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		Martin High School Campus Name	001 Campus Number
		9-Digit Vendor ID#	1 ESC Region
		NOGA ID# (Assigned by TEA)	Amendment #

Texas Title I Priority Schools Grant

Schedule #1 – General Information

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

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

Project Beginning Date: 08/01/2010

Project Ending Date: 06/30/2013

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

Tier I Tier II Tier III

Part 1: Index to the Application

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

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

Certification and Incorporation

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

Authorized Official

Typed First Name	Initial	Last Name	Title
Marcus		Nelson	Superintendent of Schools
Phone	Fax	Email	
956-795-3410	956-795-3405	rnelson@laredoisd.org	

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

For competitive applications, the application will not be reviewed and scored if any of the required attachments do not accompany the application when it is submitted. Applicants will not be permitted to submit required attachments, or any revisions to those required attachments, after the closing date of the grant. Attach all required attachments to the **back** of the application as an appendix.

1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of Nonprofit Status
<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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Assurance of Financial Stability
<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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Assurance of Submittal of Reviewer Information Form
<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				
Laredo Independent School District				
Mailing Address Line - 1	Mailing Address Line - 2	City	State	Zip Code
1701 Houston St.		Laredo	TX	78040
U.S. Congressional District Number	Primary DUNS Number	Central Contractor Registration (CCR) CAGE Code	NCES Identification Number	
28	057570640	4A8X2	482679003023	
Campus Name			County-District Campus Number	
Martin High School			240-901-001	
Mailing Address Line - 1	Mailing Address Line - 2	City	State	Zip Code
2002 San Bernardo		Laredo	TX	78040

Applicant Contacts

Primary Contact

First Name	Initial	Last Name	Title	
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Telephone	Fax	Email		
956-795-3850	956795-3860	operez@laredoisd.org		
Mailing Address Line - 1	Mailing Address Line - 2	City	State	Zip Code
2002 San Bernardo		Laredo	TX	78040

Secondary Contact

First Name	Initial	Last Name	Title	
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Telephone	Fax	E-mail		
956-795-3850	956-795-3860	garredondo@laredoisd.org		
Mailing Address Line - 1	Mailing Address Line - 2	City	State	Zip Code
2002 San Bernardo		Laredo	TX	78040

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Schedule #3—Purpose of Amendment

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

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule #1—General Information
<input type="checkbox"/> Schedule #3—Purpose of Amendment
<input type="checkbox"/> Schedule #4—Program Requirements
<input type="checkbox"/> Schedule #4A—Program Abstract
<input type="checkbox"/> Schedule #4B—Program Description
<input type="checkbox"/> Schedule #4C— Performance Assessment and Evaluation
<input type="checkbox"/> Schedule #4D—Equitable Access and Participation | <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule #5—Program Budget Summary
<input type="checkbox"/> Schedule #5B—Payroll Costs 6100
<input type="checkbox"/> Schedule #5C—Professional and Contracted Services 6200
<input type="checkbox"/> Schedule #5D—Supplies and Materials 6300
<input type="checkbox"/> Schedule #5E—Other Operating Costs 6400
<input type="checkbox"/> Schedule #5G—Capital Outlay 6600/15XX (Exclusive of 6619 and 6629) |
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NOTE: The last day to submit an amendment to TEA is 90 days prior to the ending date of the grant.

Part 2: Revised Budget

Complete this part if there are any budgetary changes.

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

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Part 3: Reason for Amendment Request. For all grants, regardless of dollar amount, check the appropriate box to indicate reason for amendment request.

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

Part 4: Amendment Justification

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Schedule #4—Program Summary and Application Requirements

Part 1: Grant Program Information;

Summary of Program: Purpose and Goals

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

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

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

Allowable Activities

Tier I and Tier II Grantees

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

Tier III Grantees

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

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

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

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Schedule #4—Program Requirements

Part 2: Statutory Requirements

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

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14	Applicant provides assurance that it will establish annual goals for student achievement on the State’s assessments in both reading/language arts and mathematics and measure progress on the leading indicators in section III of the final federal requirements in order to monitor each Tier I and Tier II school that it serves with school improvement funds, and establish goals (approved by the TEA) to hold accountable its Tier III schools that receive grant funds.	Program Assurances
15	Applicant provides assurance that it will, if it implements a restart model in a Tier I or Tier II school, include in its contract or agreement terms and provisions to hold the charter operator, charter management organization (CMO), or education management organization (EMO) accountable for complying with the final federal requirements.	Program Assurances
16	Applicant provides assurance that it will report to the TEA the school-level data required under section III of the final federal requirements.	Program Assurances
17	<p>If the LEA/campus selects to implement the turnaround model, the campus must implement the following federal requirements.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Replace the principal and grant the principal sufficient operational flexibility (including in staffing, calendars/time, and budgeting) to implement fully a comprehensive approach in order to substantially improve student achievement outcomes and increase high school graduation rates; b. Use locally adopted competencies to measure the effectiveness of staff who can work within the turnaround environment to meet the needs of students; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Screen all existing staff and rehire no more than 50 percent; and 2. Select new staff. c. Implement such strategies as financial incentives, increased opportunities for promotion and career growth, and more flexible work conditions that are designed to recruit, place, and retain staff with the skills necessary to meet the needs of the students in the turnaround school; d. Provide staff ongoing, high-quality, job-embedded professional development that is aligned with the school’s comprehensive instructional program and designed with school staff to ensure that they are equipped to facilitate effective teaching and learning and have the capacity to successfully implement school reform strategies; e. Adopt a new governance structure, which may include, but is not limited to, requiring the school to report to a new “turnaround office” in the LEA or SEA, hire a “turnaround leader” who reports directly to the Superintendent or Chief Academic Officer, or enter into a multi-year contract with the LEA or SEA to obtain added flexibility in exchange for greater accountability; f. Use data to identify and implement an instructional program that is research-based and vertically aligned from one grade to the next as well as aligned with State academic standards; g. Promote the continuous use of student data (such as from formative, interim, and summative assessments) to inform and differentiate instruction in order to meet the academic needs of individual students; h. Establish schedules and implement strategies that provide increased learning time (as defined in this notice); and i. Provide appropriate social-emotional and community-oriented services and supports for students. 	Program Assurances

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

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

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

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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

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Part 3: Statutory Assurances

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

Part 4: TEA Program Assurances

#	TEA Assurance Description
1	Before full implementation funds are made available, the grantee must demonstrate that all early implementation activities have been completed. Successful completion of the early implementation will be measured in the Quarterly Implementation Reports (QIR), the Model Selection and Description Report, and through participation in TEA technical assistance. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Model Selection and Description Report must be submitted to TEA no later than February 1, 2011. This report may be submitted at any time prior to the deadline. Grantees must demonstrate successful completion of the following activities: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Comprehensive Needs Assessment process. ii. Establish the grant budget by the required categories. iii. Identification and Selection of the intervention model. iv. Development of activities to implement selected intervention model. v. Development of Timeline of Grant Activities.

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#	TEA Assurance Description
2	The applicant provides assurance that the LEA will designate an individual or office with primary responsibilities for supporting the LEA/campus' school improvement efforts. This individual/office will have primary responsibility and authority for ensuring the effective implementation of the grant option approved by TEA; serve as the district liaison to TEA and those providing technical assistance and/or contracted service to the LEA/campus as part of the approved grant.
3	The applicant provides assurance that a team from the grantee LEA/campus will attend and participate in grant orientation meetings, technical assistance meetings, other periodic meetings of grantees, the Texas School Improvement Conference, and sharing of best practices.
4	For the LEAs selecting the TEA Designed Models the applicant provide assurances that it will participate in and make use of technical assistance and coaching support provided by TEA, SIRC, and/or its subcontractors.
5	The applicant will establish or provide evidence of a system of formative assessment aligned to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills which provides robust, targeted data to evaluate the effectiveness of the LEA's curriculum and its alignment with instruction occurring on the campus; assesses progress on student groups' academic achievement at the campus level; and guide instructional decisions by teachers for individual students.
6	The applicant will participate in a formative assessment of the LEA's capacity and commitment to carry out the grant intervention models.
7	The applicant will provide access for onsite visits to the LEA and campus by TEA, SIRC and its contractors.
8	The applicant, if selecting the Restart Model, agrees to contract only with CMO or EMO providers on the State's approved list of CMO and EMO providers.
9	The applicant, if selecting the Turnaround Model or Transformation Model (Tiers I and Tiers II only) agrees to the participation of the campus principal or principal candidates in a formative assessment of their turnaround leadership capacity.
10	<p>If the LEA/Tier III campus selects to implement the transformation model, the campus assures That it will it implement the following federal requirements.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop and increase teacher and school leader effectiveness. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Evaluate the effectiveness of the current principal and use the results of the evaluation to determine whether the principal should be replaced, be retained on the campus, or be provided leadership coaching or training. B. Identify and reward school leaders, teachers, and other staff who, in implementing this model, have increased student achievement and high school graduation rates and identify and remove those who, after ample opportunities have been provided for them to improve their professional practice, have not done so; C. Provide staff ongoing, high-quality, job-embedded professional development (e.g., regarding subject-specific pedagogy, instruction that reflects a deeper understanding of the community served by the school, or differentiated instruction) that is aligned with the school's comprehensive instructional program and designed with school staff to ensure they are equipped to facilitate effective teaching and learning and have the capacity to successfully implement school reform strategies; and D. Implement such strategies as financial incentives, increased opportunities for promotion and career growth, and more flexible work conditions that are designed to recruit, place, and retain staff with the skills necessary to meet the needs of the students in a transformation school based on rigorous, transparent, and equitable evaluation systems for teachers and principals: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Takes into account data on student growth as a a factor as well as other factors such as multiple observation-based assessments of student performance and ongoing collections of professional practice reflective of student achievement and increased high school graduation rates; and 2. Are designed and developed and with teacher and principal involvement

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#	TEA Assurance Description
10	2. Comprehensive instructional reform strategies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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-- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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-- <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.

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#	TEA Assurance Description
13	<p>An LEA may also implement other strategies that extend learning time and create community-oriented schools, such as--</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Partner with parents and parent organizations, faith- and community-based organizations, health clinics, other State or local agencies, and others to create safe school environments that meet students' social, emotional, and health needs; B. Extend or restructure the school day so as to add time for such strategies as advisory periods that build relationships between students, faculty, and other school staff; C. Implement approaches to improve school climate and discipline, such as implementing a system of positive behavioral supports or taking steps to eliminate bullying and student harassment; or D. Expand the school program to offer full-day kindergarten or pre-kindergarten.
14	<p>The LEA may also implement other strategies for providing operational flexibility and intensive support, such as--</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Allow the school to be run under a new governance arrangement, such as a turnaround division within the LEA or SEA; or B. Implement a per-pupil school-based budget formula that is weighted based on student needs.
15	<p>The LEA/campus assures TEA that data to meet the following federal requirements will be available and reported as requested.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Number of minutes within the school year. b. Average scale scores on State assessments in reading/language arts and in mathematics, by grade, for the "all students" group, for each achievement quartile, and for each subgroup. c. Number and percentage of students completing advanced coursework (e.g., AP/IB), early-college high schools, or dual enrollment classes. (High Schools Only) d. College enrollment rates. (High Schools Only) e. Teacher Attendance Rate f. Student Completion Rate g. Student Drop-Out Rate h. Locally developed competencies created to identify teacher strengths/weaknesses i. Types of support offered to teachers j. Types of on-going, job-embedded professional development for teachers k. Types of on-going, job-embedded professional development for administrators l. Strategies to increase parent/community involvement m. Strategies which increase student learning time

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Schedule #4A--Program Abstract

Part 1: Grant Eligibility

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

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

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

Part 2: Grant Program Summary. Provide a brief overview of the program you plan to implement on the campus. Be sure to address fundamental issues such as your local program goals and objectives that align with the RFA purpose and goals, rationale for program design, etc. Address the specific gaps, barriers, or weaknesses to be addressed by the intervention model to be selected. A response to this question must be completed in the original submission regardless of whether the LEA/campus has selected an intervention model at this time or not.

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

Laredo Independent School District and Martin High School face many challenges that result from language and cultural differences, student mobility, poverty, new and emerging technologies, fluctuations in the economy, shifting demographics, and specific environmental forces related to the border area. Martin High School, built in 1937 is the oldest high school in Laredo, and is located just 1.5 miles away from the border.

Based on the 2008-2009 Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) report, provided by the Texas Education Agency, the total number of students enrolled in *Laredo Independent School* is 24,790; 99.5% are Hispanic; 66.0% or 16,429 students enter school as Spanish dominant English Language Learners; 82.2% or 20,465 students are at-risk, and 96.5% or 24,032 are identified as economically disadvantaged. At *Martin High School* the number of students enrolled is 1,962; 99.3% are Hispanic; 36.8% or 722 are identified as Limited English Proficient (LEP); 75.9% or 1,490 are at-risk, and 96.8% or 1,900 are economically disadvantaged.

Martin High School is rated as an Acceptable Campus based on AEIS. However, we are in stage five of Needs Improvement to meet Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for Math and Reading in the LEP sub-group. As a campus in its 5th year of Needs Improvement we are required to implement a Restructuring plan which was approved by TEA in 2008. The Texas Title I Priority Schools Grant will aid in the continual implementation of the Restructuring plan, and will help to further enhance our resources to raise the academic achievement of our students to make adequate yearly progress and exit improvement status.

Several objective data sources were used to develop the comprehensive needs assessment for this program, including related literature/research, historical performance data in annual state standardized tests, Performance-Based Monitoring Analysis System, TEA campus report card, and the campus STAR chart survey. School Improvement Resource Center (SIRC) also provided a comprehensive evaluation which was used to assess our needs. We also evaluated the current (2009-2010) AYP Restructuring Plan to determine which initiatives were successful and which need to be modified/adjusted based on our 2009-2010 preliminary TAKS data.

The Laredo ISD and Martin High School have chosen to participate in the Texas Title I Priority Schools Grant based on the advisory committee recommendations, comprehensive needs assessment, academic statistics, number of low income families, limited access to technology and technological support, and strong support from district administration, parents, students and staff to participate in this school improvement project.

Transformation to Educational Excellence Model (TEEM)

Martin High School will use the **Transformation to Educational Excellence Model (TEEM)**, a comprehensive framework provided by Region One intended to support the continuous improvement efforts of our school district. The TEEM framework's three major considerations for ensuring success of all students include:

- 1) Comprehensive systems for assuring success
- 2) The overwhelming philosophy that unifies staff behavior
- 3) The school community's belief system regarding low-performing students

The TEEM model offers continuous professional development and technical assistance aligned with campus goals identified in the comprehensive needs assessment. The model integrates key improvement principles that are results-driven and include: Comprehensive Needs Assessment, Data Decision Making, Effective Leadership, Quality Teaching and Learning, Effective Processes and Systems, and Sustaining a Culture of Success, which are correlated to the *Critical Success Factors*: Improve Academic Performance, Increase Teacher Quality, Improve School Climate, Increase Leadership Effectiveness, Increase the Use of Quality Data to Drive Instruction, Increase Parent/Community Involvement, and Increase Learning Time.

TEEM Key Elements

Critical Success Factors	Comprehensive Needs Assessment	Data-Driven Decision Making	Effective Leadership	Quality Teaching & Learning	Effective Processes & Systems	Sustaining a Culture of Success	Results
Improve Academic Performance	Analysis of Needs Assessment	√	√	√	√		√
Increase Teacher Quality				√	√		√
Improve School Culture					√	√	√
Increase Leadership Effectiveness		√	√		√		
Increase the Use of Quality Data to Drive Instruction		√	√		√	√	√
Increase Parent/Community Involvement				√		√	√
Increase Learning Time		√			√	√	√

This **Transformation to Educational Excellence Model (TEEM)** complements Martin High School's AYP Restructuring Plan. Moreover, to ensure the implementation of each of the required interventions outlined in the TIER III Modified Transformation Model selected in this proposal, including the following:

1) Develop and increase teacher and school leader effectiveness by:

- Creating and using a rigorous, transparent, relevant and equitable evaluation instrument for teachers and principals that—
 - a. provides data on student growth as well as other factors that include multiple observation-based assessments of performance and ongoing professional practice that is reflective of student achievement and increased student academic achievement, high school graduation rates; and
 - b. are designed and developed with teacher and principal involvement;
- Identifying and rewarding school leaders, teachers, and other staff who, in implementing the transformation model

(TEEM), have increased student achievement and high school graduation rates by identifying and removing those school leaders, teachers and other staff, after being provided ample opportunities to improve their professional practice and have not done so;

- Providing all school leaders, teachers and other 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, and differentiated instructional strategies) that are 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;
- Implementing staff development strategies as financial incentives, increasing opportunities for promotion and career growth, and providing flexible work conditions that are designed to recruit, place, and retain staff with the skills necessary to meet the needs of the students attending Martin High School.
- Ensuring Martin High School is not required to accept a teacher without the mutual consent of the teacher and principal, regardless of the teacher's seniority.
- Providing additional compensation to attract and retain staff with the skills necessary to meet the needs of the students attending Martin High School (i.e. Instructional Specialist in the areas of ELA, Math, ESL, and Special Ed.)
- Providing performance measures for evaluation of instructional practices resulting from professional development;
- Although a required activity is to replace the principal who led the school prior to commencement of the transformation model, at Martin High School, a new principal was hired for the 2009-2010 school year, therefore the principal will not be replaced as an effort to support the continuation of our intervention/restructuring plan.

2) Implement Comprehensive Instructional Reform Strategies (to enhance MHS's Restructuring Plan already in place) by:

- Using data for the Identification and implementation an instructional strategies that are research-based and vertically aligned from one grade to the next as well as aligned with State academic standards;
- Promoting the continuous use of student data (such as District Benchmark formative assessments, interim assessments, and summative assessments) to inform and differentiate instructional strategies to meet the academic needs of individual students.
- Periodically review the curriculum being implemented to ensure fidelity, and to ensure it is having the intended impact on student achievement, and is modified if ineffective;
- Conducting District-based, Curriculum Based Assessments (CBAs) in all core areas at the end of every six weeks to evaluate student success on the objectives taught and to modify/adapt scope and sequence as needed.
- Allowing common planning periods for all our teachers to provide opportunity for teachers to meet as departments to analyze data and to plan/adjust/modify lessons to ensure vertical and horizontal alignment.
- Implementation of a school wide "response-to-intervention" model;
- Provide additional support 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 support and intervention as part of the instructional program;
- Increase academic rigor by providing opportunities for students to enroll in advanced coursework (such as Advanced Placement; health science, science, technology, engineering, mathematics or fine arts magnet programs, 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, and provide appropriate student support designed to ensure that low-achieving students can take advantage of these programs and coursework;
- Improve on student transition from middle to high school through intensive summer transition and enrichments programs;
- Increase graduation rates through the Non-traditional high school drop-out and credit-recovery program, re-engagement strategies, smaller learning communities, competency-based instruction and performance-based assessments, and acceleration of basic reading and mathematics skills;
- Establishment of early-warning systems that identify students who may be at risk of failing, dropping-out or graduating.

3) Increase learning time and creating Community-oriented school (as also stated in the Restructuring Plan) by :

- Allowing schedule flexibility of students and implementing strategies that provide increased learning time, specifically for our LEP 9th and 10th grade level students (i.e. an additional Math/English class for students who did not meet the state assessment standard and/or an advisory period).
- Providing ongoing activities for family and community engagement, specifically to promote the higher education/college readiness of our students.
- Partnerships with parents and parent organizations, faith- and community-based organizations, health clinics, other State or local agencies to create safe school environments that meet students' social, emotional, and health needs;
- Extended day, Saturday and summer enrichment programs that allow time for such strategies as advisory periods that build relationships between students, faculty, and other school staff;
- Changing the organizational culture to improve school climate and discipline, such as implementing a system of positive behavioral supports and taking proactive steps to eliminate bullying and student harassment (i.e. Discipline Advisory Committee, DAC)

4) Provide operational flexibility and sustained support by;

- Providing 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;
- Ensuring that Martin High School receives ongoing, intensive technical assistance and related support from the District, Region 1, and Texas Education Agency and Professional Development providers.

Identified Goals:

The goals of Martin High School will be planned and designed for the following:

- a. Increase the number of students who are academically ready to meet the passing standard on local and State assessments.
- b. Plan, design, and implement effective systemic programs to improve teachers' academic content knowledge and instructional effectiveness and create a deeper understanding of the instructional concepts and skills needed to prepare students for academic success.
- c. Create opportunities for teachers to receive in-classroom coaching to improve instructional and Response to Intervention (Rtl) effectiveness in academic areas. As part of the program's professional development requirements, teachers will gain experience and ideas from instructional strategies in order to accomplish this goal.
- d. Ensure students participate in a challenging curriculum that meets and exceeds the grade level TEKS for which the student is enrolled.
- e. Equip school leaders to support and facilitate teachers' efforts to increase student achievement in academic areas.
- f. Provide parents with opportunities to talk with teachers at more frequent intervals about their child's academic progress in and to engage parents in their child's academic success.

