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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 | |
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| | | 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 checked="" 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

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| Typed First Name | Initial | Last Name | Title |
| Cornelio | | Gonzalez PhD | Superintendent Of Schools |
| Phone | Fax | Email | Signature/Date Signed (blue ink preferred) |
| 956-323-5505 | 956-323-5634 | cgonzalez@mcisd.org | [Signature] 6/2/2010 |

Only the legally responsible party may sign this application.

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

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| <p align="center">Texas Title I Priority Schools Grant Schedule #1—General Information</p> | | |
| <p>Part 2: List of Required Fiscal-Related Attachments and Assurances</p> | | |
| <p>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.</p> | | |
| 1 | <p align="center">Proof of Nonprofit Status</p> | |
| | <p>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.)</p> | |
| 2 | <p align="center">Assurance of Financial Stability</p> | |
| | <p>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.</p> | |
| 3 | <p align="center">Assurance of Submittal of Reviewer Information Form</p> | |
| | <p>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.)</p> | |

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| Part 3: Applicant Information | | | | | |
| Local Educational Agency (LEA) Information | | | | | |
| LEA Name | | | | | |
| Mission CISD | | | | | |
| Mailing Address Line - 1 | Mailing Address Line - 2 | City | State | Zip Code | |
| 1201 Bryce Dr. | | Mission | Tx | 78573 | |
| U.S. Congressional District Number | Primary DUNS Number | Central Contractor Registration (CCR) CAGE Code | | NCES Identification Number | |
| 28 TH Congressional District | 010531739 | 4PWV5 | | 4B31040 | |
| Campus Name | | | County-District Campus Number | | |
| Alton Elementary | | | 108-908-107 | | |
| Mailing Address Line - 1 | Mailing Address Line - 2 | City | State | Zip Code | |
| 6631 N. Chicago | | Atlon | Tx | 78573 | |
| Applicant Contacts | | | | | |
| Primary Contact | | | | | |
| First Name | Initial | Last Name | | Title | |
| David | D. | Bourbois | | Principal | |
| Telephone | Fax | Email | | | |
| 956-323-7600 | 956-323-7616 | | | | |
| Mailing Address Line - 1 | Mailing Address Line - 2 | City | State | Zip Code | |
| 1201 Bryce | | Atlon | Tx. | 78573 | |
| Secondary Contact | | | | | |
| First Name | Initial | Last Name | | Title | |
| Mario | | Solis | | | |
| Telephone | Fax | E-mail | | | |
| 956-323-5550 | 956-323-5581 | masolis@mcisd.org | | | |
| Mailing Address Line - 1 | Mailing Address Line - 2 | City | State | Zip Code | |
| 1201 Bryce Dr. | | Mission | Tx. | 78572 | |

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

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

Part 2: Revised Budget

Complete this part if there are any budgetary changes.

| Line No. | Sch. No. | Class/ Object Code | Grant Project Costs Previously Approved Budget | B Amount Deleted | C Amount Added | D New Budget |
|----------|-------------------------|--------------------|--|------------------|----------------|--------------|
| 01 | 5B | 6100 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 02 | 5C | 6200 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 03 | 5D | 6300 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 04 | 5E | 6400 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 05 | 5G | 6600/15XX | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 06 | Total Direct Costs | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 07 | Indirect Cost (%) | | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 08 | Total Costs | | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
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| Part 3: Reason for Amendment Request. For all grants, regardless of dollar amount, check the appropriate box to indicate reason for amendment request. | | |
| | 1. Addition of a class/object code not previously budgeted on Schedule #5—Budget Summary | |
| | 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 | |
| | 3. Addition of a new line item on any of the supporting budget schedules (i.e., Schedules #5B-5G) | |
| | 4. Increase or decrease in the number of positions budgeted on Schedule #5B—Payroll Costs | |
| | 5. Addition of a new item of computer hardware/equipment (not capitalized) approved on Schedule #5C—Supplies and Materials | |
| | 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. | |
| | 7. Addition of a new item of capital outlay items approved on Schedule #5G—Capital Outlay for articles costing less than \$5,000. | |
| | 8. Reduction of funds allotted for training costs | |
| | 9. Additional funds needed | |
| | 10. Change in scope of objectives, regardless of whether there is an associated budget revision requiring prior approval | |
| | 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 | | |
| <p>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.</p> <p>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").</p> <p>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.</p> | | |
| Allowable Activities | | |
| <p>Tier I and Tier II Grantees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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. <p>Tier III Grantees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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. <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> | | |

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| 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"> 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; 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"> Screen all existing staff and rehire no more than 50 percent; and Select new staff. 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; 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; 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; 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; 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; Establish schedules and implement strategies that provide increased learning time (as defined in this notice); and 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. 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. 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. 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. 1. Develop and increase teacher and school leader effectiveness. (A) Replace the principal who led the school prior to commencement of the transformation model; (B) Use rigorous, transparent, and equitable evaluation systems for teachers and principals that-- (1) Take into account data on student growth as a significant factor as well as other factors such as multiple observation-based assessments of performance and ongoing collections of professional practice reflective of student achievement and increased high school graduation rates; and (2) Are designed and developed with teacher and principal involvement; (C) Identify and reward school leaders, teachers, and other staff who, in implementing this model, have increased student achievement and high school graduation rates and identify and remove those who, after ample opportunities have been provided for them to improve their professional practice, have not done so; (D) Provide staff ongoing, high-quality, job-embedded professional development (e.g., regarding subject-specific pedagogy, instruction that reflects a deeper understanding of the community served by the school, or differentiated instruction) that is aligned with the school's comprehensive instructional program and | Program Assurances | |

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| 21 | designed with school staff to ensure they are equipped to facilitate effective teaching and learning and have the capacity to successfully implement school reform strategies; and (E) Implement such strategies as financial incentives, increased opportunities for promotion and career growth, and more flexible work conditions that are designed to recruit, place, and retain staff with the skills necessary to meet the needs of the students in a transformation school. 2. Comprehensive instructional reform strategies. (A) Use data to identify and implement an instructional program that is research-based and vertically aligned from one grade to the next as well as aligned with State academic standards; and (B) Promote the continuous use of student data (such as from formative, interim, and summative assessments) to inform and differentiate instruction in order to meet the academic needs of individual students. 3. Increasing learning time and creating community-oriented schools. (A) Establish schedules and strategies that provide increased learning time; and (B) Provide ongoing mechanisms for family and community engagement. 4. Providing operational flexibility and sustained support. (A) Give the school sufficient operational flexibility (such as staffing, calendars/time, and budgeting) to implement fully a comprehensive approach to substantially improve student achievement outcomes and increase high school graduation rates; and (B) Ensure that the school receives ongoing, intensive technical assistance and related support from the LEA, the SEA, or a designated external lead partner organization (such as a school turnaround organization or an EMO). | Program Assurances | |
| 22 | An LEA 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. | 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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| Part 2: Statutory Requirements | | | |
| # | 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. 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. | | |

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| 2 | The applicant provides assurance that the LEA will designate an individual or office with primary responsibilities for supporting the LEA/campus' school improvement efforts. This individual/office will have primary responsibility and authority for ensuring the effective implementation of the grant option approved by TEA; serve as the district liaison to TEA and those providing technical assistance and/or contracted service to the LEA/campus as part of the approved grant. | | |
| 3 | The applicant provides assurance that a team from the grantee LEA/campus will attend and participate in grant orientation meetings, technical assistance meetings, other periodic meetings of grantees, the Texas School Improvement Conference, and sharing of best practices. | | |
| 4 | For the LEAs selecting the TEA Designed Models the applicant provide assurances that it will participate in and make use of technical assistance and coaching support provided by TEA, SIRC, and/or its subcontractors. | | |
| 5 | The applicant will establish or provide evidence of a system of formative assessment aligned to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills which provides robust, targeted data to evaluate the effectiveness of the LEA's curriculum and its alignment with instruction occurring on the campus; assesses progress on student groups' academic achievement at the campus level; and guide instructional decisions by teachers for individual students. | | |
| 6 | The applicant will participate in a formative assessment of the LEA's capacity and commitment to carry out the grant intervention models. | | |
| 7 | The applicant will provide access for onsite visits to the LEA and campus by TEA, SIRC and its contractors. | | |
| 8 | The applicant, if selecting the Restart Model, agrees to contract only with CMO or EMO providers on the State's approved list of CMO and EMO providers. | | |
| 9 | The applicant, if selecting the Turnaround Model or Transformation Model (Tiers I and Tiers II only) agrees to the participation of the campus principal or principal candidates in a formative assessment of their turnaround leadership capacity. | | |
| 10 | <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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| 10 | 2. Comprehensive instructional reform strategies. A. Use data to identify and implement an instructional program that is research-based and vertically aligned from one grade to the next as well as aligned with State academic standards; and B. Promote the continuous use of student data (such as from formative, interim, and summative assessments) to inform and differentiate instruction in order to meet the academic needs of individual students. 3. Increasing learning time and creating community-oriented schools. A. Establish schedules and strategies that provide increased learning time; and B. Provide ongoing mechanisms for family and community engagement. 4. Providing operational flexibility and sustained support. A. Give the school sufficient operational flexibility (such as staffing, calendars/time, and budgeting) to implement fully a comprehensive approach to substantially improve student achievement outcomes and increase high school graduation rates; and B. Ensure that the school receives ongoing, intensive technical assistance and related support from the LEA, the SEA, or a designated external lead partner organization (such as a school turnaround organization or an EMO). | | |
| 11 | An LEA may also implement other strategies to develop teachers' and school leaders' effectiveness, such as-- (A) Provide additional compensation to attract and retain staff with the skills necessary to meet the needs of the students in a transformation school; (B) Institute a system for measuring changes in instructional practices resulting from professional development; or (C) Ensure that the school is not required to accept a teacher without the mutual consent of the teacher and principal, regardless of the teacher's seniority. | | |
| 12 | An LEA may also implement comprehensive instructional reform strategies, such as-- (A) Conduct periodic reviews to ensure that the curriculum is being implemented with fidelity, is having the intended impact on student achievement, and is modified if ineffective; (B) Implement a school wide "response-to-intervention" model; (C) Provide additional supports and professional development to teachers and principals in order to implement effective strategies to support students with disabilities in the least restrictive environment and to ensure that limited English proficient students acquire language skills to master academic content; (D) Use and integrate technology-based supports and interventions as part of the instructional program; and (E) In secondary schools-- (1) Increase rigor by offering opportunities for students to enroll in advanced coursework (such as advanced Placement; International Baccalaureate; or science, technology, engineering, and mathematics courses, especially those that incorporate rigorous and relevant project-, inquiry-, or design-based contextual learning opportunities), early-college high schools, dual enrollment programs, or thematic learning academies that prepare students for college and careers, including by providing appropriate supports designed to ensure that low-achieving students can take advantage of these programs and coursework; (2) Improve student transition from middle to high school through summer transition programs or freshman academies; (3) Increase graduation rates through, for example, credit-recovery programs, re-engagement strategies, smaller learning communities, competency-based instruction and performance-based assessments, and acceleration of basic reading and mathematics skills; or (4) Establish early-warning systems to identify students who may be at risk of failing to achieve to high standards or graduate. | | |

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| 13 | An LEA may also implement other strategies that extend learning time and create community-oriented schools, such as-- A. Partner with parents and parent organizations, faith- and community-based organizations, health clinics, other State or local agencies, and others to create safe school environments that meet students' social, emotional, and health needs; B. Extend or restructure the school day so as to add time for such strategies as advisory periods that build relationships between students, faculty, and other school staff; C. Implement approaches to improve school climate and discipline, such as implementing a system of positive behavioral supports or taking steps to eliminate bullying and student harassment; or D. Expand the school program to offer full-day kindergarten or pre-kindergarten. | | |
| 14 | The LEA may also implement other strategies for providing operational flexibility and intensive support, such as-- A. Allow the school to be run under a new governance arrangement, such as a turnaround division within the LEA or SEA; or B. Implement a per-pupil school-based budget formula that is weighted based on student needs. | | |
| 15 | The LEA/campus assures TEA that data to meet the following federal requirements will be available and reported as requested. a. Number of minutes within the school year. b. Average scale scores on State assessments in reading/language arts and in mathematics, by grade, for the "all students" group, for each achievement quartile, and for each subgroup. c. Number and percentage of students completing advanced coursework (e.g., AP/IB), early-college high schools, or dual enrollment classes. (High Schools Only) d. College enrollment rates. (High Schools Only) e. Teacher Attendance Rate f. Student Completion Rate g. Student Drop-Out Rate h. Locally developed competencies created to identify teacher strengths/weaknesses i. Types of support offered to teachers j. Types of on-going, job-embedded professional development for teachers k. Types of on-going, job-embedded professional development for administrators l. Strategies to increase parent/community involvement m. Strategies which increase student learning time | | |
| By submitting the application and signing Schedule #1, the applicant is certifying it will comply with the above assurances. | | | |

