Pre-Award	Total Budgeted
6411	Out of State Travel for Employees (includes registration fees) Specify purpose: _____	\$	\$
6412	Travel for Students (includes registration fees; does not include field trips) (specific approval required only for nonprofit charter schools) Specify purpose: _____		
6413	Stipends for Non-Employees (specific approval required only for nonprofit charter schools) Specify purpose: _____		
6419	Travel for Non-Employees (includes registration fees; does not include field trips) (specific approval required only for nonprofit charter schools) Specify purpose: _____		
6411/ 6419	Travel Costs for Executive Director (6411), Superintendents (6411), or Board Members (6419) (includes registration fees) Specify purpose: _____		
6429	Actual losses which could have been covered by permissible insurance		
6490	Indemnification Compensation for Loss or Damage		
6490	Advisory Council/Committee Travel or Other Expenses (explain purpose of Committee on Schedule #4B-Program Description: Project Management)		
6499	Membership Dues in Civic or Community Organizations (Not allowable for University applicants) Specify name and purpose of organization: _____		
6499	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: Travel for college visits, model site visits, transportation for zero hour classes, summer program and extended day, snacks for parent events and for students			\$174,000
Grand Total		\$	\$174,000

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Schedule #5G - Itemized 6600/15XX Capital Outlay- Capitalized Assets Regardless of Unit Cost
(15XX is for use by Charter Schools sponsored by a nonprofit organization)

	Description/Purpose	Unit Cost	Quantity	Pre-Award	Total Budgeted
6699/15XX- Library Books and Media (capitalized and controlled by library)					
1					
66XX/15XX- Technology Hardware - Capitalized					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					
11					
66XX/15XX- Technology Software- Capitalized					
12					
13					
14					
15					
16					
17					
18					
66XX/15XX- Equipment and Furniture					
19					
20					
21					
22					
23					
24					
25					
26					
27					
28					
Capital expenditures for improvements to land, buildings, or equipment which materially increase their value or useful life.					
29					
Grand Total					
Total 6600/15XX- Capital Outlay Costs:					

SCHEDULE #6A GENERAL PROVISIONS & ASSURANCES	TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY Standard Application System School Years 2010-2013	<u>101-917</u> County-District No.
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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.
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- 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:
1. **Americans With Disabilities Act**, P. L. 101-336, 42 U.S.C. sec. 12101, and the regulations effectuating its provisions contained in 28 CFR Parts 35 and 36, 29 CFR Part 1630, and 47 CFR Parts 0 and 64;
 2. **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;
 3. **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;
 4. **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.

SCHEDULE #6 B Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transactions	TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY Standard Application System School Years 2010-2013	<u>101-917</u> 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.

SCHEDULE #6B Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transactions	TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY Standard Application System School Years 2010-2013 Required for all federal grants regardless of the dollar amount	<u>101-917</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.

SCHEDULE #6C. Lobbying Certification	TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY Standard Application System School Years 2010-2013 Required for all federally funded grants greater than \$100,000.	<u>101-917</u> County-District No.
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Submission of this certification covers all federal programs in this application, is required by the U. S. Department of Education and Section 1352, Title 31, of the United States Code, and is a prerequisite for making or entering into a subgrant or subcontract over \$100,000 with any organization. (Read instructions for this schedule for further information.)

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE #6D - Disclosure of Lobbying Activities	TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY Standard Application System School Years 2010-2013	<u>101-917</u> County-District No.
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Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities for lobbying services procured (pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352). This disclosure form is required for any federal grant/contract received in excess of \$100,000 and on any subgrant/subcontract made by the grantee/contractor. (Read the instructions for this schedule for further information.)
Do not sign and submit this disclosure form unless lobbying activities are being disclosed.

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

(Attach Continuation Sheet(s), if necessary)

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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.	Signature: _____	
	Name: _____	
	Title: _____	
	Telephone# _____	Date: _____

Federal Use Only:

Standard Form LLL

SCHEDULE #6E NCLB ACT PROVISIONS & ASSURANCES	Standard Application System School Years 2010-2013	<u>101-917</u> 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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- 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
 - 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
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 - A. Establish schedules and strategies that provide increased learning time; and
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 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).
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 - 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
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 - 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
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- A. Allow the school to be run under a new governance arrangement, such as a turnaround division within the LEA or SEA; or
 - B. Implement a per-pupil school-based budget formula that is weighted based on student needs.
- 15) The LEA/campus assures TEA that data to meet the following federal requirements will be available and reported as requested.
- a. Number of minutes within the school year.
 - b. Average scale scores on State assessments in reading/language arts and in mathematics, by grade, for the "all students" group, for each achievement quartile, and for each subgroup.
 - c. Number and percentage of students completing advanced coursework (e.g., AP/IB), early-college high schools, or dual enrollment classes. (High Schools Only)
 - d. College enrollment rates. (High Schools Only)
 - e. Teacher Attendance Rate
 - f. Student Completion Rate
 - g. Student Drop-Out Rate
 - h. Locally developed competencies created to identify teacher strengths/weaknesses
 - i. Types of support offered to teachers
 - j. Types of on-going, job-embedded professional development for teachers
 - k. Types of on-going, job-embedded professional development for administrators
 - l. Strategies to increase parent/community involvement
 - m. Strategies which increase student learning time

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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 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 website established by the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board (Section 1554).

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

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

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

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