Identified Curriculum Needs:

Based on data disaggregation, the leadership team reviewed all data sources to summarize their findings:

- Students need continuous feedback on their academic performance;
- Program success and effectiveness needs more evaluation to ensure effective leadership and instructional strategies;
- Identify students in need of remediation, acceleration and/or intervention;
- Identification of instructional models and technological tools that have shown improved student academic successes;
- Revise curriculum development strategies and professional development programs;

- Hold all district/campus personnel accountable for outcomes;
- Determine goals for increased student achievement, benchmarks for progress, and measurable outcomes;
- Provide a structured support network for each student;
- Academic support services;
- Credit recovery;
- Career and technology education;
- Individualized instruction;
- Prescriptive tutorials;
- Life skills and character education/Career Pathway;
- Health and student support services; and
- Educational enrichment.

Leadership Team

In the development and planning of the TEEM model activities to support the campus goals and key practices through organized team structuring, development of our three year action plan includes:

- 1) Identification and organization of a school leadership team that will provide assistance and a support system in achieving program goals and key practices through the resource based comprehensive needs assessment.
- 2) Planned monthly school leadership meetings in order to manage program activities, including, progress monitoring, planning and implementation.
- 3) Maintaining a portfolio for all progress monitoring documentation and communication of progress and program expectations to administrators, teachers, parents, superintendent, board members, community members, and other stakeholders.

The planning and implementation stages include a collaborative effort from all stakeholders at the campus, district and community to support the involvement and preparation of the TEEM model for Martin High School.

The coordination of stakeholders will require various committees to address the curriculum implementation, fiscal management, data evaluation, post-secondary awareness and readiness, and parental involvement.

District staff coordination includes the Principals, Assistant Principals, Counselors, Director for Secondary Education, Instructional Deans/ Instructional Specialists, Special Education Director/Supervisor, Director for Secondary Education, Director for Guidance and At-Risk, Response to Intervention and Section 504 Coordinator, Executive Director for Curriculum and Instruction, Executive Director Student Services, Chief Financial Officer, Director for Financial Management, Executive Director for Academic Compliance and Accountability, Superintendent of Schools, the School Board of Trustees, Community Members, Business Leaders and Parents.

In addition, a district liaison and parent liaison will participate and be a part of the school leadership team to serve as a link between the school, district, parents, and community

Professional Development and Curriculum Framework:

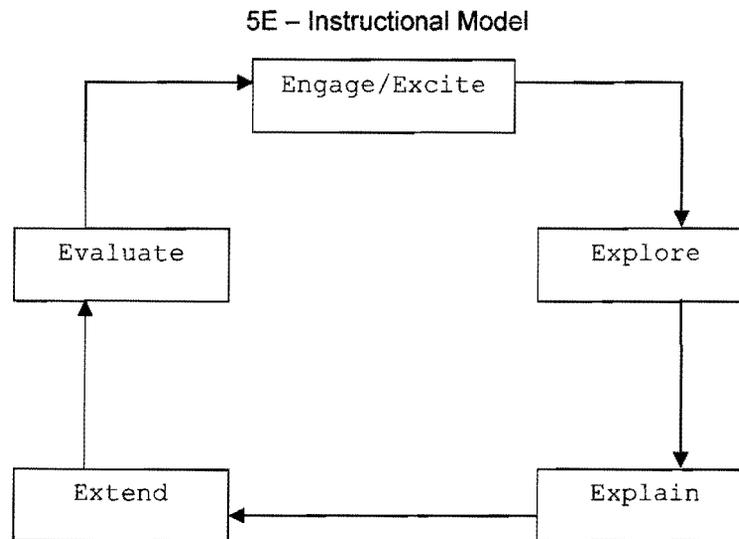
Martin High School will provide teachers with the necessary resources and technology to prepare lessons and actively engage students. Lesson will follow the 5-E Model which is a researched-based approach to lesson planning and has been proven to be very successful.

According to J.D. Bransford, teachers must model and guide learning strategies so students develop a repertoire of flexible strategies learned and practiced in a community of learners where the emphasis is on learning how to learn, and not the one correct answer. They must use their expertise to do the following: Identify relevant cognitive processes and design mediated interactions that focus student attention to critical elements and encourage abstraction of principles, Create meaningful and creative repetition so students experience the same cognitive processes in different learning contexts, Develop a plan of action that addresses expected difficulties of the students with the process, Directly point out or lead students to remember relevant knowledge, Create opportunities to observe similarities and differences across diverse events/contexts, Actively enable students to experience changes in understanding, and current interactions with principles to build pre-requisite skills for future learning, Use frequent formative assessment to make students' thinking visual, Make students aware of the strategies they used, Monitor actively, including seeking and using feedback, Characterize major themes, generalized features, and strategies rather than specific solutions, Actively inquire into the students' thinking, make

students aware of the strategies they used, and assist them to be aware of growth in their thinking (meta-cognitive skills). Bransford, J. D. (Ed.). (2000). How people learn: Brain, mind, experience and school (Expanded Edition) Washington, DC: National Academy Press.

The district curriculum framework (CSCOPE, a regional collaborative) and the instructional methodologies of PD 360, Ericson, Kagan, and Kaplan along with the 5e Instructional Model that address multiple intelligences and cooperative instructional strategies are all indicative of the district's commitment to student academic success.

The instructional approach using the 5e model will be implemented as part of the adopted Transformation to Educational Excellence Model (TEEM). The 5e model describes a teaching sequence that can be used for entire programs, specific units, and individual lessons. The 5E Instructional Model plays a significant role in the curriculum development process as well as the enactment of curricular materials in science classrooms. Bybee, Taylor, Gardner, Van Scotter, Powell, Westbrook, and Landes (2006).



Engagement - The teacher or a curriculum task accesses the learners' prior knowledge and helps them become engaged in a new concept through the use of short activities that promote curiosity and elicit prior knowledge. The activity should make connections between past and present learning experiences, expose prior conceptions, and organize students' thinking toward the learning outcomes of current activities.

Exploration - Exploration experiences provide students with a common base of activities within which current concepts (i.e., misconceptions), processes, and skills are identified and conceptual change is facilitated. Learners may complete lab activities that help them use prior knowledge to generate new ideas, explore questions and possibilities, and design and conduct a preliminary investigation.

Explanation - The explanation phase focuses students' attention on a particular aspect of their engagement and exploration experiences and provides opportunities to demonstrate their conceptual understanding, process skills, or behaviors. This phase also provides opportunities for teachers to directly introduce a concept, process, or skill. Learners explain their understanding of the concept. An explanation from the teacher or the curriculum may guide them toward a deeper understanding, which is a critical part of this phase.

Elaboration - Teachers challenge and extend students' conceptual understanding and skills. Through new experiences, the students develop deeper and broader understanding, more information, and adequate skills. Students apply their understanding of the concept by conducting additional activities.

Evaluation - The evaluation phase encourages students to assess their understanding and abilities and provides opportunities for teachers to evaluate student progress toward achieving the educational objectives.

The professional development will allow school leaders, teachers, counselors and staff to develop initiatives regarding specific issues of instruction relevant to student academic achievement, knowledge and skills acquisition in the context designed to capture content-based knowledge, active learning styles, comprehension of content based lessons in all academic areas and targeted intervention, prescriptive small group instruction, enrichment, and parental involvement

activities.

Teacher/Leader Professional Development will include the following:

- 1) Inclusion Workshops – for professional development and curriculum planning.
- 2) Academic – Seminars, workshops, trainings, and conferences.
- 3) Scope and Sequence/5e Model – professional development training and workshops.
- 4) C-SCOPE - Professional development training and workshops.
- 5) Integrating Virtual Learning Activities – professional development training and workshops.
- 6) Hands-on/Minds-on Learning Activities – professional development training and workshops.
- 7) Marzano, Kilgo, Kagan Cooperative Structures and Thinking Maps

Through continuous and planned professional development, district and campus administrators, and instructional leaders, will ensure that each teacher is highly qualified to implement and deliver the approved C-Scope curriculum using the 5E model.

The comprehensive plan is designed to engage in ongoing development and training of teachers to develop effective instructional strategies in academics to improve local benchmark and State assessment results and prepare students at the Martin High School by enhancing academic performance through effective instructional delivery and the use of research-based foundations in order to increase student academic performance in all academic areas.

The district adopted instructional model that will significantly revise the existing programs by the use of educational thematic units that include, but not limited to: (a) Integration of different educational subject areas through thematic units that present data combined with research-based knowledge and skills acquisition. (b) Implement a total support system for each student through campus leadership and supplemental courses combined with aggressive targeted interventions to specific identified areas of diverse need of the individual student. (c) Intensive prescriptive tutoring and intervention strategies will be implemented to ensure student progress by monitoring the areas of individual needs and based on individual education plans (IEP) and individual graduation plans (IGP). (d). Ultimately, affording students the maximum opportunity to attain the fundamental knowledge and skills to achieve a total well rounded education.

TEEM Professional Development and Technical Assistance

Furthermore, the TEEM model offers continuous professional development and technical assistance aligned with campus goals identified in the comprehensive needs assessment. The model integrates key improvement principles that are results-driven and include: Comprehensive Needs Assessment, Data Decision Making, Effective Leadership, Quality Teaching and Learning, Effective Processes and Systems, and Sustaining a Culture of Success, which correlate to the Critical Success Factors that are essential to the success of the TTIPS Program

Technology Utilization and Promotion:

The instructional curriculum design will provide for utilization of instructional technology to enhance the quality of classroom instruction and supporting professional development to support systemic change in the promotion of school improvement strategies.

Parental/Community Involvement:

Parental involvement is crucial for the success of the program, curriculum, and overall student achievement. By building a strong partnership between the school and parents, the program will have a solid foundation for the implementation of both the grant and curriculum. Campus administrative personnel will design a comprehensive plan to engage in ongoing development and training of participating teachers, parents, and community leaders to understand academic standards. In the article, Parental Involvement in Education, according to Kathleen Cotton and Karen Reed Wikelund, research overwhelmingly demonstrates that parent involvement in children's learning is positively related to achievement. Furthermore, the research shows that the more intensively parents are involved in their children's learning, the more beneficial are the achievement effects. This hold true for all types of parent involvement in children's learning and for all ages of students. (<http://www.nwrel.org> - retrieved on September 21, 2008)

Parents will take part ownership in the academic development of their own children, thus student success will become a

cohesive and collaborative effort between parents, students, teachers, and school administrators. Periodic meetings for parents to disseminate information regarding school improvement strategies and academic readiness will be conducted (i.e. Guidance focus meeting, CTE Career Academy Night, Meet the Teacher Night, Health Science Magnet focus meeting, Booster club meetings, Progress Report Nights, Culturally Relevant Parent Activities, etc).

Student Support Services:

Martin High School's Transformation Educational to Excellence Model(TEEM) intends to provide a structured support network for the student to remove obstacles that inherently prevent the student from focusing on the academic requirements of graduation and college entry through the academic and non-academic support structure.

The structured support network will include, but not be limited to:

- a) workforce skill development;
- b) employment skills development and employment opportunities;
- c) college-readiness skills;
- d) student attendance;
- e) adult education and continuing education programs;
- f) academic performance on standardized tests;
- g) support services for student and their families;
- h) non-traditional instructional strategies;
- i) peer mentoring of student academic support;
- j) self-paced learning (online course program and Plato Learning Systems);
- k) character education;
- l) PSAT, ACT, SAT, AP and THEA testing preparation;
- m) prescriptive tutoring and instruction through flexible scheduling;
- n) technology skills training;
- o) counseling and health services;
- p) individual education plans;
- q) remediation, acceleration and intervention;
- r) response to intervention (RTI)
- s) House Bill 1 (Dual enrollment)
- t) Supplemental Educational Service (SES)

The academic support services will provide students with credit recovery enrollment, school re-enrollment opportunities, career and technology education, computer based instruction, individualized instruction, prescriptive tutorials, mentorship and life skills education.

Assurances

The Laredo Independent School District and Martin High School 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, magnet school programs or dual enrollment classes.
- d. College enrollment rates.
- e. Teacher Attendance Rate
- f. Student Completion Rate
- g. Student Drop-Out Rate

- h. Locally developed competencies created to identify teacher strengths/weaknesses
- i. Types of support offered to teachers
- j. Types of on-going, job-embedded professional development for teachers
- k. Types of on-going, job-embedded professional development for administrators
- l. Strategies to increase parent/community involvement
- m. Strategies which increase student learning time.

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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											591	398	364	364	1717
Open-Enrollment Charter School															0
Total Students:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	591	398	364	364	1717

Total Instructional Staff	131
Total Support Staff	30

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

1	Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) Report
2	AYP Federal Standards Report
3	SAT/ACT/AP Results
4	TELPAS Results
5	Local Assessment data - Curriculum Based Assessments, Pre/Post Assessments, Benchmarks
6	Student/Staff Attendance Data
7	Special Populations Data- Gifted & Talented, Special Education ARD'S & IEP's, Limited English Proficient
8	Staff Development Data- Evaluation and Needs Assessment-Electronic Register online Data
9	Instructional Delivery Data- Administrative Walkthroughs, District Data Analyzer, PDAS
10	Parental Involvement Data - Staff-Parent Conferences, Parent Volunteers, District Wide Conferences
11	Student Involvement in Extra-Curricular Activities and Student Community Involvement Data
12	Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and CSCOPE curriculum.
13	School Improvement Resource Center (SIRC) Findings, surveys, evaluation, and recommendations
14	Campus/District Improvement Plans
15	Other: demographic reports, campus Star Chart, budget, Technical Assistance Provider recommendations

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Part 1: Comprehensive Needs Assessment Cont.

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

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

Purpose:

The purpose of the comprehensive needs assessment is to implement instructional programs and activities that increase the academic achievement and preparation of Martin High School students to meet standards and/or exceed and pass future assessments in each academic area. Martin High School's targeted and prescriptive intervention program will be planned and designed for the following:

- Increase teachers' content knowledge for instructional effectiveness in order to improve performance for struggling students and those at risk for failure in academic areas;
- Equip school leaders to support and facilitate teachers' efforts to increase student achievement in academic areas;
- Provide targeted and/or prescriptive intervention services to Martin High School students identified as unlikely to meet the assessment standard in future local and State assessments.

The data sources used for this comprehensive needs assessment included scientifically based research, AEIS 2008 – 2009 report, Campus/District Improvement Plans, the districts historical and instructional data analysis report, campus demographic reports, the campus and district Star charts, the district and campus technology E-plans and SIRC Site Visit findings, survey, evaluation and recommendations. In addition, the district and campus hardware and software inventory was conducted and verified in order assess each campuses current technological capacity and knowledge.

The Laredo Independent School District and Martin High School through its comprehensive needs assessment have been able to determine that the areas of academics, classroom instructional strategies, technology access, professional development, parental and community involvement are areas of significant concern that this school improvement project will address. The program and practices will be planned and designed for long term sustainability that this funding opportunity has made possible.

The quality of instruction is a primary indicator of positive student outcome, and persistence in the classroom is indicative of teachers believing in the possibilities and potential of each student. Our belief is that all teachers should possess the ability to reflect and acknowledge student achievement levels and accommodate their instructional delivery to ensure quality interventions for student growth. By varying pedagogical approaches, teachers will be expected to activate students' prior knowledge, build conceptual frameworks, and utilize thought-provoking questions to develop momentum and interest in the learning process.

Process:

The development of the Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA) is based on a five step process that establishes:

1. The purpose and outcomes for development of the CNA;
2. Establishing various committees for each area of the CNA;
3. Determining data sources to be collected and analyzed by committee in order to develop the school profile;
4. Prioritize and summarize areas of need; and
5. Link the CNA to the District/Campus improvement plan development and review process.

Step 1: The purpose and outcomes for development of the Comprehensive Needs Assessment:

- Identify short and long-term timelines;
- Disseminate purpose and outcomes to all stakeholders;
- Involve all stakeholders throughout the process;

- Ensure all stakeholders understand the process; and
- Identify accomplishment of short and long term goals.

Step 2: Establishing various committees for each area of the Comprehensive Needs Assessment:

- Establishment of committee and school leadership team from a variety of individuals with expertise from different areas;
- Identification of staff members that will maximize impact on committee or team;
- Identify process of committee or team recruitment, selection, and replacement;
- Ensure all stakeholders understand the process and there is diversity on the committee or team in order to create synergy;
- Identify committee or team members that will lead or conduct individual teams; Ensure each leader is skilled in group leadership regarding data collection/analysis, collaboration and presentation; and
- Identification of how committee and team coordination among committees will occur.

Step 3: Determining data sources to be collected and analyzed by committee in order to develop the school profile:

- Identify data sources and types of data to be collected;
- Identify whether data is sufficient for analysis or if data will need to be reorganized and/or collection tools need to be developed;
- Identify data types that are needing to be kept confidential and FERPA is not violated; and
- Ensure that processes are followed;

Step 4: Prioritize and summarize areas of need:

- Identify strengths and needs of district/school and groups being represented;
- Review evidence that supports the identified strengths and needs;
- Identify and prioritize needs; and
- Identify district/school correlations and dissemination of data results.

Step 5: Link the Comprehensive Needs Assessment to the District/Campus improvement plan development and review process:

- What has been discovered during the process of development of the Comprehensive needs assessment?
- Are all the findings reflected in the Comprehensive Needs Assessment summary statements?
- Have the strategies and activities been addressed in the district/campus improvement plan?
- Does the Comprehensive Needs Assessment address continued and sustained development of the identified strengths?
- Does the Comprehensive Needs Assessment address strategies and activities designed to improve student outcomes?
- Does the Comprehensive Needs Assessment justify NCLB program expenditures as they correlate to the identified needs and priorities of the district/campus?

Data Disaggregation:

To understand the current district/campus outcomes as reflected in prior Comprehensive Needs Assessments and district/campus improvement plans that have reflected random improvement efforts, The committee and school leadership team has updated school improvement strategies and has identified critical success factors that are focused and clearly define strategies that improve student academic achievement through a variety of identified solutions.

The identified solutions were derived from data collection and data analysis of the following:

- Student Demographics;
- Student Special Populations;
- Student Achievement Results;
- School Culture, Climate and Safety;
- Staff Quality, Recruitment and Retention;
- Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment;
- Family/Parent/Community Involvement;
- Health, Family, and Student Support Services;
- School Organization;

- Technology;
- Staff Development Needs; and
- State and Federal Requirements;

Martin High School's Academic Data Analysis:

Based on the 2008-2009 Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) report, provided by the Texas Education Agency, the total number of students is 1,962; 99.3% are Hispanic; 36.8% or 722 enter school as Spanish dominant English Language Learners; 75.9% or 1,490 students are at-risk, and 96.8% or 1,900 are identified as economically disadvantaged.

Martin High School Teacher Experience and Certification:

Teaching Assignments:

Lang. Arts: -----	6 (4 %)
Reading: -----	2 (1.5 %)
English including ESL: -----	13 (11%)
Math: -----	21 (16%)
Science: -----	12 (9%)
Social Studies: -----	12 (9%)
Spanish: -----	7 (5%)
Special Ed: -----	16 (12%)
Vocational: -----	21 (16%)
Fine Arts: -----	7 (5%)
P.E./Health: -----	9 (7%)
ROTC/Plato: -----	3 (2%)

Teaching Experience:

Beginning teachers: -----	11.1 (8.5%)
1-5 Years: -----	34.7 (26.5%)
6-10 Years: -----	15.3 (11.8%)
11-20 Years: -----	33.0 (25.3%)
Over 20 Years: -----	36.6 (28.0)

Martin High School Current Curriculum:

The curriculum being implemented in the transformation model at Martin High School is C-SCOPE.

Martin High School's Scheduling Utilized:

The schedule designed to implement the transformation model at Martin High School is a traditional schedule with a zero hour class at the end of the day for extra curricular class.

Use of extended learning time (e.g., intervention class) for Academics:

Martin High School has identified students at risk of failure and plans to ensure extended learning times, e.g., a continuous double block format (80-100 minutes daily). The model for extended learning time is determined by the campus and may include an additional class period with a certified teacher, individual or small-group instruction, before- and after-school programs, or Saturday programs and summer enrichment activities.

Common planning time:

Martin High School will provide common planning time for teachers served under the Texas Title I Priority Schools grant to develop professional learning communities and to collaboratively plan lessons, interventions, and assessments based on a careful analysis of available data (student work, diagnostic assessments, anecdotal records, quizzes, tests, etc).

Effective supplemental resources (both human and material resources):

Martin High School will select supplemental instructional materials and personnel support student learning

Appropriate technology:

Martin High School will provide teachers with supporting technology. Technology and its use must be designed to enhance student learning of the mathematics TEKS and prepare students for the EOC assessments. Technology may also be used

to track student progress in all content areas over the course of the grant cycle. Some of the technological tools that will be used for the implementation of the transformation model are smart boards, calculators, promethean boards, computers, laptops, notebooks, projectors, document cameras, video conferencing and relevant instructional software. New course offerings for Career and Technology.

Active, ongoing student engagement:

Martin High School will provide teachers with the necessary resources and technology to prepare lessons and actively engage students. Lesson will follow the 5-E Model which is a researched-based approach to lesson planning and has been proven to be very successful.