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| Texas Title I Priority Schools Grant 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: Modified Transformational Model | | |
| 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). | | |
| <p>*Alton plans to create book study reviews to implement strategies for thinking and acting as reflective educators. <u>Reflective Practice to IMPROVE SCHOOLS</u>, Jennifer York-Barr, William A. Sommers, Gail S. Ghore and Joe Montie. Administrative Staff, Teachers, Paraprofessionals & Support Staff will receive a stipend for the effective implementation of researched based practices and increased student growth & achievement.</p> <p>*Alton will follow the CSCOPE scope and sequence in the areas of Reading/L.A. Math and Science. Cadres will create a time line that will address staff needs to enhance the delivery of instruction. Staff development will include (but not limited to): 1. Analyzing data, 2. Effective teaching methods (Differentiated Instruction), 3. Parental and community engagement in the planning and decision making process, 4. Curriculum alignment (both horizontal and vertical alignments) with state, district, and federal standards embedded in the design, 5. The evaluation processes (both formative and summative), 6. Identify program goals, measureable objectives in direct instruction and curriculum design to meet the needs of our special populations (LEP, At-Risk, Migrant, and Special Ed.). In order to ensure the implementation of this school wide effort, the designation of a District/Campus Project Manager will be recommended.</p> <p>*Alton will improve student performance by improving the quality of schoolwork. The WOW (Working on the Work) by Philip C. Schlechty, his framework describes twelve essential components. It suggests ways to improve the quality of content, organization of knowledge, measurement of achievement, nurturance of creativity, and novelty and variety of tasks; practical guidelines for redesigning classroom activity so that more students are highly engaged in schoolwork, developing clear and compelling standards for assessing student work, and making clear connections between what students are doing and what they are expected to produce. In addition to the studies of Robert J. Marzano, he is responsible for translating research and theory into classroom practice. Marzano has developed programs and practices used in K-12 classrooms that translate current research and theory in cognition into instructional methods. As well as research studies of Debra J. Pickering and Jane E. Pollock. <u>Classroom Instruction that Works</u>, Research-based strategies for Increasing Student Achievement., 2001 by McREL. Alton will enhance school-wide Literacy by providing <u>Rigby</u>, a program that pairs research based instruction with classroom practices that work.</p> <p>*Alton will begin to develop integrated themes that students and teachers will replace for the traditional separate-subject-area-units. Create new assessment strategies that reflect students' accomplishments and performance beyond those measured by standardized tests. Analyze the new assessment strategies that reflect the goals and accomplishments of the integrated curriculum methods used, and explore ways to improve and extend these integrative strategies. A flexible schedule will allow teachers to integrate extracurricular activities during the instructional day and extended day. To enhance these thematic units, students will be issued a <u>Study Buddy for additional support for Reading/L.A., Math, and Science (1-6)</u>. Teachers will integrate <u>SMART BOARDS</u>, to create technology-enabled learning, that will generate more collaboration and interactivity into the classroom. They will also implement <u>Clickers in the Classroom: An Active Learning Approach</u>.</p> <p>* Alton will increase Parental Involvement by providing them an Adult Literacy Center on 3 nights per week so that they will have the opportunity to learn basic Literacy/Math Skills in English. In addition to creating a Homework Literacy for students (K-5). Students will have a safe place to go and receive assistance to complete homework assignments.</p> <p>*Additional personnel will be hired to serve the stakeholders in our community. The City of Alton is a rural community that does not have a Public Library. The Literacy Centers will provide the community a safe and quiet place to go and read as a family, learn literacy skills in Reading/L.A., Math & Science. This opportunity will create a learning environment that sets no boundaries.</p> <p>*It will decrease our mobility, decrease our dropout/retention rate, and increase our graduation rate. The Rosetta Stone Program will help accelerate the ability to speak English.</p> | | |

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| Texas Title I Priority Schools Grant 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 | 54 | 78 | 98 | 99 | 82 | 88 | 80 | | | | | | | | 579 |
| Open-Enrollment Charter School | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Total Students: | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Total Instructional Staff | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Support Staff | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Section B: Data Sources Reviewed or to be Reviewed in the Comprehensive Needs Assessment Process | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | STATE MANDATED TEST: TAKS, TPRI, TELPAS, | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | LPAC Folders | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | PIEMS, AEIS, AYP Report | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | Student Grades: Report cards, progress reports | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Migrant reports | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | Title II Parts A and D (Teacher/Principal training and recruitment /Technology) Title IV SD/FC; Title III Part A Evaluations | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | Benchmarks | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | Parent Surveys | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | Disciplinary Records | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p>Part 1: Comprehensive Needs Assessment Cont.</p> | | |
| <p>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).</p> | | |
| <p>Describe, in detail, the process the LEA and campus followed/will follow to identify the needs of the campus.</p> | | |
| <p>*Alton's needs assessment shows there is a need for an academic instructional intervention for students at Alton Elementary. Our data shows that ELL's and Special Education students are working below AYP standards. At Risk and Migrant students are AYP results. ELL students and Migrant students have scores of 77.9% and 57% in Math respectively. In Reading , the scores are at 67% and 39% passing rate. Science scores for fifth graders are at 72%. Scores of 80% and 50% passing for ELL's., Migrant, and Special Education respectively.</p> <p>Other areas of weakness are as follows:</p> <p>*Conduct Benchmarks to ELL's in Reading, Math, and Science at 60%, 55% to 58% respectively.</p> <p>*A need to increase learning time – Extended day, need for block periods to increase learning time.</p> <p>*Staff development focused on strengthening our weak areas: (1) Staff Morale; (2) Students respect all staff at my campus; (3) Parents support our homework and attendance policy; (4) All Staff are team players at our campus; (5) The purpose of the SBDM is clear to me.</p> | | |

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| Section D: Groups of Participants Contributing/to Contribute to Needs Assessment Process, ensuring Parents and Community Groups were involved in the process. | | | |
| 1 | Camps/LEA Leadership Team; | | |
| 2 | SBDM | | |
| 3 | Central Office Staff | | |
| 4 | ESC | | |
| 5 | University | | |
| 6 | Parents/Community Representatives | | |
| 7 | Students | | |
| 8 | SIRC School Improvement Resource Center | | |
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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. | | |
| <p>*Mission CISD will designate the grant expenditure to be used specifically for the intervention activities.</p> <p>*Mission CISD will support the campus' focus to use grant funds to increase teacher quality and leadership effectiveness by targeting the areas of staff development to include Reading/Language Arts, Mathematics and Science, data disaggregation, data driven instruction, teaming,, peer coaching, mentoring, reflective practices, action research, parental involvement, and curriculum alignment.</p> <p>*Mission CISD Staff Development Department is in partnership with the Alton staff and parents to meet and exceed the training requests to meet the goals of the intervention program.</p> <p>*Mission CISD will assist the campus in their improving academic performance and in the increase use of quality data to drive instruction by providing all the necessary data as gathered through the AEIS and PEIMS systems to provide information for the purpose of reporting data and making sound data driven decisions. The Division for Information Systems will provide the campus Leadership Team enabling resources for responsible planning, organizing, implementing, and monitoring.</p> <p>*Mission CISD Human Resources and Student Services Division will work with the Principal and the Leadership Team in ways to recruit, select and retain highly qualified personnel, evaluates staff duties and responsibilities, and supports professional development for staff. They will also guide the campus in establishing a Strategic View of Recruitment-strategies for successful teacher recruitment and retention and also creating a support system for new teachers. Through PDAS the Human Resources department will provide the Principal with information to make effective decisions on job-embedded staff development such as peer mentoring, reflective practices, and action research.</p> <p>* Mission CISD will assist Alton with Contracts with Professional and Contracted Services. They will create funds to be allocated to acquire a campus based program manager to oversee the successful implementation of the grant program and Staff Development.</p> <p>*Mission CISD district/campus Program Managers will be closely guided by the business office on grant expenditures. Financial support will be provided to initiate an incentive program for reward and recognition of teachers and students in areas of improvement such as: decline in discipline referrals, student attendance, passing rate, and citizenship. The Mission CISD Business Office is prepared to provide all the assistance needed to implement a successful program. The Adult Literacy Center and the Student Homework Center will help support a snack for parents and students.</p> <p>*Mission CISD Curriculum and Instruction Department with the use of desegregated student data will collaborate with Alton to establish flexible scheduling during the school day and for extended day/week activities. This department will work closely with the project manager to establish formative measures to develop instructional calendars.</p> <p>*Mission CISD Parental Involvement Department will engage the campus in promoting to encourage all parents to attend trainings and meetings which support student learning as well as family information on health, social and educational services. This department will emphasize the belief that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning, parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education, parents are full partners in decision making and on advisory committees on the education of their child, and that other activities are carried out that will build the capacity of all parents.</p> <p>*Mission CISD Technology Information Division will assist the campus to make school climate decisions by providing attendance and disciplinary reports through PEIMS. The Student Services Department works to provide a safe and secure environment for students and staff through its coordination of counseling services, conduction of discipline and referral training. These departments will be valuable resources for the campus initiatives that will focus on interventions, incentives and support programs to improve school climate.</p> | | |

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| <p>Part 2: Project Management Cont.</p> | | |
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| <p>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.</p> | | |
| <p>The LEA and Alton will develop a framework to improve teaching and learning in which families, educators and communities are actively involved in the learning process. The value that, "Schools can't improve without the help of parents," will drive communication and active parental involvement in the improvement of instruction.</p> <p>Alton will continue with a Parent Teacher Center, a place where parents are able to meet and assist teachers with day to day copies, laminating, parent flyers etc.. The Grant would enhance the opportunity for parents to learn literacy skills to practice oral language development in English. It would enable them to learn how to fill out a job application, obtain a driver's license or Texas ID so that they may continue volunteering on the campus.</p> <p>Alton will create a Literacy Center to provide an opportunity for parents to learn how to read & write. It will provide them the opportunity to learn basic computer skills so that they too can provide input to their children when they need help on schoolwork at home.</p> <p>Alton parents will have a voice in their role as an LPAC Member, Special Education ARD Member, SBDM Member, Campus Improvement Plan Member, PTO member, and as active volunteers in direct instruction.</p> <p>Alton will open the school up as a resource for parents to come and ask for assistance and participate in camp Health Fairs, providing a safe environment for their families' to celebrate holiday festivals, participate in the audience to ask questions to presenters from school, local, and state agencies.</p> <p>Alton will serve as a mediator to the various organizations who provide assistance to less fortunate children and their families. The local Lion's Club Eye Glasses Program; Adopt a School program-local business will participate in providing needy children with school supplies and clothing; the Local Boys and Girls Club with provide a safe environment for children to go to participate in the lunch program along with various activities during the school year and summer months. These organizations create safe school environments that meet student's social, emotional, and health needs.</p> <p>Alton will create an effective communication network: newsletter, teacher parent communication, parent conference; designate a parent/teacher conference day by an abbreviated day, campus website, local radio and TV station will participate in airing important school news information.</p> <p>Alton Principal will select a Leadership Team composed of staff members to review all the relevant campus data to select the intervention model that best addresses the needs of the campus. Alton SBDM team composed of staff members, central office staff, parents, and community leaders will review the plan. They will be requested to provide feedback regarding the intervention model. Their input will be reviewed by the Leadership Team and taken into account. A copy of the program abstract will be shared in open discussion with the students by their homeroom teachers.</p> <p>Alton teachers will record the students' input and will be submitted to the Leadership Team. The staff strongly believes the success for student achievement is contingent upon the students and parents' knowledge, input, and acceptance of the intervention program. A notice of a meeting to share information of the campus standing and the intervention model inviting parents and the community will be sent to the parents, the notice will placed on the district web site, a notice will be advertised in the local newspaper, and use the local radio and TV station to get the message out.</p> | | |

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| <p>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.</p> | | |
| <p>Alton Leadership Team requested approval of additional staff to support the new initiatives, a Campus Literacy Monitor (Retired Teacher). These two positions are critical towards the academic success of and the accessibility of community services for the students/families. Community support will be requested in order to improve the academic performance, empower teachers to be experts in their classrooms and to provide parents an opportunity to be a voice in the continuous decision making process for all stakeholders at Alton.</p> <p>Alton teachers believe that student academic improvement begins with improved teacher quality and leadership effectiveness.</p> <p>Alton Staff will be paid to attend additional Staff Development trainings throughout the duration of the Grant.</p> <p>Alton Staff will request the support and cooperation required by the school administrative staff, district administrative staff or board approval to implement afore mentioned researched activities.</p> <p>Alton Staff will be request for extended day, week for scheduled time for Staff Collaborative Planning: (horizontal & vertical alignment of curriculum) and are committed to rigorous staff development that will require extension of their work calendar. The no teacher/classroom is an island philosophy will be embraced resulting in progressive collaboration among all the staff and to include parents.</p> | | |