Martin High School's Comprehensive Needs Assessment Results:

1. Training in Reading, English, Math, Science, and Social Studies workshops
2. Staff development in current, researched-based strategies
3. Staff development in addressing special pops: LEP and Special Education Students
4. Enhancing content knowledge and instructional delivery skills in all academic areas for teachers
5. Acquiring adequate technologies for all students
6. Acquiring technology licenses/software for computers
7. Acquiring additional technology: laptops, VGA wires, smart boards, projectors, etc. for instructional delivery
8. Providing extended day activities: after school, Saturday, and summer enrichment programs.

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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	Principals, Career Academies Dean, Magnet School Director, Assistant Principals and Math/ELA/ESL Strategies
2	Teachers/Counselors/Nurses/Librarians
3	Director for Secondary Education and Federal Programs
4	District's Instructional Deans/Instructional Specialists
5	Special Education Director/Supervisor/Diagnosticians
6	Secondary Education Director
7	Director for Guidance and At-Risk
8	Director for Staff Development
9	Response to Intervention and Section 504 Coordinator
10	Executive Director for Curriculum and Instruction
11	Executive Director for Student Services
12	Chief Financial Officer/Director for Financial Management/Director for Procurement
13	Executive Director for Academic Compliance and Accountability
14	Superintendent of Schools
15	School Board of Trustees
16	CEIC Members (including Parents, Community Members and Business Leaders)
17	Director of Plant Facilities and Support Services
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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.

The Laredo Independent School District has a strong commitment and focus on academic excellence that allows for our under-served and economically disadvantaged community to embrace challenges as opportunities to achieve and maintain high academic standards through best practices and embedding technological innovations in the classroom that inspire a rich and productive learning environment regardless of the socio-economic backgrounds of our student population.

The implementation, design and program evaluation of the Transformation to Education Excellence Model (TEEM) will provide necessary feedback to sustain and support rigorous academic standards for students; provide a mechanism of higher accountability for teachers, and a coherent sustained leadership program that fosters a synergetic educational environment that emanates academic excellence and transforms the school culture. Research has shown that a major driving force to school improvement, highly qualified teachers, and academic achievement is instructional leadership. Leithwood, Kenneth et al, "How Leadership Influences Student Learning." Wallance foundation, 2004.

Monitoring of the program implementation progress will be an on-going process to solicit feedback on students' progress, fidelity to the curriculum plan and timeline, student attendance and to provide support as needed. Meetings will include teachers, campus administrator/facilitator, teacher-aides, counselor, support staff and parents. Data will be closely analyzed at the end of each benchmark period to ensure the success of every participant and to provide and maintain frequent communication between all stakeholders.

Social service interventions and other needs that may prevent or hinder student academic performance and success by referral to community social service programs and providers as well as communities-in-schools and other non-profit organizations are available on an as needed basis. Working with judges in the Juvenile Justice System can provide opportunities for students to increase academic performance and attendance.

The collection of data and analysis process is an on-going occurrence that includes the participation of all stakeholders. District's Instructional Deans will work closely with Project Grant Manager and the Campus Leadership Team to identify the data sources to be collected and analyzed in order to determine the strengths and needs of Martin School. Data will be used to reflect historical performance and will allow us to describe the current state Martin School as it relates to standards. Accurate, timely and comprehensive data systems will be in place in order to formulate solutions and effective decisions which will impact student achievement.

The Laredo Independent School District has capacity to use grant funds and other funding sources to provide adequate resources, professional development, and related services/support to the campus to implement, fully and effectively, the required activities of the Transformation To Educational Excellence Model.

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

Teachers and Staff

Collaborative communities of teachers will have great potential for improving teaching and learning, enhancing academic achievement, increasing academic rigor, and creating a safe school climate. Positive professional relations among teachers contribute to greater collaboration, the dissemination of effective teaching practices, and ultimately, a better learning environment for all students. Teaching staff will gain strengths in working together across disciplines to take on new ways of teaching and can engage students' high quality learning. Teachers will be capable of addressing their instructional delivery in context that will have students learn and retain more when they know why they are learning.

A comprehensive learning community experience that includes tutorials, extended day, Saturday, and summer enrichment, post-secondary readiness, and work-based learning opportunities, will positively affect student grades, assessment results, attendance rates, and graduation rates.

Campus Administrators

Campus administrative personnel will demonstrate a comprehensive plan to engage in ongoing development and training of participating teachers, parents, and community leaders to understand academic standards. In the article, Parental Involvement in Education, according to Kathleen Cotton and Karen Reed Wikelund, research overwhelmingly demonstrates that parent involvement in children's learning is positively related to achievement. Furthermore, the research shows that the more intensively parents are involved in their children's learning, the more beneficial are the achievement effects. This hold true for all types of parent involvement in children's learning and for all ages of students. (<http://www.nwrel.org> - retrieved on September 21, 2008)

Parents/community

Parental involvement is crucial for the success of the program, curriculum, and overall student achievement. By building a strong partnership between the school and parents, the program will have a solid foundation for the implementation of both the grant and curriculum. Parents will take part ownership in the academic development of their own children, thus student success will become a cohesive and collaborative effort between parents, students, teachers, and school leaders. Plans to provide quarterly meetings for parents through the guidance department to disseminate information regarding school improvement strategies and academic readiness.

Other Campus Staff

Other campus personnel such as the nurse, librarian, and counselor will plan, implement, and demonstrate through non-instructional strategies and activities how students can develop as more engaged individuals in the learning process.

According to the National Center for School Engagement, collaboration with the community identifies that the use of community resources and services strengthen schools, families, and student learning and development. The article, "What Research Says About Family-School-Community Partnerships" goes on further to say that although children's school-community link is the least supported and publicized component of the school-family-community partnership model, research indicates that the quality of those connections influences children's school learning, (Article prepared for the Colorado Department of Education by NCSE - National Center for School Engagement - accessed September 21, 2008 - published October 2005). In addition, the school will enter a partnership with school staff, parents of students at the school, community and business leaders, school district administration, nonprofit organizations, and the Texas Education Agency to ensure higher academic standards.

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Management of Grant Activities – Describe how the LEA and campus will modify its practices and/or policies, as necessary, to ensure its implementation of the intervention(s) fully and effectively.

School Leadership Team – to include all individual groups to ensure overall planning, implementation, evaluation, and compliance of the campus transformation model. Program Manager will lead the team.

Campus Principals, Assistant Principals, Counselors, Coordinators, Instructional Support Staff – Program Implementation.

Counselors/Nurses/Librarians – Provide services regarding educational, social, emotional, and health services.

Director for Secondary Education – Program Management/Administration, Performance Evaluation and Reporting. Correspond via e-mails, phone, memos and conduct meetings as needed to ensure program compliance.

Executive Director for Curriculum and Instruction – Program planning, Implementation and formative and summative program evaluation.

Executive Director for Academic Accountability and Compliance - Program planning, Implementation and formative, summative program evaluation, program compliance and academic accountability.

Executive Director for Student Services – Provide services to parents and students regarding attendance, discipline, educational, social, emotional, and health services.

Deans/Instructional Specialists - Program planning, Implementation and formative and summative program evaluation, Benchmark testing, assessment results, planning of professional development sessions, budget, procurement, and overall program evaluation. Gather campus data from teachers, students and parents, correspond via e-mails, phone, memos and conduct meetings as needed to ensure program compliance.

Special Education Director/Supervisor – Provide services to parents and students regarding Special Education Programs, attendance, discipline, educational, social, emotional, and physical and mental health services. Provide referrals for students and parents to community based organizations that provide family services. Provides structured development of ARD's and meetings with school leaders, instructional staff, parents, and students.

Director for Guidance and At-Risk – Provide services to counselors, parents and students regarding educational, social, emotional, and physical and mental health services.

Director for Staff Development – Professional Development planning and implementation based on the transformation model requirements, instructional based content specific strategies, evaluation, and compliance.

Response to Intervention and Section 504 Coordinator – Provide services to parents and students regarding dyslexia, attendance, discipline, educational, social, emotional, and physical and mental health services. Provides structured development of ARD's and meetings with school leaders, instructional staff, parents, and students.

Chief Financial Officer/Director for Financial Management – Budgetary Compliance.

Procurement Director – Procurement Compliance.

Teachers – Program planning, assessment participation, student tracking, implementation of instructional planning, content delivery, classroom management and procedures, and technology integration.

Superintendent of Schools, School Board of Trustees, Community Member and Business Leaders - Procurement Compliance, Academic Accountability and Fiscal Accountability.

Parents – Academic Accountability as evident by active engagement in school activities, academic and extra-curricular.

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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.

The district central office administration will identify how other resources (federal, state, local, and private) will be utilized to coordinate services to support and sustain the school improvement intervention. Coordination of federal, state, and private funds will be ensured during the implementation process. Funds will be used to supplement not supplant current services and increase the level of services provided.

State Compensatory, Title I, and Local Funds will be used in conjunction with this program to maximize the use of funds through fund coordination and resources in order to ensure cost effectiveness.

Funds will be used to supplement not supplant current services and increase the level of services provided by the transformation model goals and objectives. Funds will be used to enhance academic content, instructional delivery methods and teacher content knowledge and instructional delivery methods.

The funds will be expended on programs that support the school improvement strategies of the transformation model to enhance teacher classroom preparedness, instructional delivery and content competency, improve high school graduation rates, improve at-risk student academic achievement on State assessments, improve student attendance rates, and student postsecondary readiness as per the Texas High School Completion and Success Initiative.

District staff coordination includes the Principals, Assistant Principals, Counselors, Director for Secondary Education, Instructional Deans/ Instructional Specialists, Special Education Director/Supervisor, Director for Secondary Education, Director for Guidance and At-Risk, Response to Intervention and Section 504 Coordinator, Executive Director for Curriculum and Instruction, Executive Director Student Services, Chief Financial Officer, Director for Financial Management, Executive Director for Academic Compliance and Accountability, Superintendent of Schools, the School Board of Trustees, Community Members, Business Leaders and Parents will ensure these funds are used exclusively on the required resources and materials needed to effectively carry out the TEKS driven curriculum's hands-on activities. They will have an in-depth understanding and will be well versed in the Texas Title I Priority School Grant fiscal guidelines and requirements. All materials will be purchased following a structured plan of approval at the campus and district levels. Campus administrative personnel of the school will demonstrate the responsible use of the funds to achieve school improvement.

Program funds will supplement and not supplant state mandates, SBOE rules or activities previously conducted with state and local funds.

The Laredo Independent School District is committed to sustain the transformation model strategies beyond the program completion date in order to ensure the continued enhancement of student academic achievement.

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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.

The Project Manager qualifications/responsibilities are as follows:

- Masters in Educational Administration.
- Texas Lifetime or Standard Mid-Management or Principal certificate;
- Some Administrative experience, preferred.
- Monitor instructional and managerial processes to ensure that program activities are related to program outcomes and use finding to modify/adjust as strategies as needed.
- Coordinates, reviews, develops, and revises instructional programs and related curriculum and materials.
- Compiles and maintains reports, records, contract management, and compliance.
- Evaluates findings including student achievement to examine the effectiveness and use of instructional materials.
- Plans, schedules and monitors staff professional development, including Content related, effective teaching and learning strategies, and P16 strategies.
- Disseminates information regarding current research-based instructional delivery and developments.
- Observe classroom instructional methods to facilitate academic improvement and innovation.
- Ensure that all at-risk students are engaged as an intricate part the transformation model program.
- Ensure that school leaders and teachers comply with state, district and program guidelines.
- Develop/revise roles and responsibilities to ensure compliance with Texas Education Agency standards.
- Work with School Leaders on issues relating to Student Services and Academic Achievement.
- Program Coordination and Planning while engaging in Professional Development sessions, Student Tutoring, Mentoring, Advisement and Enrichment.
- Ensure that all participants are provided prescriptive and differentiated academic support.
- Provide Communication amongst coordinator, parents and district personnel.
- Provide progress reporting.
- Provide pre and post assessments and make intervention recommendations for students.

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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.

The district has established a strong working relationship with school leadership teams to develop a stronger partnership and provide teachers professional development opportunities to enhance content knowledge, support the improvement of teachers' content knowledge and instructional expertise, place stronger emphasis on improving academic teachers' abilities to increase at-risk student performance in all academic areas, provide rigorous and engaging professional development program that redesigns structural and collaborative practices for teachers, develop the skills and knowledge of school leaders in the area of instruction, and Provide models of excellence in coaching teachers in instructional delivery to improve their knowledge and expertise.

The transformation strategies needed to address the comprehensive needs assessment performed by the district and campus along with the estimated budget provides a cost per student estimate for the entirety of the three year grant period as part of this application.

The transformation model services identified in the comprehensive needs assessment are as follows:

- 1) Instructional Knowledge, Planning and the use of Extended Learning Time
- 2) Instructional Delivery of Content and Common Planning
- 3) Differentiated Instruction Identified by Individual Student Need by providing effective use of supplemental resources.
- 4) Classroom Management and Procedures
- 5) Assistive Technology Usage and Technology Integration
- 6) Academic Enrichment Activities that promote active on-going student engagement
- 7) Professional Development
- 8) Parental and Community Involvement

Furthermore, a key practice in continuous school improvement will include a system of support where effective team planning, data-driven decision-making, evaluation, and analysis of programs will highlight and impact an individualized graduation plan (IGP) that encompasses a cross-discipline mixture of academic and elective courses designed to empower all students to take responsibility for their personal and educational development early in life.

An immediate evaluation of the transformation model and goal setting will address:

- An increase in the students academic performance and preparation for high school or college;
- An increase in the grade level completion rates by addressing the academic performance of students;
- An increase in students' and their families' knowledge of school improvement and school choice options, preparation, and services;
- An expectation to improve the counselor's knowledge and outreach competencies;
- An intensive outreach in response to student intervention by teachers, counselors, administrators, and parents for students in need of additional services and accommodations;
- A sustainable long-term transformation model that will support partnerships between teachers, students and parents;
- Administrators, teachers and counselors will work closely with students and parents regarding prescriptive tutorials for students struggling academically while helping the students in issues regarding their psychological, emotional, and social development through structured intervention strategies.

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

Program funds will supplement and not supplant state mandates, SBOE rules or activities previously conducted with state and local funds.

State Compensatory, Title I, and Local Funds will be used in conjunction with this program to maximize the use of funds through fund coordination and resources in order to ensure cost effectiveness.

The district central office administration will identify how other resources (federal, state, local, and private) will be utilized to coordinate services to support and sustain the school improvement. Coordination of federal, state, and private funds will be ensured during the grant negotiation process. Funds will be used to supplement not supplant current services and increase the level of services provided.

Funds will be used to supplement not supplant current services and increase the level of services provided. Funds will be used to enhance teacher content knowledge, instructional content and instructional delivery methods.

The funds will be expended on transformation model strategies to support the improvement of teacher classroom preparedness, instructional delivery and content competency, improve high school graduation rates, improve at-risk student academic achievement on State assessments, improve student attendance rates, and student postsecondary readiness as per the Texas High School Completion and Success Initiative.

The program also addresses the provisions in the district's P-16 strategic plan.

The program will sustain Program strategies beyond the grant program by providing a seamless professional development environment for teachers by implementing a comprehensive program whereby advanced technological tools are applied and integrated into the planning and development of the curriculum, thus improving teaching strategies and student State assessment results by 10% in all academic areas.

The district will also hold inclusion workshops whereby teachers will share what they have learned through the program by providing additional professional development opportunities to non participants and new teachers.

Laredo Independent School District is committed to continue to collaborate with community partners and providing continued additional professional development and instructional services beyond the grant program in order to continue to provide opportunities to achieve program objectives and district goals.

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

Laredo Independent School District will recruit external providers primarily to provide professional development to all campus administration, instructional staff, and non-instructional staff. The screening process will be decided upon based on our local procurement procedures regarding contracted services. The selection of external providers will be determined based on the campus comprehensive needs assessment.

Laredo Independent School District will work with our Regional Education Service (Region 1). Our Regional Educational Service Center will provide necessary staff development on an as needed basis using the recommended campus comprehensive needs assessment results.

The funding sources available will also provide Supplementary Education Services (SES) for students identified in need of additional remediation, acceleration and tutoring.

In addition, the campus will continue to collaborate with SIRC and Technical Assistance Provider (TAP) to ensure continual implementation of improvement efforts already in place through the Restructuring Plan and to effectively implement this proposed model.

Other service providers may be selected as-needed to serve our students, teachers, and parents depending on the types of services needed to support the Martin High School restructuring plan by incorporating the Transformation to Educational Excellence Model implementation components.

Additional services could include, but not be limited to social and health services, family services, student support services and/or students with disabilities services.

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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.

The Laredo Independent School District in continued support of the campuses intervention model may consider site visits to other campus that have implemented a model similar to this proposal.

The locations will be decided upon based on the comparable comparison reports provided by the Texas Education Agency. This report allows Laredo ISD to examine campuses with similar characteristics to be considered for site visitations.

When conducting site visits the school leadership teams will examine several factors that include:

- A review of comprehensive instructional reform strategies the campus adopted;
- Identification of instructional strategies that are research-based and vertically aligned from one grade to the next as well as aligned with State academic standards;
- Continuous use of student data (such as District Benchmark formative assessments, interim assessments, and summative assessments) to inform and differentiate instructional strategies to meet the academic needs of individual students.
- Review of community-oriented schools that include extended day, Saturday and summer enrichment programs that allow time for such strategies as advisory periods that build relationships between students, faculty, and other school staff;
- A review of class schedules and strategies that provide increased learning time;
- Review and observation of ongoing activities for family and community engagement;
- Review of operational flexibility and sustained support;
- Review of technical assistance and related support from the District, ESC's, Texas Education Agency and Professional Development providers.
- Review of compensation programs that attract and retain staff with the skills necessary to meet the needs of the students attending;
- Review of performance measures for evaluation of instructional practices resulting from professional development;
- Review of implementation of a school wide "response-to-intervention" model;
- Review of support and professional development to teachers and principals in order to evaluate 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;
- Review uses and integrated technology-based support and intervention as part of the instructional program;
- Review the establishment of early-warning systems that identify students who may be at risk of failing, dropping-out or graduating;
- Review the organizational culture and how it has improved school climate and discipline, such as implementing a system of positive behavioral supports and taking proactive steps to eliminate bullying and student harassment.

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Lack of Capacity -- If the LEA is not applying to serve each Tier I school (is not applying for grant funding for each Tier I school), provide a detailed explanation of why the LEA lacks capacity to serve each Tier I school.

The Laredo Independent School District lacks capacity to serve a Tier I school due to the fact that all campuses eligible for this grant opportunity are Tier III campuses.

Since, Laredo Independent School District does not have any Tier I schools it lacks capacity to service such a campus within its district's boundaries.

If indeed Laredo Independent School District had any Tier I campuses they would have included these campus as priority campuses to provide services.

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Section A: Intervention Model Selection Process

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

- Turnaround
 - Closure
 - Restart
 - Transformation
 - Tier III Modified Transformation
 - TEA Designed Model with Technical Assistance Provided by the School Improvement Resource Center
 - Supplemental Education Services (SES) incorporated into the intervention model
- Note: Applying to implement the TEA Approved Model with Technical Assistance Provided by the School Improvement Resource Center in no way implies or guarantees funding.*
- The LEA/campus will implement its own intervention design, within the parameters required by the final federal regulations released by USDE

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Section B: Model Selection Process –Describe in detail:

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

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The Laredo Independent School District and Martin High School will follow the Tier III Modified Transformation Model that aligns to our district and campus needs.

The Tier III Modified Transformation Model provides the district and campus the flexibility to implement a solid foundational intervention strategy that is based on the comprehensive needs assessment as it pertains to Martin High School improvement strategies.

The Tier III Modified Transformation Model was decided upon after the districts first initial meeting with Martin High School on April 26, 2010 and based on the campus comprehensive needs assessment findings. The **Transformation to Educational Excellence Model (TEEM)**, a comprehensive framework for systemic support provided by Region One was selected. This model will provide high quality support services to Martin High School educators and will enhance our local system-wide continuous improvement efforts outlined in our Restructuring Plan.

Martin High School is in its 5th stage of Needs Improvement to meet Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for Math and Reading in the LEP sub-group. As a campus identified as AYP Needs Improvement we are required to implement a Restructuring plan which was approved by TEA. For the continual implementation of the Restructuring plan, and to further enhance our resources to raise the achievement of our students to make adequate yearly progress and exit improvement status, Laredo ISD and Martin High school selected the **Transformation to Educational Excellence Model (TEEM)** to implement the strategies required through the TIER III Modified Transformation Model.

Model Selection Process and Timeline

The delineated timeline for the Tier III Modified Transformation Model and steps that the district and Martin High School has chosen to implement are as follows:

1. A comprehensive meeting with School Leadership to explain the purpose of the Texas Title I Priority Schools Grant Program (April 2010);
2. Meeting with School Leadership to develop the campus comprehensive needs assessment (April 2010);
3. Begin development of comprehensive needs assessment (April 2010);
4. Begin grant application development in order to meet TEA submission deadline (May 2010)
5. Meet with School Leadership Team to work on grant application based on comprehensive needs assessment and selected intervention model (May 2010);
6. Finalize grant application for submission (May 2010);
7. Begin planning and preparations to implement selected intervention model (June 2010 – August 2010);
8. Begin Implementation of Tier III Modified Transformation Model (September 2010):
 - Campus Principal summative evaluation;
 - Implement instructional strategies that are research-based and vertically aligned from one grade to the next as well as aligned with State academic standards;
 - Establishment of schedules and strategies that provide increased learning time;
9. Begin use of student data (such as District Benchmark formative assessments, interim assessments, and summative assessments) to inform and differentiate instructional strategies to meet the academic needs of

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- individual students (October 2010);
10. Begin establishing and/or creating community-oriented and ongoing activities for family and community engagement (October 2010);
 11. Establishment of planned operational flexibility and sustained support (October 2010);
 12. Ensure that Martin High School receives ongoing, intensive technical assistance and related support from the District, Region 1, Texas Education Agency and Professional Development providers (October 2010 – June 2013);
 13. Review of the identified the Critical Success Factor (s) including all campus activities, and supporting research that indicates the activities will be effective (October 2010 – June 2013);
 14. Begin Academic Performance reviews, including (but not limited to) Reading/ELA and Math benchmarks (November 2010);
 15. Begin enhanced data-driven instruction based on district approved instructional model (September 2010);
 16. Continue with curriculum alignment (both horizontal and vertical) and instructional strategies for increased learning times (September 2010);
 17. On-going monitoring of instruction, lesson plans, technology integration, and academic enrichment (October 2010 – May 2013);
 18. Increase use of quality data to drive instruction based on local assessment data and State assessment results (November 2010 – May 2013);
 19. Provide professional development workshop on data disaggregation and training using data-driven decision models (November 2010 – May 2013);
 20. Continued on-going communication with all stakeholders (April 2010 – June 2013);
 21. Increase leadership effectiveness through on-going job embedded professional development (August 2010 – May 2013);
 22. Ensure operational flexibility plan is being implemented and utilized as identified in the campus comprehensive needs assessment (September 2010 – May 2013);
 23. Increase parent/community involvement meetings for input, effective communication, activities and accessible community services (September 2010 – May 2013);
 24. Improve school climate through increased student attendance, decreased discipline referrals, and increased student involvement in extra/co-curricular activities (September 2010 – May 2013);
 25. Increase teacher quality through locally developed appraisal instruments, on-going professional development, and recruitment/retention strategies (August 2010 – June 2013).

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- 26. Plan and Implement extended learning times through after school programs, Saturdays and Summer Enrichment (September 2010 – May 2013).
- 27. **Continuous** professional development and technical assistance aligned with campus goals identified in the comprehensive needs assessment. The model integrates key improvement principles that are results-driven and include: Comprehensive Needs Assessment, Data Decision Making, Effective Leadership, Quality Teaching and Learning, Effective Processes and Systems, and Sustaining a Culture of Success. (On-Going)

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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	Principals, Career Academies Dean, Magnet School Director, and Assistant Principals
2	Campus-based ELA/Math/ESL Strategists
3	Teachers/Counselors/Nurses/Librarians
4	Director for Secondary Education and Federal Programs
5	District's Instructional Deans/Instructional Specialists
6	Special Education Director/Supervisor/Diagnosticians
7	Secondary Education Director
8	Director for Guidance and At-Risk
9	Director for Staff Development
10	Response to Intervention and Section 504 Coordinator
11	Executive Director for Curriculum and Instruction

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Section D: Improvement Activities and Timeline

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

For each additional improvement activity entered, enter the Critical Success Factor Code(s) from this table, enter the LEA/campus' rationale for including the activity, provide the supporting research that indicates the activity will be effective, and indicate the beginning and ending date of the activity.

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

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

CSF Milestone	Additional Improvement Activity	Rationale	Supporting Research	Timeline Begin Date	Timeline End Date
<p>Improve Academic Performance – Data-driven instruction -Curriculum alignment</p>	<p>Provide common planning time for teachers to enhance instruction, align/adjust curriculum and to analyze data.</p> <p>By planning together, teachers will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan lessons to ensure curriculum alignment • Share best practices and ideas • Analyze data identify students' strengths and weakness • ensure lessons are targeting students' weaknesses 	<p>Historical data reflects consistently low scores on State and local assessments as compared to State averages.</p> <p>Increased planning time allows teachers the opportunity to be prescriptive in their enhancement of their instruction and identification of students in need of additional support services.</p> <p>Reflective/prescriptive decision making process must be employed to formulate quality solutions that positively impact student academic achievement.</p>	<p>Bernhardt, V. (2006). <i>Using data to improve student learning in school districts</i>. Larchmont, NY: Eye on Education. Inc.</p> <p>Bransford, J. D. (Ed.). (2000). <i>How people learn: Brain, mind, experience and school</i> (Expanded Edition) Washington, DC: National Academy Press.</p> <p>Calkins, Andrew et al. "The turnaround Challenge: Why America's best opportunity to dramatically improve student achievement lies in our worst performing schools." 2007.</p>	<p>Sept 1, 2010</p>	<p>June 30, 2013</p>
<p>Improve Academic Performance – Data Driven Instruction</p>	<p>Implementation and evaluation of a school wide "response to intervention" model</p>	<p>Additional educational services for students identified with difficulties in achievement, attendance, and social behavior will promote added value and focus to academic achievement.</p>	<p>Bransford, J. D. (Ed.). (2000). <i>How people learn: Brain, mind, experience and school</i> (Expanded Edition) Washington, DC: National Academy Press.</p> <p>Brooks, J. G. & Brooks, M. G. (1999). <i>In search of understanding: The case for constructivist classrooms</i>. Alexandria, VA. Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.</p>	<p>Sept 1, 2010</p>	<p>June 30, 2013</p>

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Improve Academic Performance - data driven instruction - Curriculum Alignment	Provide on going Staff Development to improve the quality of teaching and learning.	Quality instruction requires a toolbox of knowledge and strategies. Various factors influence quality teaching and learning and student achievement, primarily teacher decisions on instructional strategies, classroom management techniques, and curriculum implementation.	Erickson, L. (2010) Conceptual designs for curriculum and higher-order instruction. In R. Marzano (ED) <i>On Excellence in Teaching</i> . Bloomington, IN: Solution Tree Press. Marzano, R.J. (2003). <i>What works in schools: Translating research into action</i> . Alexandria, VA: Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. Sparks, D. (2002). <i>Designing powerful professional development for teachers and principals</i> . Oxford, OH: National Staff Development Council.	October 1, 2010	June 30, 2013
Improve Academic Performance - Data Driven Instruction - On going Monitoring of Instruction	Administer Curriculum Based Assessments (CBAs) every 6 weeks to evaluate curriculum and to identify objectives that must be spiraled to the next 6 weeks and then re-assessed to ensure student success.	Data driven decision making allows teachers to ask questions, find solutions and monitor the effect of the solutions on student performance, teacher effectiveness, and curricular implementation.	Serim, Ferdi. (2002). <i>No more flying blind: using data driven decision making to guide student learning</i> . Bernhardt, V. (2006). <i>Using data to improve student learning in school districts</i> . Larchmont, NY: Eye on Education. Inc Bernhardt, V. (1998). <i>Data analysis for comprehensive school wide improvement</i> . Larchmont, NY: Eye on Education, Inc	October 1, 2010	June 30, 2013
Improve Academic Performance - Data Driven Instruction - on going monitoring of instruction	Administer TAKS Benchmarks, Pre and Post Assessments, to analyze student performance and modify/adjust instruction as needed.	Data driven decision making allows teachers to ask questions, find solutions and monitor the effect of the solutions on student performance, teacher effectiveness, and curricular implementation.	Serim, Ferdi. (2002). <i>No more flying blind: using data driven decision making to guide student learning</i> . Bernhardt, V. (2006). <i>Using data to improve student learning in school districts</i> . Larchmont, NY: Eye on Education. Inc	October 1, 2010	June 30, 2013

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Improve Academic Performance – Data Driven Instruction	Provide prescriptive remediation, reinforcement, acceleration, and enrichment activities	Additional educational services for students identified with difficulties in achievement, attendance, and social behavior will promote student academic success.	Bransford, J. D. (Ed.). (2000). <i>How people learn: Brain, mind, experience and school</i> (Expanded Edition) Washington, DC: National Academy Press. Brooks, J. G. & Brooks, M. G. (1999). <i>In search of understanding: The case for constructivist classrooms</i> . Alexandria, VA. Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. Calkins, Andrew et al. "The turnaround Challenge: Why America's best opportunity to dramatically improve student achievement lies in our worst performing schools."2007.	October 1, 2010	June 30, 2013
Improve Academic Performance – Data Driven Instruction	Provide Credit recovery toward completion of district and/or State graduation requirements. (i.e Plato, online courses)	Additional educational services for students identified with difficulties in achievement, attendance, and social behavior and who are at risk of graduating will help encourage students to stay in school will prepare students to complete post secondary education and/or pursue career pathways.	Bransford, J. D. (Ed.). (2000). <i>How people learn: Brain, mind, experience and school</i> (Expanded Edition) Washington, DC: National Academy Press. Brooks, J. G. & Brooks, M. G. (1999). <i>In search of understanding: The case for constructivist classrooms</i> . Alexandria, VA. Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. Calkins, Andrew et al. "The turnaround Challenge: Why America's best opportunity to dramatically improve student achievement lies in our worst performing schools."2007.	Sept 1, 2010	June 30, 2013
Improve Academic Performance – On going monitoring of instructions	Refine our established partnership with Supplemental Educational Services (SES) providers.	Provide students opportunities to receive services that provide them with intervention to ensure academic success.	Bransford, J. D. (Ed.). (2000). <i>How people learn: Brain, mind, experience and school</i> (Expanded Edition) Washington, DC: National Academy Press. Calkins, Andrew et al.	October 1, 2010	June 30, 2013

			"The turnaround Challenge: Why America's best opportunity to dramatically improve student achievement lies in our worst performing schools."2007		
Improve Academic Performance – Data Driven Instruction	Provide Small Group Prescriptive Instruction including 15 to 1 student/teacher ratio	Additional educational services for students identified with difficulties in achievement, attendance, and social behavior will promote academic success. Small group instructions will be prescriptive to student's needs.	Bransford, J. D. (Ed.). (2000). <i>How people learn: Brain, mind, experience and school</i> (Expanded Edition) Washington, DC: National Academy Press. Brooks, J. G. & Brooks, M. G. (1999). <i>In search of understanding: The case for constructivist classrooms</i> . Alexandria, VA. Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. Calkins, Andrew et al. "The turnaround Challenge: Why America's best opportunity to dramatically improve student achievement lies in our worst performing schools."2007.	October 1, 2010	June 30, 2013
Improve Academic Performance – Curriculum Alignment	Provide Seminars and Educational Trips to Engage Students in Hands-on/Minds-on Activities	Additional educational services for students identified with difficulties in achievement, attendance, and social behavior will ensure student success. Providing student engagement in activities will increase student results and prepare students to complete post secondary education and/or pursue career pathways. In addition, students do not have many opportunities to explore beyond their own community to get a global perspective or enculturation of diverse community interactions.	North Central Regional Educational Laboratory (NCREL). (2003). <i>Critical issue:Providing hands-On, minds-on, and authentic learning experiences in science</i> . Retrieved March 10, 2006, from http://www.ncrel.org/	October 1, 2010	June 30, 2013
Improve Academic Performance – Curriculum Alignment	Increase academic rigor through advanced coursework (AP, concurrent and dual enrollment)	Additional educational services for students identified with difficulties in achievement, attendance, and social behavior will increase student results and	Bransford, J. D. (Ed.). (2000). <i>How people learn: Brain, mind, experience and school</i> (Expanded Edition) Washington, DC: National Academy Press.	Sept 1, 2010	June 30, 2013

		prepare students to complete post secondary education and/or pursue career pathways	<p>Brooks, J. G. & Brooks, M. G. (1999). <i>In search of understanding: The case for constructivist classrooms</i>. Alexandria, VA. Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.</p> <p>Calkins, Andrew et al. "The turnaround Challenge: Why America's best opportunity to dramatically improve student achievement lies in our worst performing schools." 2007.</p> <p>Texas College and Career Readiness Program (2008) Retrieved April 9, 2010 from http://www.txccrs.org/index.htm</p>		
Improve Academic Performance – Data Driven Instruction	Provide Students with Advanced Technologies	<p>Advanced Technological tools engage students and challenge their ability to become skilled learners.</p> <p>Additionally, there has been a lack of additional educational services for students identified with difficulties in achievement, attendance, and social behavior.</p> <p>In addition, there is a need to provide students opportunities to receive services that provide them with intervention, remediation, acceleration and/or credit recovery.</p>	<p>National Center for Research and Evaluation, Standards, and Student Testing, University of California, O'Neil, H. F. (2003).</p> <p>What Works in Distance Learning (Report to the Office of Naval Research). University of Southern California, Rossier School of Education; and National Standards for Quality Online Teaching. North American Council for Online Learning; Ascough, R.S. (2002).</p> <p>Designing for online distance education: Putting pedagogy before technology. <i>Teaching Theology and Religion</i>, 5(1), 17-29. Texas A&M International University;</p> <p>Roberts, J. Scott (2001) "Potential Users' and Users' Behavioral Intentions Toward the Adoption of Information Technology, Thesis Publication.</p>	August 1, 2010	June 30, 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
Increase the use of Quality data to Drive Instruction – Data Disaggregation - Data Driven Decision	Administer Curriculum Based Assessments (CBAs) every 6 weeks to evaluate curriculum and to identify objectives that must be spiraled to the next 6 weeks and then re-assessed to ensure student success.	<p>Historical data reflects consistently low scores on State and local assessments as compared to State averages.</p> <p>Data driven decision making allows teachers to ask questions, find solutions and monitor the effect of the solutions on student performance, teacher effectiveness, and curricular implementation.</p>	<p>Serim, Ferdi. (2002). <i>No more flying blind: using data driven decision making to guide student learning.</i></p> <p>Bernhardt, V. (2006). <i>Using data to improve student learning in school districts.</i> Larchmont, NY: Eye on Education. Inc</p> <p>Bernhardt, V. (1998) <i>Data analysis for comprehensive school wide improvement.</i> Larchmont, NY: Eye on Education, Inc.</p>	October 1, 2010	June 30, 2013
Increase the Use of Quality data to Drive Instruction – Data-Driven Decisions/On-going Communication/Data Disaggregation/training	Evaluate Programs effectiveness by Compiling and Analyzing program Data	<p>Data-driven decision making, communication, and data disaggregation will provided quality outcomes to school improvement.</p> <p>Quantifiable and qualitative data sources and analysis need to become vertically and horizontally tied to leadership and learning.</p>	<p>Serim, Ferdi. (2002). <i>No more flying blind: using data driven decision making to guide student learning.</i></p> <p>Bernhardt, V. (2006). <i>Using data to improve student learning in school districts.</i> Larchmont, NY: Eye on Education. Inc</p> <p>Bernhardt, V. (1998) <i>Data analysis for comprehensive school wide improvement.</i> Larchmont, NY: Eye on Education, Inc.</p>	January 3, 2010	June 30, 2013
Increase the Use of Quality data to Drive Instruction – Data-Driven Decisions/On-going Communication	Administer Benchmarks; Disaggregate and Disseminate District Benchmark Data	Data-driven decision making, communication, and data disaggregation will provided quality	Serim, Ferdi. (2002). <i>No more flying blind: using data driven decision making to guide student learning.</i>	Nov 4, 2010	June 30, 2013

	to all stakeholders.	<p>outcomes to school improvement.</p> <p>Quantifiable and qualitative data sources and analysis need to become vertically and horizontally tied to leadership and learning.</p> <p>Data-driven decisions require real-time data feedback in order to make immediate decisions regarding instructional methods.</p>	<p>Bernhardt, V. (2006). <i>Using data to improve student learning in school districts</i>. Larchmont, NY: Eye on Education. Inc</p> <p>Bernhardt, V. (1998) <i>Data analysis for comprehensive school wide improvement</i>. Larchmont, NY: Eye on Education, Inc.</p> <p>Calkins, Andrew et al. "The turnaround Challenge: Why America's best opportunity to dramatically improve student achievement lies in our worst performing schools."2007.</p>		
Increase the Use of Quality data to Drive Instruction – Data-Driven Decisions/On-going Communication/Data Disaggregation/training	<p>Provide continuous evaluation on Student academic services and student support services.</p> <p>Evaluations include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teacher surveys 2. Student surveys 3. Parent surveys 4. Classroom observations 5. Student Participation in activities outside the classroom 6. etc. 	<p>Data-driven decision making, communication, and data disaggregation will provided quality outcomes to school improvement.</p> <p>Quantifiable and qualitative data sources and analysis need to become vertically and horizontally tied to leadership and learning.</p> <p>Data-driven decisions require real-time data feedback in order to make immediate decisions regarding instructional methods.</p> <p>Evaluation and training on budgets, program evaluation and monitoring, compliance with grant guidelines and data quality is needed to make sound informed decisions.</p>	<p>Bransford, J. D. (Ed.). (2000). <i>How people learn: Brain, mind, experience and school</i> (Expanded Edition) Washington, DC: National Academy Press.</p> <p>Brooks, J. G. & Brooks, M. G. (1999). <i>In search of understanding: The case for constructivist classrooms</i>. Alexandria, VA. Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.</p> <p>Calkins, Andrew et al. "The turnaround Challenge: Why America's best opportunity to dramatically improve student achievement lies in our worst performing schools."2007.</p>	October 1, 2010	June 30, 2013

<p>Increase the Use of Quality data to Drive Instruction – Data-Driven Decisions/On-going Communication/Data Disaggregation/training</p>	<p>Provide professional development training/activities To include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Data Analysis 2. AEIS/AYP 3. Understanding and using different types of data 4. Connecting data to learning standards 5. etc 	<p>Historically data-driven decision making, communication, and seem less disaggregation have not provided quality outcomes to school improvement.</p> <p>Quantifiable and qualitative data sources and analysis need to become vertically and horizontally tied to leadership and learning.</p> <p>Data-driven decisions require real-time data feedback in order to make immediate decisions regarding instructional methods and student identification for additional support services.</p> <p>Evaluation and training on budgets, program evaluation and monitoring, compliance with grant guidelines and data quality is needed to make sound informed decisions.</p> <p>More Professional Development sessions are needed to provide effective leadership training/activities and more comprehensive educational administration decision making.</p>	<p>Calkins, Andrew et al. "The turnaround Challenge: Why America's best opportunity to dramatically improve student achievement lies in our worst performing schools."2007.</p> <p>Serim, Ferdi. (2002). <i>No more flying blind: using data driven decision making to guide student learning.</i></p> <p>Erickson, L. (2010) Conceptual designs for curriculum and higher-order instruction. In R. Marzano (ED) <i>On Excellence in Teaching.</i> Bloomington, IN: Solution Tree Press.</p> <p>Marzano, R.J. (2003). <i>What works in schools: Translating research into action.</i> Alexandria, VA: Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.</p> <p>Sparks, D. (2002). <i>Designing powerful professional development for teachers and principals.</i> Oxford, OH: National Staff Development Council.</p>	<p>October 1, 2010</p>	<p>June 30, 2013</p>
<p>Increase the Use of Quality data to Drive Instruction – Data-Driven Decisions/On-going Communication/Data</p>	<p>Provide ongoing evaluation of Research based instructional strategies to enhance the</p>	<p>Data-driven decision making, communication, research based instructional strategies,</p>	<p>Erickson, L. (2010) Conceptual designs for curriculum and higher-order instruction. In R. Marzano (ED) <i>On Excellence in Teaching.</i></p>	<p>October 1, 2010</p>	<p>June 30, 2013</p>

Disaggregation/training	teaching and learning process	<p>instructional evaluation and seem less disaggregation have not provided quality outcomes to school improvement strategies.</p> <p>Quantifiable and qualitative data sources and analysis need to become vertically and horizontally tied to leadership and learning using research based strategies.</p> <p>Data-driven decisions require real-time data feedback in order to make immediate decisions regarding instructional methods and student identification for additional support services.</p> <p>Evaluation and training on budgets, program evaluation and monitoring, compliance with grant guidelines and data quality is needed to make sound informed decisions.</p>	<p>Bloomington, IN: Solution Tree Press.</p> <p>Marzano, R.J. (2003). <i>What works in schools: Translating research into action</i>. Alexandria, VA: Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.</p>		
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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
Increase Leadership effectiveness -Resource Data Utilization	Equip school leaders to support and facilitate teachers' efforts to increase student achievement in mathematics, reading, writing, social studies, and science.	<p>Historically data-driven decision making, communication, research based instructional strategies, instructional evaluation and seem less disaggregation have not provided quality outcomes to school improvement strategies.</p> <p>Quantifiable and qualitative data sources and analysis need to become vertically and horizontally tied to leadership and learning using research based strategies.</p> <p>Data-driven decisions require real-time data feedback in order to make immediate decisions regarding instructional methods and student identification for additional support services.</p> <p>Evaluation and training on budgets, program evaluation and monitoring, compliance with grant guidelines and data quality is needed to make</p>	<p>Leithwood, Kenneth et al, "How Leadership Influences Student Learning." Wallace foundation, 2004.</p> <p>Lambert, L. (1998). <i>Building Leadership capacity in schools.</i> Alexandria, VA: ASCD</p> <p>Marzano, R. J., Waters, T., & McNulty, B.A. (2005). <i>School leadership that works: From research to results.</i> Alexandria, VA: ASCD</p> <p>Maxwell, J.C. (1995). <i>Developing the leaders around you.</i> Nashville, TN: INJOY, Inc.</p>	August 1, 2010	June 30, 2013