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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>The LEA and Alton will align available resources to target the needs of the school improvement intervention plan. All existing resources will target the identified needs in the district and specifically the campus action plan. The Texas Title I Priority Schools Grant will supplement and target needs in regards to provide staff development to improve teacher effectiveness and quality, leadership skills, data disaggregation training, incentive program, increase parental involvement opportunities for input, communication and literacy enhancement and the use of technology in instruction and the data gathering process. The alignment of resources will include a combination of funds like in those activities described below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Activity and Possible Funding Sources: 2. Improve Academic Performance: 3. TTIPS Grant, Local, Title I Parts A & C, Title II Part A, TPTR, Title II Part D, TECH, SCE, Title IV, Bilingual, Special Education, Community/Civic Resources. 4. Increase Teacher Quality: TTIPS Grant, Local, Title I Parts A & C, Title II Part A, TPTR, SCE, Title IV, Bilingual, Special Education. 5. Improve School Climate: TTIPS Grant, Local, Title I Parts A & C, SCE, Title IV, Community/Civic Resources. 6. Increase Leadership Effectiveness: TTIPS Grant, Local, Title I Parts A & A, Title II Part A TPTR, Title IV, Bilingual, Special Education, Community/Civic Resources. 7. Increase the Use of Quality Data to Drive Instruction: TTIPS Grant, Local, Title I Parts A & C, Title II Part D TECH, SCE, Bilingual, Special Education. 8. Increase Parent/Community Involvement: TTIPS Grant, Local, Title I Parts A & C, SCE, Title IV, Bilingual, Special Education, Community/Civic Resources, Others. 9. Increase Learning Time: TTIPS Grant, Local, Title I Parts A & C, Title II Part D TECH, SCE, Bilingual, Special Education, 10. Technology: TTIPS Grant, Local, Title I Parts A & C, Title II Part D TECH, SCE, Bilingual, Special Education, Community/Civic Resources, Others. | | |

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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. | | |
| <p>In order to ensure and support the various efforts of the campus plan and its needs to incorporate systems change, the district will support areas relevant to flexible scheduling, transitional Jr. High to High School programs, credit recovery programs, early warning system for dropout prevention, extended day/year programs, parent education programs, parent advisory councils, as well as strong teacher training programs.</p> <p>All aspects of program operations listed above may require and will be supported relevant to current practices/policies which will be adjusted to ensure the highest quality of program effectiveness and program support for students as well as parents and teachers.</p> <p>The review and need to incorporate an incentive program for teachers will require board approval, a plan of action, and a set of standards not necessarily incorporated in current policy.</p> <p>Further adjustments to the existing system will support the need to conduct period reviews of curriculum fidelity, ensure that all students are embraced and supported with system for student review of needs such as response to intervention RTE models.</p> <p>Expansion of curriculum and programs which support student with opportunities to enroll in advanced coursework (e.g. advanced placement, engineering, mathematics and science courses) will also be an integral component of policy and practices which will become the norm rather than the exception.</p> <p>Teacher needs will also be addressed through this system change with stronger emphasis in teacher training will be a major focus. Teachers will have the opportunity to access training off campus as well as on campus. Clinical training for teachers will allow for them to stay on campus and observe consultants deliver lessons and then reflect the strengths and weaknesses of the lesson as well as observing student interaction and interests during the lesson. A new system of measuring changes in instructional practices resulting from professional development will also be considered in this new approach of enhancement and accountability.</p> <p>Support and refinement of instructional leadership skills will also be a main component of policy/practice change within the campus. Focus for administrative training may be more specialized when reviewing the needs of the campus and its diverse student population. The embracing of students groups, such as English language learners (ELL's and special education students with learning disabilities will be and should be a primary focus of professional development efforts which are tied to campus and district needs.</p> <p>It is the intent of the campus to truly review all assessment information as collected through comprehensive needs assessment process (CNA) and to ensure that it prioritizes its needs, assign resources, creates, create manageable timelines in order to ensure a highly successful and effective campus system of support for its students.</p> | | |

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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. | | |
| <p>The importance and the significance the grant project manager plays in the improvement and enhancement of school operations, instructional focus, as well as coordination of district resources will require an individual who is well informed, well credentialed, and well experienced.</p> <p>In order to assist the school administration in the overall operation and monitoring of the instructional programs at the campus level, give guidance and direction relative to student services, ensure high quality teaching in the classroom, promote a positive working relationship among and staff, as well as establishing a climate conducive to open communication and productive work will require credentials and experience which will embrace a Masters Degree or Higher, a valid Texas Mid-Management, Principal or Assistant Principal Certificate, and a valid Texas teaching certificate.</p> <p>Special Knowledge and skills will include strong communication, public relation, and interpersonal skills, ability to evaluate instruction instructional programs and teaching effectiveness, as well as strong collaborative and team building skills.</p> <p>Experience for this individual will be a minimum of three years of successful teaching experience and a minimum of two years experience in elementary or secondary school administration.</p> <p>Major responsibilities and duties shall include but not limited to (1) Coordinating and supervising assignments of instructional and implemented as per campus/teacher understanding, (8)personnel and improvements of the campus instructional program (2) Assist teachers and central office staff in the development and delivery of curriculum, which addresses instructional performance goals established by the campus/ grant (3) Lead in the development, coordination and delivery of campus in service activities and coordinate campus participation (4) organize, coordinate and supervise state, district, and campus testing /benchmark efforts as staff and community relations, (6) analyze student data, meeting with staff to develop plans of action, (7) ensure that the TTIPS Grant incentive awards are well developed, defined, (8) assist with flexible(8) assist with flexible scheduling and developing of tutorial schedules, (9)manage all aspects of the TIPPS grant (10) coordinate the preparation, evaluation and revision of the annual campus improvement plan, (12) ensure all support systems are in place for students as per campus plan and TIGG grant needs assessment.</p> <p>This project grant manager will report directly to the campus principal and will interface with the district grant manager as well as with the Executive Directors/Assistant Superintendents at the elementary and secondary level.</p> | | |

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

Alton will provide continued funding and support to sustain the interventions and student performance that resulted from the implementation of the TTIPS SIG grant program.

Elements in place due to the grant funding will continue by training trainer of trainers within the school.

- Central Office Support
- Leadership Team Support
- Continue systemic data driven process
- Continue Effective Parental Involvement Program Intervention
- Continue Review and Updating of data for effective program maintenance
- Continue partnership with support agencies (Region I)

The following funding sources will be used to sustain prioritized strengths of the grant.

- SCE
- Title I Part A
- Title II Part A

Alton along with Mission CISD will evaluate on an on-going process, the effectiveness of programs and personnel and make adjustments to the school budget to sustain those activities from the intervention model that have made a significant difference in the improvement of our student's academic performance. Sustainability of programs/activities that are generating positive results in the areas of increase teacher quality, improve student academic performance in Reading/ELA and Math, improve school climate, increase parent/community involvement, and increase learning time will be maintained through our local, state, and federal funding. Enhanced technology such as Study Buddy's, Clickers, Smart Boards, the Rigby Classroom Leveled Libraries and the Rosetta Stone English Program will be sustained in classrooms for they were paid in full during the first year of the TTIPS Grant.

Local and allowable attendance to conferences that focus on administrative and instructional team's skill will be an integral part of ongoing staff development needs of principals. Also, local and allowable fund to attend Bilingual, Curriculum and Instruction, Special Education, and risk conferences will also serve to continue the update of best practice skills for teachers, principal, parents, and all other stakeholders. Book study groups that stress the principles good teaching will be in place and will be sustained by redirecting funds and by using available grants and community resources.

In general the LEA and the campus will continue its ongoing process of identifying and targeting instructional needs and the monitoring of effective practices. The monitoring will include the review of student outcomes and teacher effectiveness. Changes in instructional strategies and personnel will be made to focus on positive growth and development. The increase in learning time support will be funded by summer school funds such as SCE, Bilingual, Special Education and available Title I Parts A & C. The school climate component will use Title IV Part A SDFSC, SCE, Title V Part A Innovative and local funds to address guidance and counseling, attendance, discipline and students incentives. Title II Part D Technology, Local, Title I Part A & C and available grants will continue to fund and upgrade the technology need for direct instruction, data disaggregation and staff development.

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| External Providers -- Describe how the LEA will recruit, screen, and select external providers to ensure their quality. | | |
| <p>Alton will contact selected external providers to provide them with their area of expertise in providing researched based models of differentiated instruction in the area of Reading/Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science to meet the instructional needs of special populations: ELL, Special Ed., and Migrant. Alton will then select the model that meets the needs of their campus.</p> <p>Mission CISD will recruit, screen, and select external providers to ensure their quality by aligning their area of expertise with the identified needs of the campus, by investigating their record as external providers as listed by TEA, and by selecting providers that have made a quantitative impact for the campuses they have served. Selecting local providers that include the Educational Service Center, Region I, the University of Texas Pan American, the University of Texas Brownsville, Texas State Technical College will sustain a lasting partnership that will foster continued constructive collaboration after the end of the grant.</p> <p>Selecting reputable state and independent agencies such as the Educational Service Centers, the School Improvement Resource Center, the Center of Comprehensive School Reform, the DANA Center, the Inter-cultural Development Research Association, the Southwest Lab, and the Texas Center of District and School Support will provide expertise in instruction and staff development as required in the transformation model.</p> <p>The primary goal in selecting the external providers is to improve the quality of the campus in the areas of; Improve Academic Performance, including (but not limited to) Reading/ELA and Math, Increase the Use of Quality Data to Drive Instruction, Increase Leadership Effectiveness, Increase Learning Time, Increase Parent/Community Involvement, Improve School Climate, and Increase Teacher Quality.</p> | | |

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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. | | |
| <p>Alton will solicit the assistance of SIRC and Region I ESC to search and recommend campuses whose intervention model supports the program goals and objectives of our program. Visits to campuses by a cadre of teachers, parents, school and district administrators and community leaders that are experiencing success with programs we have implemented in our modified transformational plan will allow us to validate what we are doing or will provide redirection as needed. The selection of sites to be visited will focus on schools whose size and demographics are representative of our school. Priority of sites to be visited will include schools that model best practice models, are exemplary, and have incentive programs in place.</p> <p>The expected outcomes of our visits will gather for targeting effective school practices in the critical skills factors of academic improvement, parental and community involvement, data interpretation, staff development for improving the leadership quality as well as improving the effectiveness of the teachers' direct instructional practices.</p> <p>A timeline of visitation activities will be set up to visit the schools as well as to attend conferences that target effective school practices and/or emphasize content area best practice strategies. These activities will begin in the summer of 2010 and continued as scheduled by the LEA, the campus, SIRC or Region I ESC. The school administrator will begin this search as early as June at the annual principals' conference in June.</p> | | |

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| <p>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.</p> | | |
| <p>N/A: There are no Tier I or Tier II schools in the district.</p> | | |

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Part 3: Intervention Model

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-for Alton Elementary, Mission CISD**

Alton will implement its own intervention design, within the parameters required by the final federal regulations released by USDE

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Part 3: Intervention Model

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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Who are we?

Alton Elementary is located in the City of Alton in Hidalgo County. It is the fastest growing city in Hidalgo County based on Census figures. We anticipated by 2010 Alton's population will be 10,000 – double its population in 2000. The City of Alton was established as a stop on the San Benito and Rio Grande Valley Railroad around 1910. It was named after the Alton Railroad, whose officials were from Alton, Illinois. Alton is an agricultural area surrounded by numerous citrus orchards, mainly grapefruit plantations. The city was incorporated in 1978. Current demographics for the City of Alton are as follows: 98% Hispanic population, 2.4% of population holds a Bachelor's degree or higher, 81.5% own their housing unit compared to 66% nationally, 18.5% rent their housing unit compared to 34% nationally, 34% of the population is foreign born, 93% speak a language other than English, Median family income is \$23,563.00, 55% of the population is between 18-64 yrs. Old, 38% of the population is under the age of 18, and is located right next door to the larger city of Mission on Highway 107. Within the City of Alton, students attend 6 of the 13 Elementary schools and 2 of the 4 Middle Schools within Mission CISD and 1 Elementary school within Sharyland ISD.

Mission is tucked along the Texas/Mexico border in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas. We are a long slender district stretching across roughly 41 square miles. Because of the proximity to the Mexican border Alton's demographics consists of a student population who is 98.4%, Hispanic 1.1% White, 0% African American and 22.3% Mobility. In the past year, we have noted that there has been an increase in our Special Education population and English Language Learner population. The increase has created a need to differentiate the delivery of instruction in the area of Reading, Language Arts, Math and Science. Students, Teachers & the Community at Alton will ensure that each and every student has access to a quality education that challenges them to achieve to their fullest potential with the necessary knowledge and skills to succeed in a global economy and exercise the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. Achievement of this mission will be accomplished in an optimum learning where all stakeholders assume responsibility for learning as a lifelong process.

At Alton Elementary we enhance student learning using a proven methodology delivery system and integrate meta cognition in teacher questioning and student comprehension. Our positive school environment is based on student learning by using enriched instructional strategies in higher order thinking skills. Alton Elementary will become the school where students will not want to stop learning at the end of the day. It will be the one place where the whole community will want to spend their time learning. Teachers will take leadership role to take ownership. Alton empowers teachers to take leadership roles as trainers of trainers to implement innovative teaching approaches that will ensure that all children have access to learning in the most efficient and effective manner, support and provide time to partner with community and families in decision making to support the school's overall educational process. The ultimate goal at Alton is to provide an exemplary educational environment that promotes academic success in Reading/Language Arts, Math, and Science.

Prospectus: Identification and Initial Planning

Alton Elementary will form a cadre of teachers, administrators, and support staff to review the current Campus Plan to identify current needs, strategies and activities to improve instruction and student success. The baseline data gathered will assist in determining, "How well our school meets the needs of each student?" The analysis of data will move Alton Elementary to create a system of support and compliance to all special population students to meet or exceed state and federal standards. This system of support will focus on four major components: 1. Data Collection and Interpretation; 2. Enhance innovative teacher effectiveness; 3. Parent and Community Involvement; and 4. Develop an instructional design to monitor program activities in regards to: ensure; a.) data analysis; b.) student academic progress; c.) communication systems; d.) delivery of instruction; e.) targeted time line that will oversee curriculum alignment and mapping; and f.) will target the improvement of leadership skills and curriculum alignment, the use of technology to graph data for analysis, and the use of quantitative and qualitative data analysis that measures teacher preparation and certification to ensure student achievement in Reading/Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science. The system will survey the policies that influence teacher education patterns, teacher mentoring effectiveness, hiring practices and professional staff development that targets effective teaching practices. **Four major goals will be established for teachers to accomplish for the purpose of enhanced teacher effectiveness.**

1. *Curriculum alignment*: Targeting: Are You Ready To Take A Trip?
2. *Curriculum mapping*: Targeting: Do You Know How To Get There?
3. *Curriculum Benchmarking*: Targeting: Did You Reach Your Destination?
4. *Differentiation*: What Form of Transportation Will You Need to Make the Trip?

Planning Process:

The data analysis of the AYP Rating will begin the planning process for Alton. Test results from State Mandated Tests (TAKS, TELPAS, Tejas Lee, iStation, TEMI ...). In addition, District Tests such as Content-Area Benchmarks, Six Weeks Test and classroom observations. Teacher Cadres will be created by grade levels. To meet the needs of special population, coordination meetings will be scheduled as needed to provide time for special program and regular education teachers to collaborate. A teacher representative from each cadre will form steering committees for each of the content areas to ensure that the curriculum is vertically/horizontally aligned for

the delivery of instruction. DMAC Solutions (Region VII Service Center Product) system along with School City will serve as sources of reference to assist Alton Elementary in interpreting test data. The analysis will target Reading Language Arts, Mathematics and Science in grades Pre-K – Fifth. Weekly staff meetings will give the teams an opportunity to present an overview of areas of strength and weakness. Each team will disaggregate as well as aggregate the data. The depth of the analysis will be determined by the perceived needs of ELLs, at risk students, migrant student, special education, and identified special population data. At the completion and identification of the data analysis an instructional program will address all of the appropriate content standards and develop the school improvement plan that is focused on the school-wide effort on the priority instructional needs in Reading/L.A, Mathematics, and Science. To enhance the delivery of instruction, all teachers will receive 30 hrs. of GT training and upon completion will be GT certified. A time line for the development, implementation and program monitoring will be designed. Issues to be addressed in the staff development process will include (but not limited to): 1. the use of data; 2. effective teaching methods; 3. parental and community involvement in the planning and decision making process; 4. curriculum alignment (both horizontal and vertical alignments) with state, district, and federal standards embedded in the design; 5. the evaluation processes (both formative and summative); 6. Identify program goals, measureable objectives in direct instruction and curriculum design. Teachers will be required to teach, monitor outcomes, and make recommendations in teaching the district curriculum that has been aligned with the state content standards. In addition to their curriculum, however, teachers will be expected to support and accommodate the school-wide objectives in the classrooms as needed. A positive commitment as to the monitoring of the campus plan and the determination to implement the campus goals and objectives will be shared amongst all stakeholders.

In order to ensure this commitment and program monitoring, Alton will address the following issues with the Mission CISD Department of Human Resources and the campus project committee: First the designation of a Project Manager position to monitor the establishment of the program. The position may be at the campus and/or district level. The position will adhere to a detailed job description that addresses qualifications, duties, and experience of a Project Manager for a period of three years. Once the position is approved, the campus instructional team will assist in making the recommendation for the hiring of the Project Manager. The Project Manager's background should include a strong background in Elementary curriculum instruction in the area of Reading, Language Arts, Mathematics and Science, and basic Grant knowledge and management skills. This individual should not have less than six (6) years of classroom teaching experience, and a Masters Degree in related educational field. With the Project Manager in place, the project will cater to: (1) the development processes: (2) to increase teacher and school leader effectiveness: (3) to implement comprehensive instructional reform strategies: (4) to develop and increase teacher and school leadership effectiveness: (5) to increase learning time and create community-oriented environment and culture: (6) to inculcate an operational flexibility and sustained support for instruction.

Increase Teacher and School Leadership Effectiveness:

Improving student achievement requires educators to make informed programmatic and instructional decisions based on the ongoing collection analysis, researched based models/systems and the use of data. Contracted services: (DANA Center, IDRA, Southwest Lab, Region I, and UTPA will work together to use instructional data to target instructional needs as well as making decisions for program implementations. Currently the campus principals, assistant principals, academic strategist, testing strategist and teacher cadres meet by grade level to review and analyze student data. Effective leadership is supported by a clear and consistent vision of leadership linked to improved teaching and learning. The principal is the nucleus that drives the shared understanding about the organization, its activities and goals that can drive the purpose or vision. Effective principals are strong educators, anchoring their work on central issues of learning and teaching and continuous school improvement. To this end Alton will use Mike Schmoker's as a resource to improve leadership qualities. The resource book: *Results: The Key to Continuous School Improvement* will be used as a foundation for training. Along with the leadership qualities of R. J. Marzano, Connors, York-Barr, Kronowitz, Covey, and Schlechty. A combination of three concepts that constitutes the foundation for positive improvement results will be used to extend leadership effectiveness. They are: 1. *Meaningful teamwork*; 2. *Clear, measurable goals*; 3. and the continuous collection and *analysis of student performance data*. The Alton Principal will lead the school through the goal setting process in which student achievement data is analyzed, identify areas of need for improvement and articulate how the improvements will take place. This process will involve working collaboratively with all stakeholders to identify discrepancies between current and desired outcomes, to set and prioritize goals to help close the gap,

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Once the data has been studied and strengths and weaknesses identified, the school improvement team will prioritize the needs as indicated by the data. At the completion and identification of the data analysis an instructional program will address all of the appropriate content standards and develop a school improvement plan that is focused on a school-wide effort on the priority instructional needs in Reading/L.A., Mathematics, and Science. To address the needs of the program, a time line for the development, implementation and program monitoring will be designed. Issues to be addressed in the staff development process will include (but not limited to): 1. The use of data; 2. Effective teaching methods; 3. Parental and community engagement in the planning and decision making process; 4. Curriculum alignment (both horizontal and vertical alignments) with state, district, and federal standards embedded in the design; 5. Evaluation processes (both formative and summative); 6. Program goals with measureable objectives. Teachers will be required to teach, monitor outcomes, and make recommendations in teaching the district curriculum that has been aligned with the state content standards. In addition to their curriculum, however, teachers will be expected to support and accommodate the school-wide objectives in their classrooms and wherever appropriate. It will be understood that a significant amount of energy will be exerted in the monitoring of the school improvement plan and the capacity building of staff to implement the school improvement strategies.

In order to ensure the capacity building of staff and program monitoring, the campus will address the following issues with the Mission ISD Department of Human Resources and a campus project committee: First, the designation of a Project Manager position to monitor the program will be made. The position may be at the campus and/or district level. The position will entail a detailed job description to address the qualifications, duties, and experience of the Project Manager. Once the position is approved, the campus instructional team will assist in making the recommendation for the hiring of the Project Manager. The Project Manager's background should include a strong background in curriculum/ instruction, management skills, and effective speaking/presentation skills. This individual should not have less than six (6) years of classroom teaching experience. With the Project Manager in place, the project will cater to: (1) the continuous development processes; (2) to increase and ensure teacher and school leader effectiveness; (3) to implement comprehensive instructional reform strategies; (4) to develop and increase teacher and school leadership effectiveness; (5) to increase learning time and create a community-oriented environment and culture; (6) to inculcate an operational flexibility and sustained support for the delivery of instruction.

Data Driven Instruction

Collecting, analyzing and using data to identify school needs will give staff an understanding of where your school ranks relative to campus and district goals. The data driven process will define two major goals; 1.) *data analysis*; understand the data and its application to instruction. The *principal model* to train staff to regularly collect, analyze and use data to drive instruction. The principal and the leadership team will solicit the input of the major constituents (teachers, administrators, parents, and students if applicable) to ensure that all perceptions and attitudes are represented in this process. The purpose of this process is to disaggregate, interpret, and effectively use data to better understand multiple sources of data such TAKS, iStation TELPAS, LAS, LPAC reviews, district benchmarks, grades to be used to identify student performance needs. The entire staff will analyze the data to identify discrepancies between current and desired outcomes. By collecting, analyzing and using data to identify school needs the identification of priority needs will be facilitated to address school-wide efforts. Data driven instruction will be used for formative, interim and summative assessments. Curriculum mapping will be an end result to assist in developing a timeline. The use of the CSCOPE curriculum will define vertical and horizontal characteristics of a data driven process. Throughout the assessment process data results from iStation and Tejas LEE (K-3rd) and Circle (P-K) will be analyze for Pre- Kinder-3rd reading results. The TPRI and Tejas LEE will monitor student data at the beginning of the school year (BOY), the middle of the school year (MOY), and at the end of the school year (EOY). This data in conjunction with Stanford Achievement Test will focus on early childhood academic needs. ELLs' academic needs will be analyzed with the TELPAS State Test, LPAC reviews as well as teacher observation. A graph to analyze teacher observation will be developed and used to monitor levels of performance in speaking, reading, listening and writing skills of ELL.

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| <p>Continuous Monitoring and Communication The use of data driven instruction will not be useful without commitment and most importantly a two-way form of communication process. The process will communicate: 1.) data results to teacher at scheduled times; 2.) an effective two-way communication of data results to all stakeholders and the Alton community; 3) the importance of time to collaborate with teachers, the leadership team and administrative staff to reflect as to the on-going monitoring process and constantly regrouping to meet each students instructional need 3.) all necessary information to non-English speakers with adequate translation and interpretation of each students test results and progress. To effectively communicate information to all stakeholders the following goals and behaviors will ensure effective communication: 1.) all communication will be a key factor in data driven communication will be for the individual recipient to use information with understanding in order to move to action: 2.) to improve the quality and relevance of data being disseminated so as to involve teachers, the leadership time and other stakeholders in the effective use, planning and implementation of the data results; and 3.) to effective communicate information so as to have a complete understanding change process and required paradigm shift. And finally the communication process will develop a calendar to communicate instructional relevant data that is linked to timeliness and comprehensiveness.</p> <p>Increase Learning Time and Creating Community-Oriented Schools: Extended Week, Day, Year:</p> <p>Allocation of time per content area will be based on the age appropriateness of student age level. The leadership team will create a basic schedule that will allow teachers flexibility as to make changes needed. This will involve great collaboration and planning with grade level instructional teams. By examining the respective curricular time requirements and instructional contact needs, teachers will share teaching ideas in the areas of Reading/L.A., Mathematics, and Science. The teacher cadre will analyze subject matter needs and share their cross-curricular strategies across content levels. At times it may be necessary to design units of instruction that encourage students to see connections and to apply learning in one subject are to the learning in other subject areas. For example, teams of teachers actively plan to teach simultaneous classes centered toward a common interdisciplinary concept like Texas Independence. Language arts classes can investigate that era of our history through explorations of its own literature, through subsequent literature about the time period, and through its popular culture. Art and music classes can research the arts of that time, while social studies classes can examine the economics and politics of the era, as well as its famous people and battles. At the same time, science classes can focus on scientific exploration and discoveries of that period, along with its technological achievements and their impact. Linked to, and examined through all of these areas, Texas Independence and its causes will be more fully and richly understood as students with different interests and talents make personal connections through these varied avenues. This concept will be closely reviewed and piloted by two or more teachers. Scheduled instructional time will be changed to meet the instructional needs of the group. Teachers will have to: 1.) Reconsider the notion that skills and concepts on standardized tests can be mastered only through conventional curricula. 2.) Begin curriculum conversations across disciplines to identify common standards and goals that can lead to a more coherent curriculum for your students. 3.) Discuss ways to involve students in various phases of their education, from planning to classroom implementation to assessment. 4.) From these first actions, begin to develop curriculum concepts or integrated themes that students and teachers could explore, not as an add-on, but as replacements for conventional separate-subject-area units. 5.) Discuss and design new assessment strategies that reflect students' accomplishments and performance beyond those measured by standardized tests. 6.) Discuss and design new assessment strategies that reflect the goals and accomplishments of the integrated curriculum methods used, and that explore ways to improve and extend these integrative strategies. 7.) Share the results of your work with your local community and with the world. A flexible schedule will allow teachers to integrate extracurricular activities during the instructional day and afterschool such as Number Sense, Reading Readiness, and Dictionary Skills.</p> | | |

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Increase Parent/Community Involvement

Research shows that when parents are involved in their children's education, student achievement improves. According to William H. Jeynes, student achievement scores of children with highly involved parents were higher than children with less involved parents. Jeynes found that two patterns of parental involvement emerged from his findings. The patterns were that the facets of parental involvement that required a large investment of time, such as reading and communicating with one's child, and the more subtle aspects of parental involvement, such as parental style and expectations, had a greater impact on student educational outcomes than some of the more demonstrative aspects of parental involvement, such as having household rules, and parental attendance and participation at school functions. With this in mind Alton will adopt strategies to enhance parental engagement in their children's schooling. Also, teachers, principals, and school counselors should familiarize themselves with the aspects of parental involvement that can help the most, so that they can guide parents on what steps they can take to become more involved. These include time-intensive parental involvement activities such as reading to one's children and communicating with them, and subtle involvement activities like parental style and expectations. Given the substantial influence of parental involvement, educators should consistently encourage parents to become more involved in their children's schooling. Currently Alton has a parental involvement program that brings parents as teacher assistant volunteers also a strong PTO provide funds for student incentives. However, the need to develop a program that extends the quality of parents in the school is a goal of the school. To this effort, will Alton will survey the type of home activities parents are engaging with their children. Alton will gather the data and establish clear goals for involving parents in a parenting skills program. The goals for involving parents will include but not limited to:

- 1.) developing parenting skills/resources for working in content areas at home;
- 2.) establishing effective communication;
- 3.) actively involving parents in instructional decision making; and
- 4.) as partnering schools, parents and the neighborhood agency will prepare all stakeholders by developing healthy living and life styles.