		<p>sound informed decisions.</p> <p>More Professional Development sessions are needed to provide effective leadership training and more comprehensive educational administration decision making.</p>			
<p>Increase Leadership effectiveness – Operational Flexibility/Resource data Utilization/On-Going Job Embedded Professional development</p>	<p>Provide opportunities for leadership development for administrators and Dept. Heads.</p>	<p>Historically data-driven decision making, communication, research based instructional strategies, instructional evaluation and seem less disaggregation have not provided quality outcomes to school improvement strategies.</p> <p>Quantifiable and qualitative data sources and analysis need to become vertically and horizontally tied to leadership and learning using research based strategies.</p> <p>Data-driven decisions require real-time data feedback in order to make immediate decisions regarding instructional methods and student identification for additional support services.</p> <p>More Professional Development sessions are needed to provide effective leadership training and more comprehensive educational administration decision making.</p>	<p>Leithwood, Kenneth et al, "How Leadership Influences Student Learning." Wallace foundation, 2004.</p> <p>Calkins, Andrew et al. "The turnaround Challenge: Why America's best opportunity to dramatically improve student achievement lies in our worst performing schools." 2007.</p>	<p>August 1, 2010</p>	<p>June 30, 2013</p>

<p>Increase Leadership effectiveness – Operational Flexibility/Resource data Utilization</p>	<p>Design Activities to include Innovative and/or Interdisciplinary Approaches to program Content</p> <p>For example a campus wide project involving all content areas in collaboration with Career and Technology.</p>	<p>Historically data-driven decision making, communication, research based instructional strategies, instructional evaluation and seem less disaggregation have not provided quality outcomes to school improvement strategies.</p> <p>Quantifiable and qualitative data sources and analysis need to become vertically and horizontally tied to leadership and learning using research based strategies.</p> <p>Data-driven decisions require real-time data feedback in order to make immediate decisions regarding instructional methods and student identification for additional support services.</p> <p>More Professional Development sessions are needed to provide effective leadership training and more comprehensive educational administration decision making.</p>	<p>Leithwood, Kenneth et al, "How Leadership Influences Student Learning." Wallance foundation, 2004.</p> <p>Calkins, Andrew et al. "The turnaround Challenge: Why America's best opportunity to dramatically improve student achievement lies in our worst performing schools."2007.</p> <p>Lambert, L. (1998). <i>Building Leadership capacity in schools.</i> Alexandria, VA: ASCD</p> <p>Marzano, R. J., Waters, T., & McNulty, B.A. (2005). <i>School leadership that works: From research to results.</i> Alexandria, VA: ASCD</p> <p>Maxwell, J.C. (1995). <i>Developing the leaders around you.</i> Nashville, TN: INJOY, Inc.</p>	<p>August 1, 2010</p>	<p>June 30, 2013</p>
<p>Increase Leadership effectiveness – Operational Flexibility/Resource data Utilization/On-Going Job Embedded Professional development</p>	<p>Establishing and creating leadership retreats for Leadership Team members</p>	<p>Focused meetings on enriching leadership quality skills and creating a sense of rebirth for effective leadership.</p>	<p>Leithwood, Kenneth et al, "How Leadership Influences Student Learning." Wallance foundation, 2004.</p> <p>Lambert, L. (1998). <i>Building Leadership capacity in schools.</i> Alexandria, VA: ASCD</p> <p>Marzano, R. J., Waters, T., & McNulty, B.A. (2005). <i>School leadership</i></p>		

			<p><i>that works: From research to results.</i> Alexandria, VA: ASCD</p> <p>Maxwell, J.C. (1995). <i>Developing the leaders around you.</i> Nashville, TN: INJOY, Inc.</p>		
Increase Leadership effectiveness – Operational Flexibility/Resource data Utilization/On-Going Job Embedded Professional development	Principal/School leadership team evaluation through observation based assessment of performance (i.e. Tiger walks)	<p>Historically data-driven decision making, communication, research based instructional strategies, instructional evaluation and seem less disaggregation have not provided quality outcomes to school improvement strategies.</p> <p>Quantifiable and qualitative data sources and analysis need to become vertically and horizontally tied to leadership and learning using research based strategies.</p> <p>Data-driven decisions require real-time data feedback in order to make immediate decisions regarding instructional methods and student identification for additional support services.</p> <p>Evaluation and training on program evaluation and monitoring, compliance with grant guidelines and data quality is needed to make sound informed decisions.</p> <p>More Professional Development sessions are needed to provide effective</p>	<p>Leithwood, Kenneth et al, "How Leadership Influences Student Learning." Wallace foundation, 2004.</p> <p>Calkins, Andrew et al. "The turnaround Challenge: Why America's best opportunity to dramatically improve student achievement lies in our worst performing schools."2007.</p> <p>Lambert, L. (1998). <i>Building Leadership capacity in schools.</i> Alexandria, VA: ASCD</p> <p>Marzano, R. J., Waters, T., & McNulty, B.A. (2005). <i>School leadership that works: From research to results.</i> Alexandria, VA: ASCD</p> <p>Maxwell, J.C. (1995). <i>Developing the leaders around you.</i> Nashville, TN: INJOY, Inc.</p>	August 1, 2010	June 30, 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
Increase Learning Time - Instructionally-focused Calendar	Provide Seminars and Educational Trips to Engage Students in Hands-on/Minds-on Activities	<p>Historical data reflects consistently low scores on State and local assessments as compared to State averages.</p> <p>Additionally, there has been a lack of additional educational services for students identified with difficulties in achievement, attendance, and social behavior.</p>	<p>North Central Regional Educational Laboratory (NCREL). (2003). <i>Critical issue: Providing hands-On, minds-on, and authentic learning experiences in science</i>. Retrieved March 10, 2006, from http://www.ncrel.org/</p> <p>Brooks, J. G. & Brooks, M. G. (1999). <i>In search of understanding: The case for constructivist classrooms</i>. Alexandria, VA. Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.</p>	Sept 1, 2010	June 30, 2013
Increased Learning Time - Flexible Scheduling	Implement Extended Day, Saturday and Summer Enrichments Activities	<p>Historical data reflects consistently low scores on State and local assessments as compared to State averages.</p> <p>Additionally, there has been a lack of additional educational services for students identified with difficulties in achievement, attendance, and social behavior.</p>	<p>Calkins, Andrew et al. "The turnaround Challenge: Why America's best opportunity to dramatically improve student achievement lies in our worst performing schools."2007.</p>	Sept 1, 2010	June 30, 2013
Increased Learning Time - Flexible Scheduling	Provide Additional Academic Support Services - Credit Recovery/Advanced Placement (i.e Plato, online courses, concurrent/dual enrollment	<p>Historical data reflects consistently low scores on State and local assessments as compared to State averages.</p> <p>Additionally, there has been a lack of additional educational services for students identified with difficulties in achievement, attendance,</p>	<p>Calkins, Andrew et al. "The turnaround Challenge: Why America's best opportunity to dramatically improve student achievement lies in our worst performing schools."2007.</p>	Sept 1, 2010	June 30, 2013

		and social behavior.			
Increased Learning Time – Flexible Scheduling	<p>Provide increased learning time through scheduling and instructional strategies</p> <p>Schedule an additional intervention course in Math and/or English to students at risk of not meeting the standard, as outlined in the Restructuring Plan.</p>	<p>Historical data reflects consistently low scores on State and local assessments as compared to State averages.</p> <p>Additionally, there has been a lack of additional educational services for students identified with difficulties in achievement, attendance, and social behavior.</p>	<p>Bransford, J. D. (Ed.). (2000). <i>How people learn: Brain, mind, experience and school</i> (Expanded Edition) Washington, DC: National Academy Press.</p> <p>Comprehensive instructional approaches, technical support, and technologically enhanced course curriculum that is scientifically based research. Clark, R. (2002).</p> <p>Brooks, J. G. & Brooks, M. G. (1999). <i>In search of understanding: The case for constructivist classrooms</i>. Alexandria, VA. Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.</p> <p>Calkins, Andrew et al. "The turnaround Challenge: Why America's best opportunity to dramatically improve student achievement lies in our worst performing schools."2007.</p>	Aug. 1, 2010	June 30, 2013
Increased Learning Time – Instructionally Focused Calendar	<p>Create an effective campus-wide management plan to include:</p> <p>Bell to Bell Instruction Start on Time CHAMPS</p>	<p>Implementation of processes and the development of organizational structures will expand the capacity of schools to impact student academic achievement.</p>	<p>Bransford, J. D. (Ed.). (2000). <i>How people learn: Brain, mind, experience and school</i> (Expanded Edition) Washington, DC: National Academy Press.</p> <p>Brooks, J. G. & Brooks, M. G. (1999). <i>In search of understanding: The case for constructivist classrooms</i>. Alexandria, VA. Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.</p> <p>Calkins, Andrew et al. "The turnaround Challenge: Why America's best opportunity to dramatically improve student achievement lies in our worst performing schools."2007.</p>		

<p>Increased Learning Time - Instructionally-focused Calendar</p>	<p>Maximize instructional time during the day by adding a Zero hour course for extra curricular activities.</p>	<p>Historical data reflects consistently low scores on State and local assessments as compared to State averages.</p> <p>Moving the extra curricular classes to a zero hour at the end of the day will allow flexibility in scheduling students in appropriate intervention courses.</p>	<p>Bransford, J. D. (Ed.). (2000). <i>How people learn: Brain, mind, experience and school</i> (Expanded Edition) Washington, DC: National Academy Press.</p> <p>Brooks, J. G. & Brooks, M. G. (1999). <i>In search of understanding: The case for constructivist classrooms</i>. Alexandria, VA. Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.</p> <p>Calkins, Andrew et al. "The turnaround Challenge: Why America's best opportunity to dramatically improve student achievement lies in our worst performing schools."2007.</p>	<p>Aug. 1, 2010</p>	<p>June 30, 2013</p>
<p>Increased Learning Time - Instructionally-focused Calendar - staff collaborative planning</p>	<p>Provide common planning time for teacher to enhance instruction</p>	<p>Historical data reflects consistently low scores on State and local assessments as compared to State averages.</p> <p>Additionally, there has been a lack of additional educational services for students identified with difficulties in achievement, attendance, and social behavior.</p> <p>Increased planning time allows teachers the opportunity to enhance instruction and identify students in need of additional support services.</p>	<p>Bransford, J. D. (Ed.). (2000). <i>How people learn: Brain, mind, experience and school</i> (Expanded Edition) Washington, DC: National Academy Press.</p> <p>Comprehensive instructional approaches, technical support, and technologically enhanced course curriculum that is scientifically based research. Clark, R. (2002).</p> <p>Brooks, J. G. & Brooks, M. G. (1999). <i>In search of understanding: The case for constructivist classrooms</i>. Alexandria, VA. Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.</p> <p>Calkins, Andrew et al. "The turnaround Challenge: Why America's best opportunity to dramatically improve student achievement lies in our worst performing schools."2007.</p>	<p>Sept 1, 2010</p>	<p>June 30, 2013</p>
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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
Increase Parent/Community Involvement – Increased opportunities for Input/Effective Communication/Acceptable Community Services	Provide school facilities as venue to involve increase parental involvement: 1. Boys and Girls Club basketball games 2. Community Blood Drive 3. Health Science Magnet Health Fair 4. Career Under the Stars Night 5. Bilingual ESL Classes 6. Meet the Teacher/Counselor Night 7. Freshmen Fish Camp 8. Parent Fun Night 9. Etc.	Parental/Community involvement activities have not had the desired effect on parental participation. A more structured approach to engage parents more effectively is required. In addition, the number of parent/community involvement activities is in need of enhancement to become more customer service oriented through active engagement of parents/community members in activities that educate as well as provide opportunity for effective input and communication.	Parental Involvement in Education, according to Kathleen Cotton and Karen Reed Wikeland, research overwhelmingly demonstrates that parent involvement in children's learning is positively related to achievement. The more intensively parents are involved in their children's learning, the more beneficial are the achievement effects. This holds true for all types of parent involvement in children's learning and for all ages of students. (http://www.nwrel.org - retrieved on September 21, 2008) What Research Says About Family-School-Community Partnerships goes on further to say that although children's school-community link is the least supported and publicized component of the school-family-community partnership model, research indicates that the quality of those connections influences children's school learning, (Article prepared for the Colorado Department of Education by NCSE - National Center for School Engagement - accessed September 21, 2008 - published October 2005).	Sept 1, 2010	June 30, 2013
Increase Parent/Community	Distribution of surveys to parents	Parental involvement activities have not	Parental Involvement in Education, according to	Sept 1, 2010	June 30, 2013

<p>Involvement - Increased opportunities for Input/Effective Communication</p>	<p>in regards to program effectiveness</p>	<p>had the desired effect on parental participation. A more structured approach to engage parents more effectively is required.</p> <p>In addition, the number of parent/community involvement activities are in need of enhancement to become more customer service oriented through active engagement of parents/community members in activities that educate as well as provide opportunity for effective input and communication.</p>	<p>Kathleen Cotton and Karen Reed Wikelund, research overwhelmingly demonstrates that parent involvement in children's learning is positively related to achievement.</p> <p>The more intensively parents are involved in their children's learning, the more beneficial are the achievement effects. This hold true for all types of parent involvement in children's learning and for all ages of students. (http://www.nwrel.org - retrieved on September 21, 2008)</p> <p>What Research Says About Family-School-Community Partnerships goes on further to say that although children's school-community link is the least supported and publicized component of the school-family-community partnership model, research indicates that the quality of those connections influences children's school learning, (Article prepared for the Colorado Department of Education by NCSE - National Center for School Engagement - accessed September 21, 2008 - published October 2005).</p>		
<p>Increase Parent/Community Involvement - Increased opportunities for Input/Effective Communication/Acceptable Community Services</p>	<p>Community/Parent outreach through mail out, Internet, Advertisement, parent liason.</p>	<p>Parental involvement activities have not had the desired effect on parental participation. A more structured approach to engage parents more effectively is required.</p> <p>In addition, the number of parent/community involvement activities are in need of enhancement to become more customer service oriented through</p>	<p>Parental Involvement in Education, according to Kathleen Cotton and Karen Reed Wikelund, research overwhelmingly demonstrates that parent involvement in children's learning is positively related to achievement.</p> <p>The more intensively parents are involved in their children's learning, the more beneficial are the achievement effects. This hold true for all types of parent involvement in children's learning and for all ages of students. (http://www.nwrel.org -</p>	<p>Sept 1, 2010</p>	<p>June 30, 2013</p>

		active engagement of parents/community members in activities that educate as well as provide opportunity for effective input and communication.	retrieved on September 21, 2008)		
Increase Parent/Community Involvement – Increased opportunities for Input/Effective Communication/Accessible Community Services	Coordinate with community programs/social service providers, and family oriented support services	<p>Parental/Community involvement activities have not had the desired effect on parental participation. A more structured approach to engage parents more effectively is required.</p> <p>In addition, the number of parent/community involvement activities is in need of enhancement to become more customer service oriented through active engagement of parents/community members in activities that educate as well as provide opportunity for effective input and communication.</p>	<p>Parental Involvement in Education, according to Kathleen Cotton and Karen Reed Wikelund, research overwhelmingly demonstrates that parent involvement in children's learning is positively related to achievement.</p> <p>The more intensively parents are involved in their children's learning, the more beneficial are the achievement effects. This hold true for all types of parent involvement in children's learning and for all ages of students. (http://www.nwrel.org - retrieved on September 21, 2008)</p> <p>What Research Says About Family-School-Community Partnerships goes on further to say that although children's school-community link is the least supported and publicized component of the school-family-community partnership model, research indicates that the quality of those connections influences children's school learning, (Article prepared for the Colorado Department of Education by NCSE - National Center for School Engagement - accessed September 21, 2008 - published October 2005).</p>	Sept 1, 2010	June 30, 2013
Increase Parent/Community Involvement – Increased opportunities for Input/Effective Communication/Accessible Community Services	Participate in the District's yearly parental involvement conference and parental involvement activities	Parental involvement activities have not had the desired effect on parental participation. A more structured approach to engage parents more effectively is	Parental Involvement in Education, according to Kathleen Cotton and Karen Reed Wikelund, research overwhelmingly demonstrates that parent involvement in children's learning is positively related to achievement.	Sept 1, 2010	June 30, 2013

		<p>required.</p> <p>In addition, the number of parent/community involvement activities is in need of enhancement to become more customer service oriented through active engagement of parents/community members in activities that educate as well as provide opportunity for effective input and communication.</p>	<p>The more intensively parents are involved in their children's learning, the more beneficial are the achievement effects. This hold true for all types of parent involvement in children's learning and for all ages of students. (http://www.nwrel.org - retrieved on September 21, 2008)</p> <p>What Research Says About Family-School-Community Partnerships goes on further to say that although children's school-community link is the least supported and publicized component of the school-family-community partnership model, research indicates that the quality of those connections influences children's school learning, (Article prepared for the Colorado Department of Education by NCSE - National Center for School Engagement - accessed September 21, 2008 - published October 2005).</p>		
<p>Increase Parent/Community Involvement - Increased opportunities for Input/Effective Communication/Acceptable Community Services</p>	<p>Recruitment of Parental and Community Volunteers</p>	<p>Parental involvement activities have not had the desired effect on parental participation. A more structured approach to engage parents more effectively is required.</p> <p>In addition, the number of parent/community involvement activities are in need of enhancement to become more customer service oriented through active engagement of parents/community members in activities that educate as well as provide opportunity</p>	<p>Parental Involvement in Education, according to Kathleen Cotton and Karen Reed Wikelund, research overwhelmingly demonstrates that parent involvement in children's learning is positively related to achievement.</p> <p>The more intensively parents are involved in their children's learning, the more beneficial are the achievement effects. This hold true for all types of parent involvement in children's learning and for all ages of students. (http://www.nwrel.org - retrieved on September 21, 2008)</p> <p>What Research Says About Family-School-Community Partnerships goes on further to say</p>	<p>August 1, 2010</p>	<p>June 30, 2013</p>

		for effective input and communication.	that although children's school-community link is the least supported and publicized component of the school-family-community partnership model, research indicates that the quality of those connections influences children's school learning, (Article prepared for the Colorado Department of Education by NCSE - National Center for School Engagement - accessed September 21, 2008 - published October 2005).		
Increase Parent/Community Involvement – Increased opportunities for Input/Effective Communication/Accessible Community Services	Continued and sustained parental notification in regards to school improvement strategies	<p>Parental involvement activities have not had the desired effect on parental participation. A more structured approach to engage parents more effectively is required.</p> <p>In addition, the number of parent/community involvement activities is in need of enhancement to become more customer service oriented through active engagement of parents/community members in activities that educate as well as provide opportunity for effective input and communication.</p>	<p>Parental Involvement in Education, according to Kathleen Cotton and Karen Reed Wikelund, research overwhelmingly demonstrates that parent involvement in children's learning is positively related to achievement.</p> <p>Parents are involved in their children's learning, the more beneficial are the achievement effects. This hold true for all types of parent involvement in children's learning and for all ages of students. (http://www.nwrel.org - retrieved on Sept 21, 2008)</p> <p>What Research Says About Family-School-Community Partnerships goes on further to say that although children's school-community link is the least supported and publicized component of the school-family-community partnership model, research indicates that the quality of those connections influences children's school learning, (Article prepared for the Colorado Department of Education by NCSE - National Center for School Engagement - accessed September 21, 2008 - published October 2005).</p>	Sept 1, 2010	June 30, 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
Improve School Climate - Increased attendance - decreased discipline referrals	Establish a Discipline Advisory Committee (DAC)	Teachers will take ownership of an effective discipline management plan.	<p>Bransford, J. D. (Ed.). (2000). <i>How people learn: Brain, mind, experience and school</i> (Expanded Edition) Washington, DC: National Academy Press.</p> <p>Brooks, J. G. & Brooks, M. G. (1999). <i>In search of understanding: The case for constructivist classrooms</i>. Alexandria, VA. Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.</p> <p>Calkins, Andrew et al. "The turnaround Challenge: Why America's best opportunity to dramatically improve student achievement lies in our worst performing schools." 2007.</p>	May 1, 2010	June 30, 2013
Improve School Climate - Increased attendance - decreased discipline referrals - increased involvement in Extra/Co-curricular activities	Implementation of behavioral supports and taking proactive steps to build relationships between students, parents and students. (i.e Student profiles to include: students grades, attendance, discipline referrals, parental call/contact logs, parent conference logs, student TAKS results, and demographics.	Building a positive relationship between teacher, parent and student will promote student success. Student will attend school and participate in extra/co-curricular activities.	<p>(1) pedagogy instruction, (2) issues in student and teacher instruction, (3) how to establish an environment for student and teacher success, (4) provide technical support for teachers, (5) how to engage teachers, parents and staff in the decision making process and resource allocation (Edelstein & Edwards 2002)</p> <p>Models for instructional design that are content based that allow for differentiated learning styles, examine a variety of instructional strategies by engaging in portfolio</p>	June 1, 2010	June 30, 2013