As parents become involve activities like:

- 1.) operating a telephone network with other parents, serving as a resource pool;
- 2.) will help with tutorial and remedial work;
- 3.) working with small groups or individuals in classes;
- 4.) explaining school programs and needs to the community;
- 5.) helping with field trips;
- 6.) assisting with extracurricular activities;
- 7.) raising money for school projects, and
- 8.) whelp arrange open house activities and meetings will become a part of the parental involvement program.

The key factor for the success of this program will be clear objective, establishing a timeline, define activates and responsibilities. It is the belief of Alton that by engaging parents actively in a planning process, hands-on technical assistance opportunities such as these can be particularly helpful to program implementation.

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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 | Leadership Team | | |
| 2 | SBDM | | |
| 3 | Business Leaders | | |
| 4 | Civic Leaders | | |
| 5 | Parent Advisory Committee: LPAC; Special Ed | | |
| 6 | Teacher Cadre | | |
| 7 | Content Area Teams | | |
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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. | | |
| Alton will implement a variety of activities that will target <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 – Improve Academic Performance, including (but not limited to) Reading/ELA and Math <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Data Disaggregation/Training B. Data-driven Decisions C. On-going Communication 3 – Increase Leadership Effectiveness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. On-going Job Embedded Professional Development B. Operational Flexibility C. Resource/Data Utilization 4 – Increase Learning Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Flexible Scheduling B. Instructionally-focused Calendar C. Staff Collaborative Planning 5 – Increase Parent/Community Involvement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Increased Opportunities for Input B. Effective Communication C. Accessible Community Services 6 – Improve School Climate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Increased Attendance B. Decreased Discipline Referrals C. Increased Involvement In Extra/Co-Curricular Activities 7 – Increase Teacher Quality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 |
| Data Driven Instruction (DDI) | Develop a DDI system of teaching and management practices to improve student achievement | To meet AYP, State Standards by increasing teachers' subject matter knowledge as related to teacher effectiveness. | <u>Teacher Quality and Student Achievement;</u> <u>A Review of State Policy Evidence</u> by Linda Darling-Hammond Stanford University | August 2010 As Needed | June 2013 |
| Data Driven Instruction | Develop a DDI system of teaching and management practices to improve student achievement | To meet AYP, State Standards by increasing teachers; subject matter knowledge as related to teacher effectiveness. | <u>Teacher Quality and Student Achievement;</u> <u>A Review of State Policy Evidence</u> by Linda Darling-Hammond Stanford University | August 2010 As Needed | June 2013 |
| Curriculum Alignment (both horizontal and vertical) | Improve Student Achievement in Reading/ELA | To close the existing gaps between written curriculum and direct instruction to improve student success rate | The Benefits of Curriculum Alignment; Educational data analysis to map curriculum with instruction By <u>District Administration</u> | August 2010 As Needed | June 2013 |
| Curriculum Alignment (both horizontal and vertical) | Improve Student Achievement in Mathematics | To close the existing gaps between written curriculum and direct instruction to improve student success rate | The Benefits of Curriculum Alignment; Educational data analysis to map curriculum with instruction By <u>District Administration</u> | August 2010 As Needed | June 2013 |
| On-going Monitoring of Instruction | Improve Student Achievement in Reading/ELA | Progress monitoring increases effective targeted instructional practices and increase the of student success rate. | <u>Assessment for Effective Intervention...</u> Determining Annual Yearly Progress From Kindergarten through Grade 6 with Curriculum-Based Measurement. Fuchs, L.S., Fuchs, D | August 2010 As Needed | June 2013 |
| On-going Monitoring of Instruction | Improve Student Achievement in Mathematics | Progress monitoring increases effective targeted instructional practices and increase the of student success rate. | <u>Assessment for Effective Intervention...</u> Determining Annual Yearly Progress From Kindergarten through Grade 6 with Curriculum-Based Measurement. Fuchs, L.S., Fuchs, D | August 2010 As Needed | 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 |
| Data Disaggregation-Training | Improve Teacher's – Leadership's Ability to Disaggregate and Interpret Achievement Data in Reading/L.A. | Train to use effective data disaggregation system to develop a focus and purpose for improving instructional goals and focus. | <u>Assessment for Effective Intervention.</u> Determining Annual Yearly Progress From K through Grade 6 with Curriculum-Based Measurement. Fuchs, L.S., Fuchs, D | Summer 2010 Timeline for on-going training | Summer 2013 |
| Data Disaggregation/ Training | Improve Teacher's – Leadership's Ability to Disaggregate and Interpret Achievement Data in Mathematics | Train to use effective data disaggregation system to develop a focus and purpose for improving instructional goals and focus. | <u>Assessment for Effective Intervention.</u> Determining Annual Yearly Progress From K through Grade 6 with Curriculum-Based Measurement. Fuchs, L.S., Fuchs, D | Summer 2010 Timeline for on-going training | Summer 2013 |
| Data Driven Decisions (DDD) | DDD training for the instructional team (teachers, principals, central office staff to develop a system for collecting and analyzing data to guide decisions for the improvement of students and school success in Reading/L.A. | A standard-based accountability system improves targeted instructional practices for the increasing student success rate and delivery of instruction. | Making Sense of Data-Driven Decision Making in Education, <i>Evidence from Recent RAND Research</i> Julie A. Marsh, John F. Pane, and Laura S. Hamilton | Summer 2010 Timeline for on-going training | Summer 2013 |
| Data Driven Decisions (DDD) | DDD training for the instructional team (teachers, principals, central office staff to develop a system for collecting and analyzing data to guide decisions for the improvement of students and school success in Mathematics. | A standard-based accountability system improves targeted instructional practices for the increasing student success rate and delivery of instruction. | Making Sense of Data-Driven Decision Making in Education, <i>Evidence from Recent RAND Research</i> Julie A. Marsh, John F. Pane, and Laura S. Hamilton | Summer 2010 Timeline for on-going training | Summer 2013 |
| On-going Communication | Develop a consistent systemic reliable process for communicating and coordinating progress data information between campus staff, central office, parents and the community in Reading/L.A. | To develop a systemic process of disseminating information to all stakeholders. | | Summer 2010 Timeline for on-going training | Summer 2013 |
| On-going Communication | Develop a consistent systemic reliable process for communicating and coordinating progress data information between campus staff, central office, parents and the community in Mathematics | To develop a systemic process of disseminating information to all stakeholders. | | Summer 2010 Timeline for on-going training | Summer 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 |
| On-going Job Embedded Professional Development | The project school will train to improve its communication process (internally and externally) to effectively communicate with all stakeholders in Reading/L.A. | To improve school communication with reforms that will shift the paradigm thinking of teachers and administrators with new roles and ways of teaching. | <u>School Messenger</u> : Effective relationships between students, school staff, and parents are essential to student success. Finding the Time for Professional Development North Central Regional Educational Laboratory: Learning Point Associates | October 1 st , 2010 As Needed | June 2013 |
| On-going Job Embedded Professional Development | The project school will improve its communication process (internally and externally) to effectively communicate with all stakeholders in Mathematics. | To improve school communication with reforms that will shift the paradigm thinking of teachers and administrators with new roles and ways of teaching. | <u>School Messenger</u> : Effective relationships between students, school staff, and parents are essential to student success. Finding the Time for Professional Development North Central Regional Educational Laboratory: Learning Point Associates | October 1 st , 2010 As Needed | June 2013 |
| Operational Facility | Determine Program Facility Needs within the school: plan for maximum use of facility in the delivery of Reading/L.A. instruction. | To maximize the effective use of the plant to extend instructional activities within and beyond the classroom. | Classroom Environment Ideas An Organizational Checklist for Teachers by Kristy Acevedo: Dorothy Leonard Main - Moving Beyond the Classroom With Executive Education | August 2010 As Needed | June 2013 |
| Operational Facility | Determine Program Facility Needs within the school: plan for maximum use of facility in the delivery of Mathematics instruction. | To maximize the effective use of the plant to extend instructional activities within and beyond the classroom. | Classroom Environment Ideas An Organizational Checklist for Teachers by Kristy Acevedo: Dorothy Leonard Main - Moving Beyond the Classroom With Executive Education | August 2010 As Needed | October 2013 |
| Resource/Data Utilization | Conduct a study to evaluate the data collection process and it utilization in the delivery of Reading/L.A. instruction. | Data collection will be used to assess student's academic performance for appropriate instructional levels placement. | National Center on Student Progress Monitoring http://www.studentprogress.org/library/Webinars.asp#ABC | August 2010 As Needed | May 2013 |
| Resource/Data Utilization | Conduct a study to evaluate the data collection process and it utilization in the delivery of Mathematics instruction. | Data collection will be used to assess student's academic performance for appropriate instructional levels placement. | National Center on Student Progress Monitoring www.studentprogress.org/library/Webinars.as p#PMMath | August 2010 As Needed | 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 |
| Flexible Scheduling | Implement flexible scheduling for the creative use of time in the school day to match instructional time and format to the learning needs of students in Reading/L.A. | To address Flexible scheduling patterns learning environments respond to student needs and school organization. | Flexible Scheduling National Middle School Association. (NMSA) Education World: Administrators' Desk: Block Scheduling: A Solution or a Problem? | August 2010 | As Needed Through June 2013 |
| Flexible Scheduling | Implement flexible scheduling for the creative use of time in the school day to match instructional time and format to the learning needs of students in Mathematics | To address Flexible scheduling patterns learning environments respond to student needs and school organization. | Flexible Scheduling NMSA: Education World: Administrators' Desk: Block Scheduling: A Solution or a Problem? | August 2010 | As Needed Through June 2013 |
| Instructionally-focused Calendar | School staff disaggregate student test data, develop instructional calendar, develop instructional focus activities, develop assessments to see student progress in Reading/L.A. | A well developed instructional-focused calendar provides a framework for designing, monitoring and implementing rigorous curriculum and instruction | Instructional Focus Calendar www.stlucie.k12.fl.us/.../Instructional-Focus-Instructional-Strategies.DF | August 2010 | As Needed Through June 2013 |
| Instructionally-focused Calendar | School staff disaggregate student test data, develop instructional calendar, develop instructional focus activities, develop assessments to see student progress in Mathematics. | A well developed instructional-focused calendar provides a framework for designing, monitoring and implementing rigorous curriculum and instruction. | Instructional Focus Calendar www.stlucie.k12.fl.us/.../Instructional-Focus-Instructional-Strategies.DF www.fultonschools.org/technology/dataanalysis/.../eightstepprocess.pdf | August 2010 As Needed | June 2013 |
| Staff Collaborative Planning | Develop collaborative teams to engage teachers and staff in transforming the theory of "collaborative planning" into successful instruction in the classroom in Reading/L.A. | To develop skills in of the value of collaborative planning for an effective collaborative teaming process. | Collaborative Planning and Collaborative Teaching <u>Creating an Inclusive School and Restructuring for Caring and Effective Education</u> by Richard Villa | August 2010 As Needed | June 2013 |
| Staff Collaborative Planning | Develop collaborative teams to engage teachers and staff transforming the theory of "collaborative planning" into successful instruction in the classroom in Mathematics | To develop skills in of the value of collaborative planning for an effective collaborative teaming process | Collaborative Planning and Collaborative Teaching <u>Creating an Inclusive School and Restructuring for Caring and Effective Education</u> by Richard Villa | August 2010 As Needed | June 13, 2000 |
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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 |
| Increased Opportunities for Input | Initiate a comprehensive program that facilitates parent and community input through participation in decision making committees, surveys, phone hotline, and on line formats. | A robust, highly interactive network of parents, community members, peers, and educators stimulate a child's learning and development | Blueprint , on line, Chapter 11:Family and Community | Sept. 2010 On Going | May 2013 |
| Effective Communication | Establish clear and consistent forms of communication with parents and the community to increase knowledge of school issues. | Effective communication with families means that the school welcomes and consistently supports families to support their children. Two-way communication about school programs and children's progress will result in better outcomes for students. | Supporting Parent, Family, and Community Involvement in Your School Deborah Davis June 2000 Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory | Sept. 2010 On Going | May 2013 |
| Accessible Community Services | Develop partnership with community services providers to assist/enhance student/parent availability to resources. | Having a comprehensive approach to partnerships between schools, families, and communities allows schools to build on their strengths | <i>The Measure of School, Family, and Community Partnerships</i> (Epstein, Salinas, Sanders, Davis, & Douglas, 1999) | Sept. 2010 On Going | May 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 |
| Increase Attendance | Implement a program to focus on incentives and supports, such as <i>Count Me In!</i> , to be more successful in engaging students and their families in school. | Students will learn more if they attend school regularly, And raise the level of student academic performance for the campus | Triumph Over Truancy: Tips for Improving Student Attendance Article by Cara Bafile Education World® Copyright © 2009 Education Worl | Sept. 2010 On Going | May 2013 |
| Decreased Discipline Referrals | Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a research-based method for improving student behavior and creating a safe and productive school climate. | <i>To maintain a safe and productive school climate without removing students from the classroom to increase student academic performance</i> | EFFECTIVE DISCIPLINE FOR STUDENT SUCCESS Reducing Student and Teacher Dropout Rates in Mississippi www.splcenter.org/images/dyna/c/main/effective_discipline.pdf | June 2010 On Going | May 2013 |
| Increased Involvement in Extra/Co-Curricular Activities | Engage students in extra/co-curricular activities to enrich their educational, social development and individual potentiality/talents | Students who are engaged and connected to their schools do better academically. It is <i>vital</i> for students to be connected to their school and have a sense of belonging. | Johnson, Crosnoe, Elder, Jr, 2001). | Oct. 2010 | 13 April 20 |
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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 |
| Locally Developed Appraisal Instruments | Develop a strong and rigorous appraisal instrument to support PADAS requirements | Developed a instrument and processes that best meets the needs and desired result of the campus | www.ncpublicschools.org/fbs/personnel/evaluation Public School Employee Evaluation | October 2010 | May 2013 |
| On-going Job Embedded Professional Development | Create formal and informal opportunities for staff to engage in but not limited to discussion with others, peer coaching, mentoring, study groups, reflective practices and action research. | Job embedded staff development incorporates training into the work day to encourage educators to view daily experiences as opportunities to learn. | Job-embedded Professional Development by H Galloway www.txstate.edu/edphd/PDF/jobpd.pdf | October 2010 | May 2013 |
| Recruitment/ Retention Strategies | Implement a Strategic View of Recruitment - strategies for successful teacher recruitment and retention - | Strategic recruiting allows you to align your recruiting efforts with your school improvement plans and increase teacher job satisfaction for retention purposes. | A Strategic View of Recruitment-strategies for successful teacher recruitment and retention - Brief Article <u><i>School Administrator, Jan, 2001 by Benjamin O. Canada</i></u> | June/July 2010 As Needed | May 2013 |
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| Applicants must check the waivers in which the LEA/campus intends to implement: | | |
| <div style="margin-bottom: 20px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extending the period of availability of school improvement funds. <i>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.</i> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 20px;"> 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. </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 20px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> "Starting over" in the school improvement timeline for Tier I and Tier II Title I participating schools implementing a turnaround or restart model. <i>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.</i> </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> 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. <i>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.</i> </div> | | |

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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 | | |
| <p>The monitoring and continuous improvement of a school takes several years to implement and demonstrate improvement in the targeted areas of reading, language arts, science and mathematics. A continuous improvement cycle provides the opportunity for ongoing identification of effective practices and/or actions that should be continued and ineffective practices and/or actions that should be revised or eliminated. With this in mind, Alton Elementary will develop a framework to target high expectations for students, teachers, and campus based instructional teams. At Alton Elementary targeted instruction will embrace the vision that : 1) The work of schools is student learning; 2) All children benefit from challenging, rigorous and relevant curriculum; 3) Curriculum, instruction, and assessments must be closely aligned to State and District Standards; 4) Every teacher can be an expert when provided collaborative and sustained professional development focused on improved instruction; 5) School culture and the learning environment can promote continuous improvement. 6) Parental support and involvement are critical to improved student performance; 7) Effective use of data is vital to continuous improvement of teaching and learning. This vision will require the following Activities:</p> <p>The framework will have four components</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Curriculum alignment: Targeting: <i>Are You Ready To Take A Trip?</i> 2. Curriculum mapping: Targeting: <i>Do You Know How to Get There?</i> 3. Curriculum benchmarking: Targeting: <i>Did You Reach Your Destination?</i> 4. Differentiation Instruction: Targeting: Differentiation: <i>What Form of Transportation Will You Need to Make the Trip?</i> <p>The curriculum alignment component will show <i>what</i> will be taught. The C-Scope framework will drive campus instruction. Careful analysis will ensure that vertical and horizontal curriculum is implemented.</p> <p>The curriculum map component will show an instructional timeline. It will display the skills in the order they will be taught in each grade level. C-Scope will drive mapping sequence. The curriculum benchmark component will developed quarterly assessments and minimum standards of achievement, known as curriculum benchmarking, for each grade level. This will provide process of quality control—identifying children who have mastered skills and those who have yet to master the content. The Differentiation instruction component will support, and define effective teaching methods as well as recommend the programs that best meet this component.</p> <p>The collection of data will result in the review of State Test Results, benchmark tests results, and objective defined in the curriculum mapping framework. Student data will be charted by student, by class and by campus to assist in the decision making process. Data analysis will take place every six weeks to ensure effective progress and to target content deficiencies as needed.</p> <p>Using DMAC Solutions (Region VII Service Center Product), Sam Houston elementary will develop and manage the C-Scope curriculum and assessment of student outcomes. This system updates benchmark data results immediately after data input. This on-going data retrieval system make test information readily available to teacher, principal and central office staff for targeting decision making priorities.</p> <p>All data results will also be disaggregated by objectives for all sub groups like ELLs, migrant, special education and at-risk student to analyze and align instruction to maximize learning. All student data will be reviewed and used to identify specific student and program strengths and weaknesses.</p> <p>Test data to be reviewed will include (but not limited to):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TAKS Scores, 2. LPAC and ELL mandated testing, 3. Special education test data, 4. At-risk student passing and retention data 5. Graduation data 6. Drop out data 7. SAT, ACT, College Entrance exam data | | |

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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

Process:

A review of the 2010 Alton data including AYP and Reading-Language Arts (Rdg/LA) and mathematics (Math) as well as graduation rate and dropout rate data will indicate the following teaching and learning needs: Percent (26%) of students not proficient or higher in Rdg/LA- Math; Analyze AYP data of socioeconomically disadvantaged students, English Learners, migrant students, at-risk students and students with disabilities indicated the following needs in the areas of Rdg/LA- Math. A longitudinal analysis of data from 2005 to 2010 will be conducted. Data from the following sources will be disaggregate, interpret, and effectively use data for targeting instructional needs. Data analysis will include but not limited to: TAKS, TPRI, TELPAS, LAS, LPAC reviews, District benchmarks, grades to be used to identify student performance needs. Identified discrepancies will drive instructional needs. For example: Curriculum mapping , developing a timeline, use of CSCOPE curriculum to define vertical and horizontal needs Throughout the formative process data results from TPRI and Tejas LEE (K-3rd) and Circle (P-K) will be analyze for Pre- Kinder-3rd reading results. The TPRI and Tejas LEE will monitor student data at the beginning of the school year (BOY), the middle of the school year (MOY), and at the end of the school year (EOY). This data in conjunction with Stanford Achievement Test will focus on early childhood academic needs. ELLs' academic needs will be analyzed with the TELPAS State Test, LPAC reviews and well as teacher observation. A graph to analyze teacher observation will be developed and used to monitor level of performance in speaking, reading, listening and writing skills of ELL.

Effectiveness:

A chart similar to the one below will serve to determine the on going process for each goal. The on going status of the intervention plan and its results will; For example: create Team Building, Parental Involvement, School Discipline and Climate, Continuous Monitoring and Communication, Planning Process and Student Achievement

| List areas to be address like: | List goals or objectives to be addressed | Objectives Met | | Extent to which objectives were met | | | Describe Interventions to be addressed. |
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| | | Yes | No | High | Acceptable | Not met | |
| Increasing Learning Time | | | | | | | |
| Community Partnering | | | | | | | |
| Attendance | | | | | | | |

Qualitative and quantitative data analysis will be charted using graphs from data gathered via DMac Solutions, PEIMS, TAKS, TANGO, and available district/campus spreadsheets.

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| <p>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</p> | | |
| <p>The Technology Information Division will assist Alton to make school climate decisions by providing attendance and disciplinary reports through PEIMS. The Student Services Department works to provide a safe and secure environment for students and staff through its coordination of counseling services, conduction of discipline and referral training. These departments will be valuable resources for the campus initiatives that will focus on interventions, incentives and support programs to improve the overall academic and school climate.</p> <p>The Testing and Evaluation Director will assist the campus in their improving academic performance and in the increase use of quality data to drive instruction by providing all the necessary data as gathered through the AEIS and PEIMS systems to provide the campus Leadership Team enabling resources for responsible planning, organizing, implementing, and monitoring computerized processing systems to improve the management reporting and instructional operations of the program as it applies to on-going monitoring of instruction, data disaggregation, and the on-going communication in the curriculum alignment process. (vertically & horizontally)</p> <p>Provide time for collaboration and team building within each grade level.</p> | | |

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Part 2: Process for Development of Performance Goals

Describe the process to be implemented to develop the campus performance goals. Include the groups participating in the development of the goals.

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Data disaggregation and data analysis will show areas of strengths and weaknesses. This analysis will drive action to be taken and needs to be addressed. The outline below identifies the groups of stakeholders who will make necessary recommendations.

Process of determining the campus performance goals:

Several different leadership teams are responsible for developing the review and analysis of following sets of data

- Student achievement data (TAKS, TELPAS, LAS, iStation, Circle)
- Student Profiles (At-Risk, Special Education, ELL, Migrant)
- Student Profiles (Pass/Failure Rate, PDAS Reports, PDAS Exemptions)
- Curriculum and instructional programs (Special Education, ELL, Classroom Inclusion)

The Grant Project Manager, along with the leadership teams, will compile and disaggregate the data in order to determine the campus performance goals.

Groups Involved in the campus performance goals development process:

Goal 1: Improve Academic Performance to address academic needs.

Campus Principal
 Assistant Principal
 Grant Project Manager
 Campus Instructional Leadership Team
 Site-based Decision Making Committee
 TTIPS Grant Committee

Goal 2: Increase Teacher Quality by providing training to address teachers effectiveness:

Campus Principal
 Assistant Principal
 Grant Project Manager
 Campus Instructional Leadership Team
 Site-Based Decision Making Committee
 TTIPS Grant Committee

Goal 3: Improve School Climate by improving teacher and student attendance:

Campus Principal
 Assistant Principal
 Grant Instructional Leadership Team
 Site-Based Decision Making Committee
 TTIPS Grant Committee

Goal 4: Increase Leadership Effectiveness by training Principal and staff on interpreting data to impact academic learning.

Campus Principal
 Assistant Principal
 Grant Instructional Leadership Team
 Site-Based Decision Making Committee
 TTIPS Grant Committee

Goal 5: Increase the Use of Quality Data to Drive Instruction to improve instruction.

Campus Principal
 Assistant Principal
 Grant Project Manager
 Campus Instructional Leadership Team
 Site-Based Decision Making Committee
 TTIPS Grant Committee

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Goal 6: Increase Parent /Community Involvement to increase community/parent and student self confidence in the learning process.

Campus Principal

Assistant Principal

Grant Project Manager

Parent Teacher Organization

Campus Instructional Leadership Team

Site-Based Decision Making Committee

TTIPS Grant Committee

Goal 7: Increase Learning Time to maximizing learning effective needs.

Campus Principal

Assistant Principal

Grant Project Manager

Campus Instructional Leadership Team

Site-Based Decision Making Committee

TTIPS Grant Committee

These participants will collaborate in the identification, acceleration of academic weakness, monitoring and review the academic progress of all students.