			<p>building and reflection activities (Lynch 2002).</p> <p>Bransford, J. D. (Ed.). (2000). <i>How people learn: Brain, mind, experience and school (Expanded Edition)</i> Washington, DC: National Academy Press.</p> <p>Brooks, J. G. & Brooks, M. G. (1999). <i>In search of understanding: The case for constructivist classrooms.</i> Alexandria, VA. Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.</p> <p>Calkins, Andrew et al. "The turnaround Challenge: Why America's best opportunity to dramatically improve student achievement lies in our worst performing schools."2007.</p>		
<p>Improve School Climate – Increased attendance - decreased discipline referrals - increased involvement in Extra/Co-curricular activities</p>	<p>Create an effective campus-wide management plan to include:</p> <p>Bell to Bell Instruction Start on Time CHAMPS</p>	<p>Implementation of processes and the development of organizational structures will expand the capacity of schools to impact student academic achievement.</p>	<p>Bransford, J. D. (Ed.). (2000). <i>How people learn: Brain, mind, experience and school (Expanded Edition)</i> Washington, DC: National Academy Press.</p> <p>Brooks, J. G. & Brooks, M. G. (1999). <i>In search of understanding: The case for constructivist classrooms.</i> Alexandria, VA. Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.</p> <p>Calkins, Andrew et al. "The turnaround Challenge: Why America's best opportunity to dramatically improve student achievement lies in our worst performing schools."2007.</p>	<p>August 1, 2010</p>	<p>June 30, 2013</p>
<p>Improve School Climate – Decreased Discipline Referrals</p>	<p>Implementation of behavioral supports and taking proactive steps to eliminate bullying and student harassment</p>	<p>In order to effectively implement the modified transformational model a prescriptive and intentional professional development component is necessary to address identified student</p>	<p>Bransford, J. D. (Ed.). (2000). <i>How people learn: Brain, mind, experience and school (Expanded Edition)</i> Washington, DC: National Academy Press.</p> <p>Brooks, J. G. & Brooks, M. G. (1999). <i>In search of understanding: The case for constructivist</i></p>	<p>August 1, 2010</p>	<p>June 30, 2013</p>

		<p>needs in specific academic areas that enhance student support services.</p> <p>In addition, the implementation of behavioral support to decrease bullying and student harassment is necessary to ensure student academic and social success.</p>	<p><i>classrooms</i>. Alexandria, VA. Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.</p> <p>Calkins, Andrew et al. "The turnaround Challenge: Why America's best opportunity to dramatically improve student achievement lies in our worst performing schools."2007.</p>		
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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
Increase Teacher Quality – On-going Job Embedded Professional Development	Provide on going C-Scope, TEKS Standards, TAKS Objectives and ELPS, and 5E Model training.	Quality instruction requires a toolbox of knowledge and strategies. Providing teachers the opportunities to learn classroom procedures, strategies, and techniques will help them establish an atmosphere geared toward optimal learning for all learners.	Marzano, R.J. (2003). <i>What works in schools: Translating research into action</i> . Alexandria, VA: Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. Sparks, D. (2002). <i>Designing powerful professional development for teachers and principals</i> . Oxford, OH: National Staff Development Council		
Increase Teacher Quality – On-going Job Embedded Professional Development	Provide on going training to enhance the teaching and learning process. (i.e. Marzano, Kilgo, Kagan Cooperative Learning, Thinking Maps, SIOP)	Quality instruction requires a toolbox of knowledge and strategies Providing teachers the opportunities to learn classroom procedures, strategies, and techniques will help them establish an atmosphere geared toward optimal learning for all learners.	Marzano, R.J. (2003). <i>What works in schools: Translating research into action</i> . Alexandria, VA: Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. Sparks, D. (2002). <i>Designing powerful professional development for teachers and principals</i> . Oxford, OH: National Staff Development Council		
Increase Teacher Quality – On-going Job Embedded Professional Development	Implementation of behavioral supports and taking proactive steps to build relationships between students, parents and students. (i.e creating and using a teacher data binder to keep Student profiles to include: students grades, attendance, discipline	Building a positive relationship between teacher, parent and student will promote student success. Student will attend school and participate in extra/co-curricular activities.	(1) pedagogy instruction, (2) issues in student and teacher instruction, (3) how to establish an environment for student and teacher success, (4) provide technical support for teachers, (5) how to engage teachers, parents and staff in the decision making process and	June 1, 2010	June 30, 2013

	referrals, parental call/contact logs, parent conference logs, student TAKS results, and demographics. Information will be updated as needed.	Teachers will know their students and make informed, data driven decisions.	<p>resource allocation (Edelstein & Edwards 2002)</p> <p>Models for instructional design that are content based that allow for differentiated learning styles, examine a variety of instructional strategies by engaging in portfolio building and reflection activities (Lynch 2002).</p> <p>Bransford, J. D. (Ed.). (2000). <i>How people learn: Brain, mind, experience and school</i> (Expanded Edition) Washington, DC: National Academy Press.</p> <p>Brooks, J. G. & Brooks, M. G. (1999). <i>In search of understanding: The case for constructivist classrooms</i>. Alexandria, VA. Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.</p> <p>Calkins, Andrew et al. "The turnaround Challenge: Why America's best opportunity to dramatically improve student achievement lies in our worst performing schools."2007.</p>		
Increase Teacher Quality – On-going Job Embedded Professional Development	Increase teachers' content knowledge and Instructional Delivery for instructional effectiveness in order to improve performance for struggling students and those at risk for failure.	<p>In order to increase the quality of teachers and as part of the modified transformation model recruitment retention strategies it is necessary to provide opportunities for teachers to receive effective job embedded professional development activities.</p> <p>In addition, teachers will have the opportunity to take ownership of instructional</p>	<p>Brooks, J. G. & Brooks, M. G. (1999). <i>In search of understanding: The case for constructivist classrooms</i>. Alexandria, VA. Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.</p> <p>Calkins, Andrew et al. "The turnaround Challenge: Why America's best opportunity to dramatically improve student achievement lies in our worst performing schools."2007.</p> <p>Professional-development programs were characterized by collaborative structures, diverse and extensive professional-learning</p>	August 1, 2010	June 30, 2013

		<p>content, instructional delivery methods and effective leadership tools.</p> <p>Inquiry-based and research based instructional activities provide teachers with instructional autonomy and technological tools to enhance instructional delivery and methods of instruction that engage students in the process.</p>	<p>opportunities, and an emphasis on accountability and student results." (West Ed, 2000)</p> <p>(1) pedagogy instruction, (2) issues in student and teacher instruction, (3) how to establish an environment for student and teacher success, (4) provide technical support for teachers, (5) how to engage teachers, parents and staff in the decision making process and resource allocation (Edelstein & Edwards 2002)</p> <p>Models for instructional design that are content based that allow for differentiated learning styles, examine a variety of instructional strategies by engaging in portfolio building and reflection activities (Lynch 2002).</p>		
Increase Teacher Quality – On-going Job Embedded Professional Development	Prescriptive and intentional professional development in specific academic areas (e.g. Content areas, ELL, 504, Special Ed., RtI)	<p>In order to effectively implement the modified transformational model a prescriptive and intentional professional development component is necessary to address identified student needs in specific academic areas that enhance student support services.</p> <p>In order to increase the quality of teachers and as part of the modified transformation model recruitment retention strategies it is necessary to provide opportunities for teachers to receive effective job</p>	<p>Brooks, J. G. & Brooks, M. G. (1999). <i>In search of understanding: The case for constructivist classrooms</i>. Alexandria, VA. Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.</p> <p>Calkins, Andrew et al. "The turnaround Challenge: Why America's best opportunity to dramatically improve student achievement lies in our worst performing schools." 2007.</p> <p>Professional-development programs were characterized by collaborative structures, diverse and extensive professional-learning opportunities, and an emphasis on accountability and student results." (West Ed, 2000)</p> <p>(1) pedagogy instruction, (2) issues in student and teacher instruction, (3) how to establish an</p>	August 1, 2010	June 30, 2013

		<p>embedded professional development activities.</p> <p>In addition, teachers will have the opportunity to take ownership of instructional content, instructional delivery methods and effective leadership tools.</p> <p>Inquiry-based and research based instructional activities provide teachers with instructional autonomy and technological tools to enhance instructional delivery and methods of instruction that engage students in the process.</p>	<p>environment for student and teacher success, (4) provide technical support for teachers, (5) how to engage teachers, parents and staff in the decision making process and resource allocation (Edelstein & Edwards 2002)</p> <p>Models for instructional design that are content based that allow for differentiated learning styles, examine a variety of instructional strategies by engaging in portfolio building and reflection activities (Lynch 2002).</p>		
Increase Teacher Quality – On-going Job Embedded Professional Development	Provide common planning time for teacher to enhance instruction	<p>To increase instructional leadership effectiveness teachers need to have operational flexibility and resources to effectively plan their instructional content and delivery methods.</p> <p>By providing teachers common planning time as a requirement under the modified transformation model implementation.</p>	<p>Brooks, J. G. & Brooks, M. G. (1999). <i>In search of understanding: The case for constructivist classrooms</i>. Alexandria, VA. Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.</p> <p>Calkins, Andrew et al. "The turnaround Challenge: Why America's best opportunity to dramatically improve student achievement lies in our worst performing schools." 2007.</p> <p>Professional-development programs were characterized by collaborative structures, diverse and extensive professional-learning opportunities, and an emphasis on accountability and student results." (West Ed, 2000)</p> <p>(1) pedagogy instruction, (2) issues in student and</p>	August 1, 2010	June 30, 2013

			<p>teacher instruction, (3) how to establish an environment for student and teacher success, (4) provide technical support for teachers, (5) how to engage teachers, parents and staff in the decision making process and resource allocation (Edelstein & Edwards 2002)</p> <p>Models for instructional design that are content based that allow for differentiated learning styles, examine a variety of instructional strategies by engaging in portfolio building and reflection activities (Lynch 2002).</p>		
Increase Teacher Quality – On going job embedded Professional Development	Modeling of Lesson delivery in the classroom by Instructional Strategists.	Teachers will be provided a step-by-step, comprehensive process for incorporating effective teaching strategies.	<p>Marzano, R.J. (2003). <i>What works in schools: Translating research into action</i>. Alexandria, VA: Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.</p> <p>Sparks, D. (2002). <i>Designing powerful professional development for teachers and principals</i>. Oxford, OH: National Staff Development Council</p>	August 1, 2010	June 30, 2013
Increase Teacher Quality – Recruitment/Retention strategies	Establish an effective mentoring program for new teachers and struggling teachers.	To increase instructional leadership effectiveness teachers need to have operational flexibility and resources to effectively plan their instructional content and delivery methods	<p>Marzano, R.J. (2003). <i>What works in schools: Translating research into action</i>. Alexandria, VA: Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.</p> <p>Sparks, D. (2002). <i>Designing powerful professional development for teachers and principals</i>. Oxford, OH: National Staff Development Council</p>	August 1, 2010	June 30, 2013
Increase Teacher Quality – Locally Developed Appraisal Instruments - Recruitment/Retention Strategies	Establish a support system to monitor instruction and provide feedback to teachers on a timely manner. Walkthroughs by Administrators, Dept. Head, Strategist, Deans and Mentor teachers.	To increase instructional leadership effectiveness teachers need to have operational flexibility and resources to effectively plan their instructional	<p>Marzano, R.J. (2003). <i>What works in schools: Translating research into action</i>. Alexandria, VA: Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.</p> <p>Sparks, D. (2002). <i>Designing powerful</i></p>		

	Develop an teacher friendly instrument designed to provide feedback, including recommendations for improvement.	content and delivery methods	<i>professional development for teachers and principals.</i> Oxford, OH: National Staff Development Council		
Increase Teacher Quality – Recruitment/Retention Strategies	Increase available resources and technologies to prepare lessons and actively engage students.	<p>In order to increase the quality of teachers and as part of the modified transformation model recruitment retention strategies it is necessary to provide opportunities for teachers to receive effective job embedded professional development activities.</p> <p>In addition, teachers will have the opportunity to take ownership of instructional content, instructional delivery methods and effective leadership tools.</p> <p>Inquiry-based and research based instructional activities provide teachers with instructional autonomy and technological tools to enhance instructional delivery and methods of instruction that engage students in the process.</p>	<p>What works in Distance Learning: Instructional Strategies, Strategies Based on Providing Learner Control of Instructional navigation, National Center for Research and Evaluation, Standards, and Student Testing, University of California, O’Neil, H. F. (2003).</p> <p>What Works in Distance Learning (Report to the Office of Naval Research). University of Southern California, Rossier School of Education; and National Standards for Quality Online Teaching. North American Council for Online Learning; Ascough, R.S. (2002).</p> <p>Designing for online distance education: Putting pedagogy before technology. Teaching Theology and Religion, 5(1), 17-29. Texas A&M International University; Roberts, J. Scott (2001) “Potential Users’ and Users’ Behavioral Intentions Toward the Adoption of Information Technology, Thesis Publication.</p>	August 1, 2010	June 30, 2013
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<p>Increase Teacher Quality – Locally Developed Appraisal Instruments</p> <p>Increase Leadership Effectiveness – Resource/Data Utilization</p>	<p>Provide rigorous, transparent, relevant and equitable evaluation instruments for principals and teachers</p>	<p>In order to ensure that the campus increases teacher quality locally developed appraisals will provide rigorous, relevant, and equitable evaluation and feedback to teachers productivity.</p> <p>The principal's evaluation will provide and ensure leadership effectiveness in resource and data utilization to enhance the school climate and instructional methods.</p>	<p>Bransford, J. D. (Ed.). (2000). <i>How people learn: Brain, mind, experience and school</i> (Expanded Edition) Washington, DC: National Academy Press.</p> <p>Brooks, J. G. & Brooks, M. G. (1999). <i>In search of understanding: The case for constructivist classrooms</i>. Alexandria, VA. Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.</p> <p>Calkins, Andrew et al. "The turnaround Challenge: Why America's best opportunity to dramatically improve student achievement lies in our worst performing schools."2007.</p>	<p>Sept 1, 2010</p>	<p>June 30, 2013</p>
<p>Increase Teacher Quality – Recruitment/Retention Strategies</p> <p>Increase Leadership Effectiveness – Resource/Data Utilization/Operational Flexibility</p>	<p>Implementation of strategies for financial incentives, promotion, and career growth</p>	<p>The modified transformation model incorporates the implementation of strategies for financial incentives, promotion, and career growth that leads to an increase in teacher quality and is a recruitment/retention tool.</p> <p>In addition, implementation of modified transformation model strategies</p>	<p>Brooks, J. G. & Brooks, M. G. (1999). <i>In search of understanding: The case for constructivist classrooms</i>. Alexandria, VA. Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.</p> <p>Calkins, Andrew et al. "The turnaround Challenge: Why America's best opportunity to dramatically improve student achievement lies in our worst performing schools."2007.</p> <p>Professional-development programs were characterized by collaborative structures,</p>	<p>Sept 1, 2010</p>	<p>June 30, 2013</p>

		<p>that provide financial incentives, promotion and career growth allow for increasing leadership effectiveness and operational flexibility.</p> <p>In order to increase Leadership Effectiveness it is necessary to provide our school leadership with incentives for achieving identified modified transformation model performance measures.</p>	<p>diverse and extensive professional-learning opportunities, and an emphasis on accountability and student results." (West Ed, 2000)</p> <p>(1) pedagogy instruction, (2) issues in student and teacher instruction, (3) how to establish an environment for student and teacher success, (4) provide technical support for teachers, (5) how to engage teachers, parents and staff in the decision making process and resource allocation (Edelstein & Edwards 2002)</p> <p>Models for instructional design that are content based that allow for differentiated learning styles, examine a variety of instructional strategies by engaging in portfolio building and reflection activities (Lynch 2002).</p>		
<p>Improve Academic Performance – Data-driven Instruction/On-going Monitoring of Instruction</p> <p>Increase Leadership Effectiveness – Resource/Data Utilization</p> <p>Increase the Use of Quality Data to Drive Instruction – Data Disaggregation/Training/Data-driven Decisions/On-going Communication</p>	<p>Periodic reviews to ensure program compliance with school improvement strategies</p>	<p>In order to improve academic performance data driven instruction increases instructional success, effective leadership and data quality.</p> <p>Periodic reviews will provide a mechanism whereby program compliance can be evaluated to identify areas that need improvement, allow for more structured decision making and communication.</p>	<p>Brooks, J. G. & Brooks, M. G. (1999). <i>In search of understanding: The case for constructivist classrooms</i>. Alexandria, VA. Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.</p> <p>Calkins, Andrew et al. "The turnaround Challenge: Why America's best opportunity to dramatically improve student achievement lies in our worst performing schools."2007.</p> <p>Professional-development programs were characterized by collaborative structures, diverse and extensive professional-learning opportunities, and an emphasis on accountability and student results." (West Ed, 2000)</p> <p>(1) pedagogy instruction, (2) issues in student and</p>	<p>Sept 1, 2010</p>	<p>June 30, 2013</p>

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<p>Improve Academic Performance – Data-driven Instruction</p> <p>Increase Parent/Community Involvement – Accessible Community Services</p> <p>Increase Learning Time – Staff Collaborative Planning</p> <p>Improve Academic Performance – On-Going Monitoring of Instruction</p>	<p>Implementation of strategies that improve instruction for students with disabilities</p>	<p>In order to improve student academic performance implementation of modified transformation model strategies will improve instruction for students with disabilities.</p> <p>The instructional strategies will focus on student support systems, parental/community involvement, collaborative planning, and continuous monitoring of academic performance.</p>	<p>Brooks, J. G. & Brooks, M. G. (1999). <i>In search of understanding: The case for constructivist classrooms</i>. Alexandria, VA. Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.</p> <p>Calkins, Andrew et al. "The turnaround Challenge: Why America's best opportunity to dramatically improve student achievement lies in our worst performing schools." 2007.</p> <p>Professional-development programs were characterized by collaborative structures, diverse and extensive professional-learning opportunities, and an emphasis on accountability and student results." (West Ed, 2000)</p> <p>(1) pedagogy instruction, (2) issues in student and teacher instruction, (3) how to establish an environment for student and teacher success, (4) provide technical support for teachers, (5) how to engage teachers, parents and staff in the decision making process and resource allocation</p>	<p>Sept 1, 2010</p>	<p>June 30, 2013</p>

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<p>Improve Academic Performance – Data-driven Instruction</p> <p>Increase Parent/Community Involvement – Accessible Community Services</p> <p>Increase Learning Time – Staff Collaborative Planning</p> <p>Improve Academic Performance – On-Going Monitoring of Instruction</p>	Evaluation of the campus comprehensive needs assessment	<p>Continuous evaluation of the campuses comprehensive needs assessment will improve academic performance, increase parental/community involvement, increase learning time, and improve academic performance.</p>	<p>Bransford, J. D. (Ed.). (2000). <i>How people learn: Brain, mind, experience and school</i> (Expanded Edition) Washington, DC: National Academy Press.</p> <p>Brooks, J. G. & Brooks, M. G. (1999). <i>In search of understanding: The case for constructivist classrooms</i>. Alexandria, VA. Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.</p> <p>Calkins, Andrew et al. "The turnaround Challenge: Why America's best opportunity to dramatically improve student achievement lies in our worst performing schools."2007.</p>	Sept 1, 2010	June 30, 2013
<p>Improve Academic Performance – On-Going Monitoring of Instruction</p>	Implementation of differentiated instructional strategies	<p>Incorporating prescriptive small group instruction with differentiated instructional strategies will enhance the overall academic performance.</p> <p>Monitoring of instruction will be the data driven decision instructional strategy that will result in positive academic performance results.</p>	<p>Bransford, J. D. (Ed.). (2000). <i>How people learn: Brain, mind, experience and school</i> (Expanded Edition) Washington, DC: National Academy Press.</p> <p>Brooks, J. G. & Brooks, M. G. (1999). <i>In search of understanding: The case for constructivist classrooms</i>. Alexandria, VA. Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.</p> <p>Calkins, Andrew et al. "The turnaround Challenge: Why America's best opportunity to dramatically improve student achievement lies in our worst performing schools."2007.</p>	Sept 1, 2010	June 30, 2013

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

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

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

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

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Schedule #4C—Performance Assessment and Evaluation

Part 1: Component Description. By submitting this application, the applicant agrees to comply with any reporting and evaluation requirements that TEA may establish and to submit the reports in the format TEA requests. (Response limited to one page each, font size no smaller than 9 pt, Arial or Verdana)

Section A: Ongoing Monitoring/Continuous Improvement - Describe the LEA/campus' process for providing on-going monitoring of grant activities to ensure continuous improvement

Monitoring of the programs progress will be on an on-going basis to solicit feedback on students' progress, fidelity to the curriculum plan and timeline, student attendance and to provide support as needed. Meetings will include teachers, campus administrator/facilitator, teacher-aides, counselor, and support staff.

Appoint a Site Coordinator/Administrator to work closely with Grant Manager to:

- monitor progress in meeting action-plan objectives;
- provide continuous communication with the school improvement leadership team, the superintendent and the school board of trustees at least once a year on progress toward action-plan objectives
- regularly inform the campuses, the superintendent and school board of progress toward action-plan objectives;
- work closely with the principal to help the school carry out the programs key practices;
- work with district and school-level staff development coordinators to create a site-focused staff development plan that provides quality training through use of local, state and national meetings and resources;
- coordinate and facilitate campus leadership activities;
- coordinate frequent meetings of committees and teams; document attendance and minutes of meetings;
- coordinate the data collection process;
- integrate the program goals and key practices with other school improvement efforts and system wide strategic plans; and produce an annual report and other information as requested.
- provide annual report(s) and other information as requested; and
- administer the surveys to students, counselors, administrators, teachers, and parents served by the program.

Additionally, the site coordinator will coordinate the hosting of the technical assistance review during the grant period, participate in technical assistance follow-up activities, and hold the campus accountable for implementing campus transformation to Educational Excellence Model and the Restructuring Plan.

The Laredo Independent School District and Martin High School will administer, collect, assess, analyze and report the data results.

This data will be used to continually improve the program goals and objectives. The data will also allow for identification and corrective action necessary for continuous improvement of the program.

Data will be collected in order to show the extent to which the program activities were implemented as planned to include process, product, and program outcomes. The evaluation instruments will consist of the TAKS Scores, rosters, agendas, training evaluations, participation rates, number of hours of professional development and training, number of students enrolled in Intervention Courses, student academic achievement in CBAs and benchmarks, and the campus based STaR Chart results.

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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

Formative evaluation will utilize qualitative and quantitative summative evaluation data. Each year, formative evaluation will focus on whether or not the proposed strategies are being implemented as planned.

Evaluation questions will include, but not limited to the following:

- Are key staff members in place for the project to be successful?
- Are teachers participating in the proposed project, course work, seminars/trainings, and instructional trips?
- Are collaborative learning and dissemination strategies being implemented as described?
- Is a process in place for feedback from participants?
- Are lessons learned being incorporated in professional development activities?
- Is a process in place for dissemination of project materials?
- Are evaluation findings vertically and horizontally implemented as compared to other performance measures, program timeline, budget and modified transformational model goals and objectives?

The surveys, classroom observations, and interviews will investigate the following four major outcome-based questions:

- 1) Did the training activities improve the content knowledge of participating teachers?
- 2) Has the quality of teachers' lesson plans improved?
- 3) Have teaching techniques improved as measured through classroom observations?
- 4) Did students' interest and performance improve?
- 5) Do the participating teachers consider the project to be beneficial to them and their students?

Responses to these questions will give the school leadership team information about the ongoing need of the modified transformation model as well as which professional development components are effective – based on its association with Quantitative CBAs, benchmark assessments and State assessment results of participating students.

- Curriculum Based Assessments (CBAs will administered every 6 weeks).
- Benchmarks (Pre/Mid/Post will be administered using Released tests)

On-going weekly progress monitoring and periodic student assessment (benchmarks) will be used as part of a formative evaluation process.

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Section C: Qualitative and Quantitative Data Collection Methods- Describe the LEA/campus' process for data collection methods to be implemented and 1) how the data will be disaggregated; 2) used to improve instruction; and 3) obtain continuous improvement results

Initial data used for determining the selection of the modified transformation model was based on be the most current state assessment scores, campus AEIS Rating, and Federal academic accountability measures.

The modified transformation model will utilize developed State assessment aligned and locally formatted assessments to ensure program success. Teacher input will determine the rigor and level of performance of each student as well.

The school leadership team/Program Manager will gather descriptive information on the development and implementation of the modified transformation model by implementing the following evaluation strategies:

- 1) interviews, observations and surveys;
- 2) descriptive information on proposed versus actual implementation of the modified transformation model;
- 3) critical issues and success factors encountered by students, parents, community, school leaders, teachers, and staff modified transformation model instructional activities;
- 4) descriptions of students, and modified transformation model outcomes;

Data collection formats will include but not be limited to:

- a review of narrative accounts of randomly selected teachers, students, parents, community and staff involvement;
- standardized open-ended interviews or surveys of students, parents, administrators, teachers, and staff;
- field observations;
- site visits;
- locally developed evaluation instruments;
- student academic performance;
- parental/involvement activities;
- teacher quality surveys;
- school climate surveys;
- professional development data;
- instructional content and delivery evaluation;
- technology usage;
- student support systems provided;

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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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Performance Monitoring System - The performance monitoring system allows an assessment of the extent to which the modified transformation model has been implemented as planned and whether staff, collaborators, service providers and student instructional activities are in line with those intended based on each campuses comprehensive needs assessment and campus improvement plan.

During the initial implementation phase, the school leadership team will meet to refine the plan and define performance standards for each primary objective.

Data supporting this phase comes primarily from the school leadership team with the Program Manager taking the lead. Based on this plan, brief management reports can be generated during the life of the modified transformation model implementation. These reports are distributed to key staff and in quarterly meetings to discuss implications and recommendations based on the findings.

Outcome Evaluation - The final component of the evaluation process is the outcome evaluation, which utilizes existing data sources to obtain student information including student demographics, services received while attending the campus implementing the modified transformation model, student assessment results, content pedagogy and other pedagogy practices will be collected.

During this phase of the evaluation, teacher professional growth through project participation will be measured. Evaluation measures will be utilized to monitor and modify the model to improve the impact on overall school improvement strategies and student academic achievement.

The three main performance measures to assess progress toward meeting the purpose of the modified transformation model are:

- The percentage of students receiving support services in relation to the total enrollment of the campus, reduces, eliminates or prevents minority group isolation.
- The percentage of students from major racial and ethnic groups that meet or exceed the state's adequate yearly progress standards in accordance with the State of Texas plan as required by section 1111 of the ESEA.
- The percentage of students that meet or exceed State assessment standards in each academic area.

Additional evaluation measures will be utilized to monitor and modify the transformation model to improve the impact on overall school improvement strategies including a strong professional development program, parental/community involvement and student academic achievement that include:

- Percentage of students who successfully complete their respective grade level
- Number of professional development sessions, seminars/trainings attended and total number of hours;
- Percentage of teachers who are recruited, selected, transferred and/or retained in their position;
- Number of instructional trips taken and the number of hours;
- Number of online professional development interactions;
- Number of administrators, teachers, staff, parents/community and students participating in the Transformational to Educational Excellence Model (TEEM).
- Did participating teachers complete at a minimum 75% or more of the professional development hours offered through the TEEM?

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- Was the instructional content and delivery improved?
- Did student interest and performance improve as a result of improved quality of instruction and leadership?
- Has the quality of teachers' lesson plans improved?
- Have teaching techniques/strategies improved as measured through peer-reviews and student performance?
- Has the total number of teachers who integrate technology in their instructional content increased by 10% annually?

The *summative evaluation* plan will utilize a rigorous design to investigate the significance and strength of the relationship between the modified transformational models activities and teacher/student outcomes. Surveys, classroom observations and interviews will be used to examine the project outcome.

Using statistical analyses and descriptive statistics, the school leadership team will examine the statistical significance of outcome measures, while qualitative data will be used to provide a richer explanation of judgment, accomplishments, challenges, and lessons learned.

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Part 3: Annual Performance Goals

Improve Academic Performance – Enter the annual goals for student achievement, on both the State’s assessments and other measures identified by the LEA, to which the LEA is holding the campus accountable

#	Performance Measure	Assessment Instrument/ Tool	Most Recent Year Performance	Year 1 Progress Goal	Year 2 Progress Goal	Year 3 Progress Goal
1	Improve Student Achievement in Reading/ELA	2008-2009 AEIS	76% passing rate	80%	85%	90%
2	Improve Student Achievement in Mathematics	2008-2009 AEIS 08	58 % passing rate	60%	80%	90%
3	Improve Student Achievement in Science	2008-2009 AEIS	48% passing rate	55%	80%	90%
4	Improve Student Achievement in Social Studies	2008-2009 AEIS	87% passing rate	90%	95%	100 %
5	Improve Campus AEIS Academic Ratings	2008-2009 AEIS	Acceptable	Acceptable	Recognize	Exemplary
6	Improve Student Attendance Rates	2008-2009 Attendance Report	93.9%	95%	96%	97%
7	Decrease Annual Dropout rate	2008-2009 AEIS	2.0%	1.5%	1.0%	.5%
8	Increase Completion Rate	2009-2010 AEIS	71.2%	75%	80%	85%
9	Increase enrollment in AP/Dual enrollment	2008-2009 AEIS	17.2%	20%	23%	25%
10	Increase AP/IB Results Scores >= Criterion	2009-2010 AEIS	7.8%	10%	15%	20%
11	Increase number of students graduating College Readiness (DAP and Recommended HS)	2008-2009 AEIS Report	90%	95%	95%	100%
12	Increase the number of students receiving Commended Performance in Reading/ELA	2008-2010 AEIS Report	9%	15%	20%	25%
13	Increase the number of students receiving Commended Performance in Mathematics	2008-2009 AEIS Report	13%	20%	25%	30%
14	Increase the number of students receiving Commended Performance in Science	2008-2009 AEIS Report	6%	10%	15%	20%

15	Increase the number of students receiving Commended Performance in Social Studies	2008-2009 AEIS Report	20%	25%	30%	35%
16	Campus Federal AYP Ratings	2008-2010 AYP Rating	Missed AYP Stage 5	Meet AYP	Meet AYP	Meet AYP
17	Increase by 5% the number of students exited from the ESL Program	LPAC Minutes	14%	20%	25%	30%

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 District Data Analyzer usage and proficiency by staff	DDA usage report	45%	60%	80%	100%
2	Increase number of workshops for teachers to analyze data	Campus staff development Calendar	3 days	5 days	5 days	5 days
3	Increase the number of questions strategies at a higher order thinking level	Observation feedback/	10%	15%	20%	25%
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Increase Leadership Effectiveness— Enter the annual goals for increasing the effectiveness of campus leadership, to which the LEA is holding the campus accountable.

#	Performance Measure	Assessment Instrument/ Tool	Most Recent Year Performance	Year 1 Progress Goal	Year 2 Progress Goal	Year 3 Progress Goal
1	Number and Frequency of Teachers and Administrators Receiving Training, Professional Development, and Materials that Significantly Improve Instruction	Electronic Registrar online (ERO)/ Staff evaluation/ Sign-in Sheets	131 teachers with frequency of 15 sessions	131 teachers with frequency of 18 sessions	131 teachers with frequency of 20 sessions	131 teachers with frequency of 25 sessions
2	Increased number of classroom walkthroughs by administrators	Feedback forms/databases	20/week	25/week	25/week	25/week
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Increase Learning Time – Enter the annual goals for increasing learning time on the campus, to which the LEA is holding the campus accountable.

#	Performance Measure	Assessment Instrument/ Tool	Most Recent Year Performance	Year 1 Progress Goal	Year 2 Progress Goal	Year 3 Progress Goal
1	Increased Learning Time through Scheduling and Instructional Strategies	2009-2010 Master Schedule	250 students	275 students	300 students	350 students
2	Number of Students enrolled in Dual Credit Classes	2008-2009 AEIS	17.2%	25%	30%	35%
3	Increase the number of students attending Saturday Academy	Academy Sign-in	100	150	200	250
4	Increase students attending afterschool tutorials	Tutorial sign-ins	150	170	200	250
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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 the number of Parents participating in Parent Focus Meetings	Sign in Sheets	25	50	75	100
2	Increase the number of parents attending Parent Nights and Meet the Teacher Night	Sign in Sheets	100	200	250	300
3	Increase in the Number of Parental and Community Volunteers	Parent Volunteer List	10	20	25	30
4	Increase the number of parents participating in the ESL classes	Sign in Sheets	20	25	30	35
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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	Decrease number of disciplinary referrals	PEIMS Report	1000+	800	600	400
2	Improve Student Attendance Rates	2009-2010 Attendance Report	93.9%	95%	96%	97%
3	Decrease Annual Dropout rate	2009-2010 AEIS	2.0%	1.5%	1.0%	.5%
4	Increase Staff Attendance	Attendance report	80%	85%	90%	90%
5	Increase student participation in Career Pathway	PEIMS Report	80%	90%	100%	100%

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Increase Teacher Quality – Enter the annual goals for increasing teacher quality by measures identified by the LEA, to which the LEA is holding the campus accountable.

#	Performance Measure	Assessment Instrument/ Tool	Most Recent Year Performance	Year 1 Progress Goal	Year 2 Progress Goal	Year 3 Progress Goal
1	Increase teacher participation in Staff Development	Electronic Registrar online (ERO)/ Staff evaluation/ Sign-in Sheets	131 teachers with frequency of 15 sessions	131 teachers with frequency of 18 sessions	131 teachers with frequency of 20 sessions	131 teachers with frequency of 25 sessions
2	Increase the number of core area teachers participating in Collaborative Common Planning	Sign-in Sheets	90%	95%	100%	100%
3	Increase teacher participation in webinar sessions	Sign in Sheets	5%	10%	20%	25%
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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
1	Decrease tardiness through Start On Time program	PEIMS Attendance report	17%	15%	10%	5%
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Schedule # 4D—Equitable Access and Participation: Barriers and Strategies

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

Barrier: Gender-Specific Bias				
#	Strategies for Gender-specific Bias	Students	Teachers	Others
A01	Expand opportunities for historically underrepresented groups to fully participate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A02	Provide staff development on eliminating gender bias	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A03	Ensure strategies and materials used with students do not promote gender bias	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A04	Develop and implement a plan to eliminate existing discrimination and the effects of past discrimination on the basis of gender	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A05	Ensure compliance with the requirements in Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A06	Ensure students and parents are fully informed of their rights and responsibilities with regard to participation in the program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A99	Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Barrier: Cultural, Linguistic, or Economic Diversity				
#	Strategies for Cultural, Linguistic, or Economic Diversity	Students	Teachers	Others
B01	Provide program information/materials in home language	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
B02	Provide interpreter/translator at program activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
B03	Increase awareness and appreciation of cultural and linguistic diversity through a variety of activities, publications, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B04	Communicate to students, teachers, and other program beneficiaries an appreciation of students' and families' linguistic and cultural backgrounds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
B05	Develop/maintain community involvement/participation in program activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
B06	Provide staff development on effective teaching strategies for diverse populations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B07	Ensure staff development is sensitive to cultural and linguistic differences and communicates an appreciation for diversity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B08	Seek technical assistance from Education Service Center, Technical Assistance Center, Title I, Part A School Support Team, or other provider	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
B09	Provide parenting training	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
B10	Provide a parent/family center	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B11	Involve parents from a variety of backgrounds in decision making	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
B12	Offer "flexible" opportunities for parent involvement including home learning activities and other activities that don't require parents to come to the school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
B13	Provide child care for parents participating in school activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B14	Acknowledge and include family members' diverse skills, talents, and knowledge in school activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B15	Provide adult education, including GED and/or ESL classes, or family literacy program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
B16	Offer computer literacy courses for parents and other program beneficiaries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

#	Strategies for Cultural, Linguistic, or Economic Diversity	Students	Teachers	Others
B17	Conduct an outreach program for traditionally "hard to reach" parents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
B18	Coordinate with community centers/programs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
B19	Seek collaboration/assistance from business, industry, or institution of higher education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
B20	Develop and implement a plan to eliminate existing discrimination and the effects of past discrimination on the basis of race, national origin, and color	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
B21	Ensure compliance with the requirements in Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, national origin, and color	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
B22	Ensure students, teachers, and other program beneficiaries are informed of their rights and responsibilities with regard to participation in the program	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
B23	Provide mediation training on a regular basis to assist in resolving disputes and complaints	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
B99	Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Barrier: Gang-Related Activities

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

Barrier: Drug-Related Activities

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

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Barrier: Drug-Related Activities (cont.)

D06	Provide before/after school recreational, instructional, cultural, or artistic programs/activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D07	Provide community service programs/activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D08	Provide comprehensive health education programs.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D09	Conduct parent/teacher conferences.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
D10	Establish school/parent compacts.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
D11	Develop/maintain community partnerships.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D12	Provide conflict resolution/peer mediation strategies/programs.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D13	Seek collaboration/assistance from business, industry, or institution of higher education.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
D14	Provide training/information to teachers, school staff, & parents to deal with drug-related issues.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
D15	Seek Collaboration/assistance from business, industry, or institution of higher education.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
D99	Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Barrier: Visual Impairments

#	Strategies for Visual Impairments	Students	Teachers	Others
E01	Provide early identification and intervention.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E02	Provide Program materials/information in Braille.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E03	Provide program materials/information in large type.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E04	Provide program materials/information on tape.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E99	Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Barrier: Hearing Impairments

#	Strategies for Hearing Impairments	Students	Teachers	Others
F01	Provide early identification and intervention.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F02	Provide interpreters at program activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F99	Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Barrier: Learning Disabilities

#	Strategies for Learning Disabilities	Students	Teachers	Others
G01	Provide early identification and intervention.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
G02	Expand tutorial/mentor programs.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
G03	Provide staff development in identification practices and effective teaching strategies.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
G04	Provide training for parents in early identification and intervention.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
G99	Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Barrier: Other Physical Disabilities or Constraints

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

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Barrier: Absenteeism/Truancy

#	Strategies for Absenteeism/Truancy	Students	Teachers	Others
K01	Provide early identification/intervention.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
K02	Develop and implement a truancy intervention plan.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
K03	Conduct home visits by staff.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
K04	Recruit volunteers to assist in promoting school attendance.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
K05	Provide mentor program.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
K06	Provide before/after school recreational or educational activities.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
K07	Conduct parent/teacher conferences.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
K08	Strengthen school/parent compacts.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
K09	Develop/maintain community partnerships.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
K10	Coordinate with health and social services agencies.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
K11	Coordinate with the juvenile justice system.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
K12	Seek collaboration/assistance from business, industry, or institution of higher education.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
K99	Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Barrier: High Mobility Rates

#	Strategies for High Mobility Rates	Students	Teachers	Others
L01	Coordinate with social services agencies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
L02	Establish partnerships with parents of highly mobile families.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
L03	Establish/maintain timely record transferal system.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
L99	Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Barrier: Lack of Support from Parents

#	Strategies for Lack of Support from Parents	Students	Teachers	Others
M01	Develop and implement a plan to increase support from parents.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
M02	Conduct home visits by staff.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
M03	Recruit volunteers to actively participate in school activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
M04	Conduct parent/teacher conferences.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
M05	Establish school/parent compacts.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
M06	Provide parenting training.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
M07	Provide a parent/family center.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
M08	Provide program materials/information in home language.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
M09	Involve parents from a variety of backgrounds in school decision making.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
M10	Offer "flexible" opportunities for involvement, including home learning activities and other activities that don't require coming to school.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
M11	Provide child care for parents participating in school activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
M12	Acknowledge and include family members' diverse skills, talents, acknowledge in school activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
M13	Provide adult education, including GED and/or ESL classes, or family literacy program.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
M14	Conduct an outreach program for traditionally "hard to reach" parents.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
M99	Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

Barrier: Shortage of Qualified Personnel

#	Strategies for Shortage of Qualified Personnel	Students	Teachers	Others
N01	Develop and implement a plan to recruit and retain qualified personnel.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
N02	Recruit and retain teachers from a variety of racial, ethnic, and language minority groups.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
N03	Provide mentor program for new teachers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
N04	Provide intern program for new teachers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
N05	Provide professional development in a variety of formats for personnel.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
N06	Collaborate with colleges/universities with teacher preparation programs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
N99	Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Barrier: Lack of Knowledge Regarding Program Benefits

#	Strategies for Lack of Knowledge regarding Program Benefits	Students	Teachers	Others
P01	Develop and implement a plan to inform program beneficiaries of program activities & benefits.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
P02	Publish newsletter/brochures to inform program beneficiaries of activities and benefits.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
P03	Provide announcements to local radio stations & newspapers about program activities/benefits.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P99	Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Barrier: Lack of Transportation to Program Activities

#	Strategies for Lack of Transportation to Program Activities	Students	Teachers	Others
Q01	Provide transportation for parents and other program beneficiaries to activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q02	Offer "flexible" opportunities for involvement, including home learning activities and other activities that don't require coming to school.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Q03	Conduct program activities in community centers and other neighborhood locations.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q04	Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Barrier: Other Barrier

#	Strategies for Other Barrier	Students	Teachers	Others
Z99	Other Barrier:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other Strategy:			

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Schedule #5—Program Budget Summary

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

Class/Object Code and Description	Campus Grant Costs	LEA Admin Grant Costs	Pre-Award Cost	Total Grant Funds Budgeted	
Payroll Costs	5B 6100 \$2,604,000	\$	\$	\$2,604,000	
Professional and Contracted Services	5C 6200 \$149,300			\$149,300	
Supplies and Materials	5D 6300 \$261,402			\$261,402	
Other Operating Costs	5E 6400 \$290,468			\$290,468	
Capital Outlay (Exclusive of 6619 and 6629) (15XX for charter schools only)	5G 6600/15XX \$2,579,390			\$2,579,390	
	Total Direct Costs	\$5,884,560		\$5,884,560	
	1.924% Indirect Costs		\$115,440	\$115,440	
Grand Total					
Total Budgeted Costs:		\$5,884,560	\$115,440	\$	\$6,000,000

Administrative Cost Calculation	
Enter total amount from Schedule #5 Budget Summary, Last Column, Total Budgeted Costs	\$6,000,000
Multiply by .05 (5% limit)	X .05
Enter Maximum Allowable for Administration, including Indirect Costs	\$300,000

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Schedule #5—Program Budget Summary

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

Year 1: SY 2010-2011 \$2,000,000.00
 Year 2: SY 2011-2012 \$2,000,000.00 *
 Year 3: SY 2012-2013 \$2,000,000.00 *

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

Provide any necessary explanation or clarification of budgeted costs

6100 Payroll Costs-

- (1) Project Manager to oversee grant implementation, data collection and Program Evaluation.
- (2) Five specialists for the areas of Math, English, ESL, Special Education and Science.
- (3) Additional teachers, if needed, to ensure 15 to 1 student/teacher ratio.
- (4) Incentives for Principals and Asst. Principals who meet established benchmark criteria.
- (5) Extra duty for professional and support staff. This includes stipends for all highly qualified teachers in the amount of \$1,000.00 each.
- (6) Extra duty pay includes after school and Saturday enrichment, summer enrichment programs, and staff development on Saturdays and Summers.