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| Improve Academic Performance – Enter the annual goals for student achievement, on both the State's assessments and other measures identified by the LEA, to which the LEA is holding the campus accountable | | | | | | |
| Dist t | Performance Measure | Assessment Instrument/ Tool | Most Recent Year Performance | Year 1 Progress Goal | Year 2 Progress Goal | Year 3 Progress Goal |
| 1 | Improve Student Achievement in Reading/ELA | AYP Report | ELL: 67% Migrant: n/a Sp. Ed.: 39% | ELL: 70% Sp. Ed.: 42% | ELL: 73% Sp. Ed.: 45% | ELL: 75% Sp. Ed.: 50% |
| 2 | Improve Student Achievement in Mathematics | AYP Report | ELL: 77% Migrant: n/a Sp. Ed.: 57% | ELL: 79% Sp. Ed.: 59% | ELL: 81% Sp. Ed.: 61% | ELL: 83% Sp. Ed.: 63% |
| 3 | Improve Student Achievement in Science | AYP Report | ELL: 72% Migrant: 80% Sp. Ed.: 58% | ELL: 73% Migrant: 82% Sp. Ed.: 60% | ELL: 74% Migrant: 84% Sp. Ed.: 62% | ELL: 76% Migrant: 85% Sp. Ed.: 64% |
| 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 | Increase the use of district benchmarks to drive instruction. | District Benchmark Campus Report | Rdg. 61% Math. 55% Science-58% | +10% | +15% | +15% |
| 2 | Increase the use of state assessment data to drive instruction. | AYP Report | Rdg. 74% Math.-85% Science-81% | +5% | +5% | +5% |
| 3 | Increase the use of state assessment data to drive instruction. | AEIS Report | Rdg. 74% Math. 85% Science-81% | +5% | +5% | +5% |
| 4 | Implement the use of district six weeks benchmarks to drive instruction. | Campus six weeks reports – by teacher | DNA | 75% | 85% | 95% |
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Part 3: Annual Performance Goals

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

| # | Performance Measure | Assessment Instrument/ Tool | Most Recent Year Performance | Year 1 Progress Goal | Year 2 Progress Goal | Year 3 Progress Goal |
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| 1 | Improve campus performance to meet AYP in Reading/L.A. | Principals Appraisal Tool | 70% | 75% | 80% | 85% |
| 2 | Improve campus performance on TAKS results in Mathematics | Principals Appraisal Tool | 70% | 75% | 80% | 85% |
| 3 | Improve the leadership skills of the campus principal-communication (meetings), walkthroughs, budget, delegation, etc. | District Appraisal Tool/Rubric | 70% | 75% | 80% | 85% |
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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 |
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| 1 | Extended Week Enhanced Instruction | Sign In Rosters | Beg. Oct. 3.5 hrs. | Beg. Oct. 3.5 hrs. | Beg. Oct. 3.5 hrs. | Beg. Oct. 3.5 hrs. |
| 2 | Extended Year Homework Literacy Center & Adult Literacy Center | Sign In Rosters | Beg. June 16 days | Beg. June 16 days | Beg. June 16 days | Beg. June 16 days |
| 3 | Extended Day Homework Literacy Center Adult Literacy Center | Sign In Rosters | Beg. Oct. 2.5 hrs. | Beg. Oct. 2.5 hrs. | Beg. Oct. 2.5 hrs. | Beg. Oct. 2.5 hrs. |
| 4 | Increase learning time in the area of Mathematics (2 period block). | Master Schedule | 1 hr. | 2 hrs. | 2 hrs. | 2 hrs. |
| 5 | Increase learning time in the area of Reading/L.A. (2 period block). | Master Schedule | 1.5 hrs. | 2.5 hrs. | 2.5 hrs. | 2.5 hrs. |

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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 | Increase number of parental meetings/events | Meeting Logs, Sign In Sheets | >than 40% per grade level | +10% | +25% | +50% |
| 2 | Increase number of parent/community participants in SBDM, PTO, LPAC, and Parent Advisory Committees | Committee Sign In Sheets | >than 40% per grade level | +10% | +25% | +50% |
| 3 | Parent Literacy Center | Sign In Rosters | Begin in Oct. 2010 | +10% | +25% | +50% |
| 4 | Increase Civic/Community Volunteers | Sign In Rosters | Begin in Oct. 2010 | +10% | +25% | +50% |
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| 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 | Teacher Attendance | Absence Notification Form | 231 total absences | 200 | 175 | 150 |
| 2 | Discipline Referrals | Referral Forms/PEIMS | 73 total referrals | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| 3 | Need to list the lowest areas of concern on the surveys – include parent, student, and teacher areas of concern. | Surveys | May 2010 Pending | 70% | 75% | 80% |
| 4 | Learning Environment Safe & Drug Free School | 4 th Grade Student Survey | May 2010 Pending | 80% | 85% | 90% |
| 5 | TTIPS Grant Adult Literacy Center Parenting Skills | Sign In Roster/Parent Requests | Beg. Oct. 2010 | 80% | 85% | 90% |

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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 |
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| 1 | Increase number of teachers highly qualified in their assigned teaching are. | Human Resources Certification Report | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| 2 | Increase number of staff development hours the teachers participate in. | District Workshop Report | 6 days | +4 days | +4 days | +4 days |
| 3 | Improve the leadership skills of the campus principal-communication (meetings), walkthroughs, budget, delegation, etc. | District Appraisal Tool/Rubric | 10 per week | 12 per week | 15 per week | 15 per week |
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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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| 1 | Increase learning time in the area of mathematics (2 period block). | Master Schedule | 1 hr. hrs. daily | 2 hrs. daily | 2 hrs. daily | 2 hrs. daily |
| 2 | Increase learning time in the area of Reading/Language Arts (2 period block). | Master Schedule | 1.5 hrs. daily | 2 hrs. daily | 2 hrs. daily | 2 hrs. daily |
| 3 | Increase in Staff Development | Sign In Rosters | 6 days | +4 days | +4 days | +4 days |
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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. | | | | |
| Barrier: Gender-Specific Bias | | | | | |
| # | Strategies for Gender-specific Bias | Students | Teachers | Others | |
| A01 | Expand opportunities for historically underrepresented groups to fully participate | X | | | |
| A02 | Provide staff development on eliminating gender bias | | | | |
| A03 | Ensure strategies and materials used with students do not promote gender bias | | | | |
| A04 | Develop and implement a plan to eliminate existing discrimination and the effects of past discrimination on the basis of gender | | | | |
| A05 | Ensure compliance with the requirements in Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender | | | | |
| A06 | Ensure students and parents are fully informed of their rights and responsibilities with regard to participation in the program | | | | |
| A99 | Other (Specify) | | | | |
| Barrier: Cultural, Linguistic, or Economic Diversity | | | | | |
| # | Strategies for Cultural, Linguistic, or Economic Diversity | Students | Teachers | Others | |
| B01 | Provide program information/materials in home language | | | | |
| B02 | Provide interpreter/translator at program activities | | | | |
| B03 | Increase awareness and appreciation of cultural and linguistic diversity through a variety of activities, publications, etc. | | | | |
| B04 | Communicate to students, teachers, and other program beneficiaries an appreciation of students' and families' linguistic and cultural backgrounds | | | | |
| B05 | Develop/maintain community involvement/participation in program activities | | | | |
| B06 | Provide staff development on effective teaching strategies for diverse populations | | | | |
| B07 | Ensure staff development is sensitive to cultural and linguistic differences and communicates an appreciation for diversity | | | | |
| B08 | Seek technical assistance from Education Service Center, Technical Assistance Center, Title I, Part A School Support Team, or other provider | X | | | |
| B09 | Provide parenting training | | | | |
| B10 | Provide a parent/family center | | | | |
| B11 | Involve parents from a variety of backgrounds in decision making | | | | |
| B12 | Offer "flexible" opportunities for parent involvement including home learning activities and other activities that don't require parents to come to the school | | | | |
| B13 | Provide child care for parents participating in school activities | | | | |
| B14 | Acknowledge and include family members' diverse skills, talents, and knowledge in school activities | | | | |
| B15 | Provide adult education, including GED and/or ESL classes, or family literacy program | | | | |
| B16 | Offer computer literacy courses for parents and other program beneficiaries | | | | |

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

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

| # | Strategies for Cultural, Linguistic, or Economic Diversity | Students | Teachers | Others |
|-----|--|----------|----------|--------|
| B17 | Conduct an outreach program for traditionally "hard to reach" parents | | | |
| B18 | Coordinate with community centers/programs | | | |
| B19 | Seek collaboration/assistance from business, industry, or institution of higher education | | | |
| 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 | | | |
| 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 | | | |
| B22 | Ensure students, teachers, and other program beneficiaries are informed of their rights and responsibilities with regard to participation in the program | | | |
| B23 | Provide mediation training on a regular basis to assist in resolving disputes and complaints | | | |
| B99 | Other (Specify) | | | |

Barrier: Gang-Related Activities

| # | Strategies for Gang-related Activities | Students | Teachers | Others |
|-----|---|----------|----------|--------|
| C01 | Provide early intervention. | | | |
| C02 | Provide Counseling. | | | |
| C03 | Conduct home visits by staff. | | | |
| C04 | Provide flexibility in scheduling activities. | | | |
| C05 | Recruit volunteers to assist in promoting gang-free communities. | | | |
| C06 | Provide mentor program. | | | |
| C07 | Provide before/after school recreational, instructional, cultural, or artistic programs/activities. | | | |
| C08 | Provide community service programs/activities. | | | |
| C09 | Conduct parent/teacher conferences. | | | |
| C10 | Strengthen school/parent compacts. | | | |
| C11 | Establish partnerships with law enforcement agencies. | | | |
| C12 | Provide conflict resolution/peer mediation strategies/programs. | | | |
| C13 | Seek collaboration/assistance from business, industry, or institution of higher education. | | | |
| C14 | Provide training/information to teachers, school staff, & parents to deal with gang-related issues. | | | |
| C99 | Other (Specify) | | | |

Barrier: Drug-Related Activities

| # | Strategies for Drug-related Activities | Students | Teachers | Others |
|-----|--|----------|----------|--------|
| D01 | Provide early identification/intervention. | X | | |
| D02 | Provide Counseling. | X | | |
| D03 | Conduct home visits by staff. | | | |
| D04 | Recruit volunteers to assist in promoting drug-free schools and communities. | | | |
| D05 | Provide mentor program. | | | |

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

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

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| 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. | | | | |
| N02 | Recruit and retain teachers from a variety of racial, ethnic, and language minority groups. | | | | |
| N03 | Provide mentor program for new teachers. | | | | |
| N04 | Provide intern program for new teachers. | | | | |
| N05 | Provide professional development in a variety of formats for personnel. | | | | |
| N06 | Collaborate with colleges/universities with teacher preparation programs. | | | | |
| N99 | Other (Specify) | | | | |
| 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. | | | | |
| P02 | Publish newsletter/brochures to inform program beneficiaries of activities and benefits. | | | | |
| P03 | Provide announcements to local radio stations & newspapers about program activities/benefits. | | | | |
| P99 | Other (Specify) | | | | |
| 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. | | | | |
| Q02 | Offer "flexible" opportunities for involvement, including home learning activities and other activities that don't require coming to school. | | | | |
| Q03 | Conduct program activities in community centers and other neighborhood locations. | | | | |
| Q04 | Other (Specify) | | | | |
| Barrier: Other Barrier | | | | | |
| # | Strategies for Other Barrier | Students | Teachers | Others | |
| Z99 | Other Barrier: | | | | |
| | 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 | | | |
| 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 | \$ 413,000 | \$ 12,690 | \$ 10,000 | 435,690 \$ |
| Professional and Contracted Services | 5C 6200 | \$ 45,000 | \$ 1,500 | 5,000 | 51,500 |
| Supplies and Materials | 5D 6300 | \$ 94,420 | \$ 8,833 | 200,000 | 303,253 |
| Other Operating Costs | 5E 6400 | \$ 27,000 | \$ 810 | 0 | 27,810 |
| Capital Outlay (Exclusive of 6619 and 6629) (15XX for charter schools only) | 5G 6600/ 15XX | \$ 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Total Direct Costs | 579,420 | 23,833 | 215,000 | 818,253 |
| | % Indirect Costs | 0 | 362 | 3,268 | 12,437 |
| Grand Total | | | | | |
| Total Budgeted Costs: | | \$ 579,429 | \$ 24,195 | \$ 218,268 | \$ 821,883 |
| Administrative Cost Calculation | | | | | |
| Enter total amount from Schedule #5 Budget Summary, Last Column, Total Budgeted Costs | | | | | 821,883 |
| Multiply by (% limit) | | | | | X 5% |
| Enter Maximum Allowable for Administration, including Indirect Costs | | | | | \$ 44,094 |

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| <p align="center">Schedule #5—Program Budget Summary</p> | | |
| <p>Budget Request by Grant Year: Enter the amount of grant funds requested for each year of the three year grant period.</p> | | |
| <p>Year 1: SY 2010-2011 \$ 492,229</p> <p>Year 2: SY 2011-2012 \$ 164,827.</p> <p>Year 3: SY 2012-2013 \$ 164,827</p> <p>* 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.</p> | | |
| <p>Provide any necessary explanation or clarification of budgeted costs</p> | | |
| Empty space for explanation | | |

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| Texas Title I Priority Schools Grant 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 | | | | | |
| 3 | Tutor | | | | | |
| Program Management and Administration | | | | | | |
| 4 | Project Director | | 1 | | 0 | 225,000 |
| 5 | Project Coordinator | | | | | |
| 6 | Teacher Facilitator | | | | | |
| 7 | Teacher Supervisor | | | | | |
| 8 | Secretary/Administrative Assistant | | | | | |
| 9 | Data Entry Clerk | | | | | |
| 10 | Grant Accountant/Bookkeeper | | | | | |
| 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: | | | | | |
| 23 | Title: | | | | | |
| 24 | Title: | | | | | |
| 25 | Title: | | | | | |
| 26 | Subtotal Employee Costs | | | | \$ 0 | \$ 225,000 |
| Substitute, Extra-Duty, Benefits | | | | | | |
| 27 | 6112 | Substitute Pay | | | \$ 2,000 | \$ 40,000 |
| 28 | 6119 | Professional Staff Extra-Duty Pay | | | 5,000 | 100,000 |
| 29 | 6121 | Support Staff Extra-Duty Pay | | | 3,000 | 48,000 |
| 30 | 6140 | Employee Benefits | | | | |
| 31 | Subtotal Substitute, Extra-Duty, Benefits Costs | | | | \$ | \$ |
| 32 | Grand Total Payroll Budget (line 26 + line 31) | | | | \$ 10,000 | \$ 413,000 |

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| Schedule #5C- Itemized 6200 Professional and Contracted Services Costs Requiring Specific Approval | | | | | | | |
| Expense Item Description | | | | Pre-Award | Total Amount Budgeted | | |
| 621 2 | Audit Costs (other than audits required under OMB Circular A-133) | | | \$ | \$ | | |
| Specify purpose: | | | | | | | |
| 626 9 | Rental or Lease of Buildings, Space in Buildings, or Land | | | | | | |
| Specify purpose and provide calculation: | | | | | | | |
| 629 9 | Contracted Publication and Printing Costs (specific approval required only for nonprofit charter schools) | | | | | | |
| Specify purpose: | | | | | | | |
| 629 9 | 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. | Differentiated Instruction ELL, Special Ed. Migrant | | | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| 2. | Reading | | | 10,000 | 1,000 | 9,000 | |
| 3. | Math | | | 10,000 | 1,000 | 9,000 | |
| 4. | Science | | | 10,000 | 1,000 | 9,000 | |
| 5. | Technology-Smart Boards, Clickers, Study Buddy | | | 10,000 | 1,000 | 9,000 | |
| 6. | Effective Instructional Strategies | | | 10,000 | 1,000 | 9,000 | |
| 7. | | | | | | | |
| 8. | | | | | | | |
| 9. | | | | | | | |
| 10. | | | | | | | |
| Subtotal | | | | | | | |
| Professional and Consulting Services Less than \$10,000 | | | | \$ 5,000 | \$ 45,000 | | |
| Professional and Consulting Services (6219) Greater than or Equal to \$10,000 | | | | | | | |
| 1. Description of Professional or Consulting Service (Topic/Purpose/Service): | | | | | | | |
| Contractor's Cost Breakdown of Service to be Provided | | | | # Positions | Total Contracted Amount | Pre-Award | Total Amount Budgeted |
| Contractor's Payroll Costs | | | | | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Title: | | | | | | | |
| Subgrants, Subcontracts, Subcontracted Services | | | | | | | |
| Supplies and Materials | | | | | | | |
| Other Operating Costs | | | | | | | |
| Capital Outlay (Subgrants Only) | | | | | | | |
| Indirect Cost (____%) | | | | | | | |
| Total Payment: | | | | \$ | \$ | \$ | |

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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): <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="width: 60%;">Contractor's Cost Breakdown of Service to be Provided</th> <th style="width: 10%;"># Positions</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Total Contracted Amount</th> <th style="width: 10%;">Pre-Award</th> <th style="width: 5%;">Total Amount Budgeted</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Contractor's Payroll Costs</td> <td></td> <td>\$</td> <td>\$</td> <td>\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td> Title: _____</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Subgrants, Subcontracts, Subcontracted Services</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Supplies and Materials</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other Operating Costs</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Capital Outlay (Subgrants Only)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Indirect Cost (%)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: right;">Total Payment:</td> <td>\$</td> <td>\$</td> <td>\$</td> </tr> </table> </div> | | | Contractor's Cost Breakdown of Service to be Provided | # Positions | Total Contracted Amount | Pre-Award | Total Amount Budgeted | Contractor's Payroll Costs | | \$ | \$ | \$ | Title: _____ | | | | | Subgrants, Subcontracts, Subcontracted Services | | | | | Supplies and Materials | | | | | Other Operating Costs | | | | | Capital Outlay (Subgrants Only) | | | | | Indirect Cost (%) | | | | | Total Payment: | | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Contractor's Cost Breakdown of Service to be Provided | # Positions | Total Contracted Amount | Pre-Award | Total Amount Budgeted | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Contractor's Payroll Costs | | \$ | \$ | \$ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Supplies and Materials | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other Operating Costs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Subtotal of Professional and Contracted Services Costs Requiring Specific Approval: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Remaining 6200- Professional and Contracted Services that do not require specific approval: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Grand Total: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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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 | | | \$200,000 | \$ 94,420 | |
| | # | Type | Purpose | | | Quantity |
| | 1 | Study Buddy \$370.00 ea. | Technology Assisted Instruction | | | 500 |
| | 2 | Smart Boards \$1,350 ea. | Facilitate Direct Instr.: Multi-media instr. | | | 37 |
| | 3 | Clickers \$1,300 ea. set | Facilitate Direct Instr.: Multi-media instr. | | | 15 sets |
| | 4 | Rigby Classroom Libraries \$810 ea | Facilitate Direct Instruction-Literacy | | | 37 sets |
| 5 | Rosetta Stone \$1,000 set | Facilitate Direct Instruction-Literacy | 10 sets | | | |
| 6399 | Technology Software- Not Capitalized | | | | | |
| 6399 | Supplies and Materials Associated with Advisory Council or Committee | | | | | |
| Total Supplies and Materials Requiring Specific Approval: | | | | | | |
| Remaining 6300- Supplies and Materials that do not require specific approval: | | | | | | |
| Grand Total | | | | \$ 200,000 | \$ 94,420 | |

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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: _____ | | | \$ 0 | \$ 27,000 |
| 6412 | Travel for Students (includes registration fees; does not include field trips) (specific approval required only for nonprofit charter schools) Specify purpose: _____ | | | | |
| 6413 | Stipends for Non-Employees (specific approval required only for nonprofit charter schools) Specify purpose: _____ | | | | |
| 6419 | Travel for Non-Employees (Includes registration fees; does not include field trips) (specific approval required only for nonprofit charter schools) Specify purpose: _____ | | | | |
| 6411/ 6419 | Travel Costs for Executive Director (6411), Superintendents (6411), or Board Members (6419) (includes registration fees) Specify purpose: _____ | | | | |
| 6429 | Actual losses which could have been covered by permissible insurance | | | | |
| 6490 | Indemnification Compensation for Loss or Damage | | | | |
| 6490 | Advisory Council/Committee Travel or Other Expenses (explain purpose of Committee on Schedule #4B-Program Description: Project Management) | | | | |
| 6499 | Membership Dues in Civic or Community Organizations (Not allowable for University applicants) Specify name and purpose of organization: _____ | | | | |
| | Publication and Printing Costs- If reimbursed (specific approval required only for nonprofit charter schools) | | | | |
| | Specify purpose: _____ | | | | |
| Total 64XX- Operating Costs Requiring specific approval: | | | | | \$27,000 |
| Remaining 6400 – Other Operating Costs that do not require specific approval: | | | | | |
| Grand Total | | | | \$ 0 | \$ 27,000 |

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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) | | | | | |
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| 66XX/15XX- Technology Hardware - Capitalized | | | | | |
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| 66XX/15XX- Technology Software- Capitalized | | | | | |
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| 66XX/15XX- Equipment and Furniture | | | | | |
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| 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: | | | | | |

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

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

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

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

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

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

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- E. Signature Authority; Final Expression; Superseding Document:** Applicant certifies that the person signing this application has been properly delegated this authority. The Contract represents the final and complete expression of the terms of agreement between the parties. The Contract supersedes any previous understandings or negotiations between the parties. Any representations, oral statements, promises or warranties that differ from the Contract shall have no force or effect. The Contract may be modified, amended or extended only by formal written amendment properly executed by both TEA and Contractor.
- F. State of Texas Laws:** In the conduct of the contract project, Contractor shall be subject to Texas State Board of Education and Commissioner rules pertaining to this contract and the contract project and to the laws of the State of Texas governing this contract and the contract project. This contract constitutes the entire agreement between Agency and Contractor for the accomplishment of the contract project. This contract shall be interpreted according to the laws of the State of Texas except as may be otherwise provided for in this contract.
- G. Monitoring:** Desk reviews or on-site monitoring reviews may be conducted by Agency to determine compliance with the approved application and the applicable statute(s), law(s), regulations, and guidelines.
- H. Sanctions for Failure to Perform or for Noncompliance:** If Contractor, in Agency's sole determination, fails or refuses for any reason to comply with or perform any of its obligations under this contract, Agency may impose such sanctions as it may deem appropriate. This includes but is not limited to the withholding of payments to Contractor until Contractor complies; the cancellation, termination, or suspension of this contract in whole or in part; and the seeking of other remedies as may be provided by this contract or by law. Any cancellation, termination, or suspension of this contract, if imposed, shall become effective at the close of business on the day of Contractor's receipt of written notice thereof from Agency.
- I. Contract Cancellation, etc.:** If this contract is canceled, terminated, or suspended by Agency prior to its expiration date, the reasonable monetary value of services properly performed by Contractor pursuant to this contract prior to such cancellation, termination or suspension shall be determined by Agency and paid to Contractor as soon as reasonably possible.
- J. Indemnification:**
For local educational agencies (LEAs), regional education service centers (ESCs), and institutions of higher education (IHEs) and state agencies: Contractor, to the extent permitted by law, shall hold Agency harmless from and shall indemnify Agency against any and all claims, demands, and causes of action of whatever kind or nature asserted by any third party and occurring or in any way incident to, arising from, or in connection with, any acts of Contractor, its agents, employees, and subcontractors, done in the conduct of the contract project.
For all other grantees, sub grantees, 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:** 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 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, 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;
 - Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964**, as amended (prohibition of discrimination by race, color, or national origin), and the regulations effectuating its provisions contained in 34 CFR Part 100;
 - Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972**, as amended (prohibition of sex discrimination in educational institutions) and the regulations effectuating its provisions contained in 34 CFR Part 106, if Contractor is an educational institution;
 - Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973**, as amended (nondiscrimination on the basis of handicapping condition), and the regulations effectuating its provisions contained in 34 CFR Part 104 and 105;

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

CC. Federal Regulations Applicable to All Federal Programs:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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| 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>108-908</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.

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| 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>108-908</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.

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| 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>108-908</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 sub grants, contracts under grants and cooperative agreements, and subcontracts) and that all sub recipients 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.

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| SCHEDULE #6D - Disclosure of Lobbying Activities | TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY Standard Application System School Years 2010-2013 | 108-908 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. | |

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.

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| 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: CFDA Number, if applicable: _____ | |
| 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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The following special provisions apply to all programs funded under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by P. L. 107-110, No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001. By signing Schedule #1 of this SAS, the applicant is assuring it is in compliance with the following provisions:

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

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

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

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4. Highly Qualified:

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

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

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6. Professional Development includes activities that:

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

7. Scientifically Based Research:

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

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

8. Teacher Mentoring: Activities that–

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

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

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

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

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

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Federal Statutory Requirements

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

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new "turnaround office" in the LEA or SEA, hire a "turnaround leader" who reports directly to the Superintendent or Chief Academic Officer, or enter into a multi-year contract with the LEA or SEA to obtain added flexibility in exchange for greater accountability;

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

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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
 - B. Promote the continuous use of student data (such as from formative, interim, and summative assessments) to inform and differentiate instruction in order to meet the academic needs of individual students.
 3. Increasing learning time and creating community-oriented schools.
 - A. Establish schedules and strategies that provide increased learning time; and
 - B. Provide ongoing mechanisms for family and community engagement.
 4. Providing operational flexibility and sustained support.
 - A. Give the school sufficient operational flexibility (such as staffing, calendars/time, and budgeting) to implement fully a comprehensive approach to substantially improve student achievement outcomes and increase high school graduation rates; and
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- 11) An LEA **may** also implement other strategies to develop teachers' and school leaders' effectiveness, such as--
 - A. Provide additional compensation to attract and retain staff with the skills necessary to meet the needs of the students in a transformation school;
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- 12) An LEA **may** also implement comprehensive instructional reform strategies, such as--
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 - Provide additional supports and professional development to teachers and principals in order to implement effective strategies to support students with disabilities in the least restrictive environment and to ensure that limited English proficient students acquire language skills to master academic content;
 - Use and integrate technology-based supports and interventions as part of the instructional program; and
 - In secondary schools--
 - Increase rigor by offering opportunities for students to enroll in advanced coursework (such as advanced Placement; International Baccalaureate; or science, technology, engineering, and mathematics courses, especially those that incorporate rigorous and relevant project-, inquiry-, or design-based contextual learning opportunities), early-college high schools, dual enrollment programs, or thematic learning academies that prepare students for college and careers, including by providing appropriate supports designed to ensure that low-achieving students can take advantage of these programs and coursework;
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 - 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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 - Extend or restructure the school day so as to add time for such strategies as advisory periods that build relationships between students, faculty, and other school staff;
 - Implement approaches to improve school climate and discipline, such as implementing a system of positive behavioral supports or taking steps to eliminate bullying and student harassment; or
 - Expand the school program to offer full-day kindergarten or pre-kindergarten.
- 14) The LEA may also implement other strategies for providing operational flexibility and intensive support, such as--
- Allow the school to be run under a new governance arrangement, such as a turnaround division within the LEA or SEA; or
 - Implement a per-pupil school-based budget formula that is weighted based on student needs.
- 15) The LEA/campus assures TEA that data to meet the following federal requirements will be available and reported as requested.
- Number of minutes within the school year.
 - Average scale scores on State assessments in reading/language arts and in mathematics, by grade, for the "all students" group, for each achievement quartile, and for each subgroup.
 - Number and percentage of students completing advanced coursework (e.g., AP/IB), early-college high schools, or dual enrollment classes. (High Schools Only)
 - College enrollment rates. (High Schools Only)
 - Teacher Attendance Rate
 - Student Completion Rate
 - Student Drop-Out Rate
 - Locally developed competencies created to identify teacher strengths/weaknesses
 - Types of support offered to teachers
 - Types of on-going, job-embedded professional development for teachers
 - Types of on-going, job-embedded professional development for administrators
 - Strategies to increase parent/community involvement
 - Strategies which increase student learning time

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

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

Terms defined:

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

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

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

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

GRANTEE – the subrecipient of TEA and applicant of funds.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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