6200 Professional Contracted Services- Distance Learning Video Conference – technologically integrated tours, instruction, events, and educational programming specific to the needs of the campus. In addition, Consultant Services for Professional Development in all academic areas, technology integration and data management, leadership effectiveness, health, student support services, family support services, conflict resolution, counseling and behavior and classroom management.

6300 Supplies and Materials- Instructional supplies (Consumables). The purpose of these supplies and materials are for consumables that will be used for the purpose of the Transformation to Educational Excellence Model implementation. The intent is to provide necessary consumable supplies to promote Educational Excellence. In addition, classroom monitoring software, software license renewals and additional software applications or upgrades as needed.

6400 Other Operating Costs- In-State travel expenditures for the principals, teachers, and support staff, administration, parents and community members that include travel to and from professional development sessions/trainings/workshops, UIL Competitions and instructional trips. The purpose of the travel is to ensure the principals, teachers, administration, support staff, parents, students and community members are able to attend necessary meetings, trainings, workshops, seminars and school visits. The intent is to provide necessary travel funds for Transformation to Educational Excellence Model Implementation meetings, trainings, workshops, seminars and school visits.

Out of State travel for the principals, teachers, and support staff, administration, parents and community members to include travel costs, lodging, and meals to and from professional development sessions/trainings/workshop.

Instructional Trips: *All instructional trips will help fulfill the instructional strategies. Each trip will have approximately 200 students, 13 adults, with 6 buses needed for each trip.

- The destination will be to and from King Ranch and Texas A&M at Kingsville (both located in Kingsville) for the purpose of providing students with educational enrichment opportunities in Social Studies, Science and education. Students will receive a guided tour of King Ranch with an explanation of its history, its contribution to the Texas economy and its link to TAMUK (agricultural science). Students will also receive a TAMUK campus tour.

Mileage – To and from Kingsville, 118x2 = 236 miles round trip, approximately 200 students, 13 adults

Total miles round trip = 236 miles
6 buses needed = \$7650
 $\$1275 / 236 \text{ miles} = \5.40 per mile

- The destination will be to the Johnston Space Center for the purpose of providing students with educational enrichment opportunities in the area of Math, Engineering, Technology, and Science.

Mileage - To and from Houston, 301 miles 2 = 602 miles round trip, approximately 200 students, 13 adults

Total miles round trip = 602 miles
6 buses needed - \$19,254
 $\$3209/602 \text{ miles} = \5.33 per mile

- The destination will be to the Health and Science Museum for the purpose of providing students with educational enrichment opportunities in the area of Science and Math.

Mileage - To and from Houston, 301 miles 2 = 602 miles round trip, approximately 200 students, 13 adults

Total miles round trip = 602 miles
6 buses needed - \$19,254
 $\$3209/602 \text{ miles} = \5.33 per mile

- The destination will be to the Holocaust Museum for the purpose of providing students with educational enrichment opportunities in the area of Social Studies/World History.

Mileage - To and from Houston, 301 miles 2 = 602 miles round trip, approximately 200 students, 13 adults

Total miles round trip = 602 miles
6 buses needed - \$19,254
 $\$3209/602 \text{ miles} = \5.33 per mile

- The destination will be to the Aquarium in Corpus Christi, TX for the purpose of providing students with educational enrichment opportunities in the area of Science/Math.

Mileage - To and from Corpus Christi, TX. 160 miles 2 = 320 miles round trip, approximately 200 students, 13 adults

Total miles round trip = 320 miles
6 buses needed - \$10,236
 $\$1706/320 \text{ miles} = \5.33 per mile

- The destination will be to the State Capital/University of Texas/St. Edwards University for the purpose of providing students with educational enrichment opportunities in the area of Social Studies/ELA.

Mileage - To and from Austin, TX 215 miles 2 = 430 miles round trip, approximately 200 students, 13 adults

Total miles round trip = 430 miles
6 buses needed - \$13,752
 $\$2292/430 \text{ miles} = \5.33 per mile

Local Field Trips:

- The destination will be to Texas A&M International University for the purpose of providing students with educational enrichment opportunities in the area of Science - Planetarium

Mileage - to and from TAMIU, 8.3 miles 2 = 16.6 miles round trip, approximately 200 students, 13 adults

Total miles round trip = 16.6 miles
6 buses needed = \$530
 $\$5.33 \times 16.6 = \$88.49 * 6 \text{ Buses}$

Additional destinations depend on additional educational enrichment opportunities that include but are not limited to UIL competition dates or based on instructional planning for trips based on Fine Arts, Reading/ELA, Social Studies, Science and Math concepts. For example, Leadership Team Site Visits to different campuses that are implementing the transformation to Educational Excellence Model.

Fund sources used for match will come from local funds (199) and/or state compensatory education funds (199). The matching funds will pay for any additional costs associated with travel. All TEA Documentation requirements will be met.

*All field trips will help fulfill the Transformation to Educational Excellence Model requirement as per the grant.

6411 Out of State Travel for Employees (includes registration fees) – Professional development trainings, sessions, and workshops in the amount of \$40,000.00.

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6412 Travel for Students (includes registration fees; does not include field trips) – Educational enrichment including UIL competitions, Fine Arts, Science, Social Studies, Math, and Reading/ELA in the amount of \$55,000.00.

6419 - Travel for Non-Employees (includes registration fees; does not include field trips) (specific approval required only for nonprofit organizations) - Parents to attend higher educational enrichment opportunities with students in order to increase parental involvement in their children's education in the amount of \$25,000.00.

6411/6419 Travel Costs for Executive Director (6411), Superintendent (6411), or Board members (6419) (including registration fees) – Leadership effectiveness workshops, seminars, conferences, and trainings in the amount of \$15,000.00.

6499 Publication and Printing Costs – if reimbursed (specific approval required only for nonprofit charter schools) – Parental Notification Letters, special event programs, and other publications as needed in the amount of \$20,000.00.

6699 Library Books and media (capitalized and controlled by library) – (1)Reference Materials/Periodicals/Audio Books/Instructional Based Videos/eBooks/Professional Reference Material in the amount of \$75,000.00; (2) Library Books – Fiction/Non-Fiction in the amount of \$65,000.00.

6600 Capital Outlay- The Transformation to Educational Excellence curriculum design will provide for classroom instructional technology usage for the purpose of implementing technologically enhanced instruction and impact school climate. Additionally, the technology will support professional development along with support and sustaining systemic change.

66XX Technology Hardware – Capitalized:

Library Desktops – 4 * \$2,500.00 = \$10,000.00

Laptop Computers for Parent Literacy Classes – 50 * 650.00 = \$32,500.00

Computer for student recordings – 3 * \$6,030.00 = \$18,090.00

Interactive answering systems – 50 * \$3,000.00 = 150,000.00

Student internet ready notebook computers with Microsoft Office 2007 – 1717 students * \$550.00 = \$944,350.00

Teacher internet ready laptops with Microsoft Office 2007 – 131 * \$1,500.00 = \$196,500.00

Classroom LED projectors and mounts for in class instruction technology presentation – 131 * \$1,000.00 = \$131,000.00.

Color Printers – 131 * \$1,000.00 = \$131,000.00

Plasma Screen TV with mounts - 131 * \$2,500.00 = \$327,500.00

DVD/VCR Combo with mounts – 131 * \$150.00 = \$19,650.00

Hardware for student recordings (e.g. microphones) – 2 * \$2,500.00 = \$5,000.00

Sound system for student performances – 2 * \$5,000.00 = \$10,000.00

Duplicator CD/DVD for student projects – 7 * \$3,000.00 = \$21,000.00

Curriculum on Wheels (COW) for Social Studies and Science - 8 * \$2,500.00 = \$20,000.00

TI - Graphing Calculator Bundle (TI-84 Wireless Graphing Calculators) – 4 * \$15,750.00 = \$63,000.00

Library Media Services Technology to include an (1) electronic projector screen - \$1,000.00, (2) color printers - \$1,000.00 (2) large plasma screen TVs - \$9,500.00 (2) DVD/VCR combos - \$300.00 (2) LED projectors - \$2,000.00, Large capacity plotter for large size posters, banners, and photos – \$10,500.00, 50 Notebook Computers - \$27,500.00 for Parental Involvement training/activities, furniture in the amount of \$25,000.00

66XX Technology Software – Capitalized:

Digital Audio Workstation Software - 2 * \$500.00 = \$1,000.00

Visions Software – 1 * \$5,000.00 = \$5,000.00

Reading Software Bundle – 1 Campus Site License @ \$15,000.00 = \$15,000.00

Math Software Bundle – 1 Campus Site License @ \$15,000.00 = \$15,000.00

66XX Equipment and Furniture:

Computers desks – 90 * \$500.00 = 45,000.00

Large Capacity Laminator – 1 * \$3,000.00

Storage cabinets for notebook computers – 60 * \$4,250.00 = \$255,000.00

Large capacity laminator for library – 2 * \$3,000.00 = \$6,000.00

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Schedule #5B—Payroll Costs (6100)						
Budgeted Costs						
Employee Position Titles		Justification	#Full-Time Effort	#Part-Time Effort	Pre-Award	Amount Budgeted
Instruction						
1	Teacher				\$	\$
2	Educational Aide					
3	Tutor					
Program Management and Administration						
4	Project Director					
5	Project Coordinator	Data Collection/ Grant Facilitator	1			\$186,000
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:	Principal Incentive for meeting established performance benchmarks	1			\$42,000
23	Title:	Instructional Specialists for ELA/Math/ESL/Science	4			\$780,000
24	Title:	Asst. Principals Incentive for meeting established performance benchmarks	6			\$135,000
25	Title:	Teachers stipend for program participation (Enhance Teacher Quality)	131			\$393,000
26	Title:	66 Para Professionals and 30 other support staff Stipend \$500 & \$400	96			\$135,000
27	Subtotal Employee Costs				\$	\$1,671,000
Substitute, Extra-Duty, Benefits						
28	6112	Substitute Pay				\$250,000
29	6119	Professional Staff Extra-Duty Pay				\$400,500
30	6121	Support Staff Extra-Duty Pay				\$120,000
31	6140	Employee Benefits				\$162,500
32	Subtotal Substitute, Extra-Duty, Benefits Costs				\$	\$933,000
33	Grand Total Payroll Budget (line 26 + line 31)				\$	\$2,604,000

Principal Awards: In order to support School Improvement Activities and Performance Measures

# of Principals	Assessment Instrument	Performance Target Criteria	Award Amount
1	Federal AYP Ratings School Year: 2010 – 2011 2011 – 2012 2012 - 2013	Baseline: Tier I Met Standards Or Tier II Met Standards with required Improvement. Or Tier III Met Standards with Texas Projection Model (TPM). Target: Met or Exceed Standards	Tier I \$5,000 Or Tier II \$3,000 Or Tier III \$2,000 All award amounts listed above include TRS benefits and Tax Deductions
1	AEIS Ratings School Year: 2010 – 2011 2011 – 2012 2012 - 2013	Baseline: Tier I Campus received an "Exemplary" state accountability rating. Or Tier II Campus received a "Recognized" state accountability rating. Or Tier III Campus received an "Acceptable" state accountability rating. Target: Recognized or Exemplary Status	Tier I \$5,000 Or Tier II \$3,000 Or Tier III \$2,000 All award amounts listed above include TRS benefits and Tax Deductions
1	AEIS Comparable Improvement Report School Year: 2010 – 2011 2011 – 2012 2012 - 2013	Baseline: Tier I Campus in the top 25% of Comparable Schools for all tests taken. Or Tier II Campus in the top 50% of Comparable Schools for all tests taken. Target: Top 10% of Comparable Schools for all tests taken.	Tier I \$4,000 Or Tier II \$2,000 All award amounts listed above include TRS benefits and Tax Deductions

Assistant Principal Awards: In order to support School Improvement Activities and Performance Measures

# of Principals	Assessment Instrument	Performance Target Criteria	Award Amount
6	Federal AYP Ratings School Year: 2010 – 2011 2011 – 2012 2012 - 2013	Baseline: Tier I Met Standards Or Tier II Met Standards with required Improvement. Or Tier III Met Standards with Texas Projection Model (TPM). Target: Met or Exceed Standards	Tier I \$2,500 Or Tier II \$1,500 Or Tier III \$1,000 All award amounts listed above include TRS benefits and Tax Deductions
6	AEIS Ratings School Year: 2010 – 2011 2011 – 2012 2012 - 2013	Baseline: Tier I Campus received an "Exemplary" state accountability rating. Or Tier II Campus received a "Recognized" state accountability rating. Or Tier III Campus received an "Acceptable" state accountability rating. Target: Recognized or Exemplary Status	Tier I \$2,500 Or Tier II \$1,500 Or Tier III \$1,000 All award amounts listed above include TRS benefits and Tax Deductions
6	AEIS Comparable Improvement Report School Year: 2010 – 2011 2011 – 2012 2012 - 2013	Baseline: Tier I Campus in the top 25% of Comparable Schools for all tests taken. Or Tier II Campus in the top 50% of Comparable Schools for all tests taken. Target: Top 10% of Comparable Schools for all tests taken.	Tier I \$2,000 Or Tier II \$1,000 All award amounts listed above include TRS benefits and Tax Deductions

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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) <i>Specify purpose:</i>	\$	\$
626 9	Rental or Lease of Buildings, Space in Buildings, or Land <i>Specify purpose and provide calculation:</i>		
629 9	Contracted Publication and Printing Costs (specific approval required only for nonprofit charter schools) <i>Specify purpose:</i>		
629 9	Scholarships and Fellowships (not allowed for nonprofit charter schools) <i>Specify purpose:</i>		

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.	Region I TEEM services	\$9,800	\$	\$9,800
2.	Mathematics/To improve teacher quality	\$9,500		\$9,500
3.	Science/To improve teacher quality	\$9,500		\$9,500
4.	Reading ELA/To improve teacher quality	\$9,500		\$9,500
5.	Bilingual ESL/To improve teacher quality	\$9,500		\$9,500
6.	Special Education/To improve teacher quality	\$9,500		\$9,500
7.	Social Studies/To improve teacher quality	\$9,500		\$9,500
8.	Classroom and Behavioral Management/ To improve teacher quality	\$9,500		\$9,500
9.	Conflict Resolution/To improve teacher quality	\$9,500		\$9,500
10.	Technology Integration/To improve teacher quality	\$9,500		\$9,500

Subtotal

Professional and Consulting Services Less than \$10,000

\$ \$95,300

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 <i>Title:</i>		\$	\$	\$
Subgrants, Subcontracts, Subcontracted Services				
Supplies and Materials				
Other Operating Costs				
Capital Outlay (Subgrants Only)				
Indirect Cost (____%)				
Total Payment:		\$	\$	\$

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

2. 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:		\$	\$	\$

3. 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:		\$	\$	\$

4. 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:		\$	\$	\$

Subtotal: Professional and Consulting Services Greater Than or Equal to \$10,000: \$ \$ \$

Subtotal of Professional and Contracted Services Costs Requiring Specific Approval:				
Subtotal of Professional and Consulting Services or Subgrants Less than \$10,000:				\$95,300
Subtotal of Professional and Consulting Services Greater than or Equal to \$10,000:				
Remaining 6200- Professional and Contracted Services that do not require specific approval:				\$54,000
Grand Total:				\$149,300

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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			\$	\$	
	#	Type	Purpose			Quantity
	1					
	2					
	3					
	4					
5						
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:					\$261,402	
Grand Total				\$	\$261,402	

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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: Professional development trainings, sessions and workshops.		\$	\$40,000
6412	Travel for Students (includes registration fees; does not include field trips) (specific approval required only for nonprofit charter schools) Specify purpose: UIL, Chess, Fine Arts, Orchestra, Band, Student Educational Enrichment			\$55,000
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: Parental Educational Enrichment - seminars, trainings and workshops			\$25,000
6411/ 6419	Travel Costs for Executive Director (6411), Superintendents (6411), or Board Members (6419) (includes registration fees) Specify purpose: Leadership Effectiveness workshops, seminars, and trainings			\$15,000
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: Parent Involvement Communications			\$20,000
Total 64XX- Operating Costs Requiring specific approval:				\$155,000
Remaining 6400 - Other Operating Costs that do not require specific approval:				\$135,468
Grand Total			\$	\$290,468

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

	Description/Purpose	Unit Cost	Quantity	Pre-Award	Total Budgeted
6699/15XX- Library Books and Media (capitalized and controlled by library)					
1	Reference Materials/Periodicals/Audio Books/Instructional Based Videos/eBooks/Professional Reference Material				\$75,000
2	Library Books - Fiction/Non-Fiction				\$65,000
66XX/15XX- Technology Hardware - Capitalized					
3	Library desktops	\$2,500	4		\$10,000
4	Laptop computers for Parent Literacy classes (50)	\$650	50		\$32,500
5	Computer for Student Recordings	\$6,030	3		\$18,090
6	Interactive Answering Systems	\$3,000	50		\$150,000
7	Notebooks (classroom sets 30 each)	\$550	1717		\$944,350
8	Teacher Laptops	\$1,500	131		\$196,500
9	Classroom LED Projectors with mounts + 2 for library	\$1,000	133		\$133,000
10	Color Printers + 2 for library	\$1,000	133		\$133,000
11	Plasma Screen TV's with mounts - Classrooms	\$2,500	131		\$327,500
12	Large Plasma Screen TV's with mounts - Library	\$4,750	2		\$9,500
13	DVD/VCR Combo's and Mounts +2 for library	\$150	133		\$19,950
14	Electronic Projection Screen for library	\$1,000	1		\$1,000
15	Hardware for Student Recordings	\$2,500	2		\$5,000
16	Sound system for Student Performances	\$5,000	2		\$10,000
17	Duplicator CD/DVD for student projects	\$3,000	7		\$21,000
18	Curriculum on Wheels (COWs) Social Studies and Science	\$2,500	8		\$20,000
19	TI-Navigator bundle (20 TI-84 Wireless Graphing Calculators	\$15,750	4		\$63,000
66XX/15XX- Technology Software- Capitalized					
20	Digital Audio Workstation Software	\$500	2		\$1,000
21	Visions Software	\$5,000	1		\$5,000
22	Reading Software Bundle - 1 Campus Site License	\$15,000	1		\$15,000
23	Math Software Bundle - 1 Campus Site License	\$15,000	1		\$15,000
24					
25					
26					
66XX/15XX- Equipment and Furniture					
27	Computer desks	\$500	90		\$45,000
28	Large Capacity Laminator	\$3,000	1		\$3,000
29	Storage cabinets for notebook computers	\$4,250	60		\$255,000
30	Large Capacity Laminator - for library	\$3,000	2		\$6,000
31					
32					
33					
34					
35					
36					
Capital expenditures for improvements to land, buildings, or equipment which materially increase their value or useful life.					
37					
Grand Total					
Total 6600/15XX- Capital Outlay Costs:					\$2,579,390

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CC. Federal Regulations Applicable to All Federal Programs:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE #6 B Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transactions	TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY Standard Application System School Years 2010-2013	<u>240901</u> County-District No.
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This certification is required by the Department of Education regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 34 CFR Part 85, for all lower tier transactions meeting the threshold and tier requirements stated at Section 85.11.

Terms defined: As used in these Provisions and Assurances

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

SCHEDULE #6B Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transactions	TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY Standard Application System School Years 2010-2013 Required for all federal grants regardless of the dollar amount	<u>240901</u> County-District No.
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6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled ***Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions***, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may but is not required to, check the Non-procurement List.
8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

Certification

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE #6C. Lobbying Certification	TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY Standard Application System School Years 2010-2013 Required for all federally funded grants greater than \$100,000.	<u>240901</u> County-District No.
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Submission of this certification covers all federal programs in this application, is required by the U. S. Department of Education and Section 1352, Title 31, of the United States Code, and is a prerequisite for making or entering into a subgrant or subcontract over \$100,000 with any organization. (Read instructions for this schedule for further information.)

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE #6D - Disclosure of Lobbying Activities	TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY Standard Application System School Years 2010-2013	<u>240901</u> County-District No.
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Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities for lobbying services procured (pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352). This disclosure form is required for any federal grant/contract received in excess of \$100,000 and on any subgrant/subcontract made by the grantee/contractor. (Read the instructions for this schedule for further information.)
Do not sign and submit this disclosure form unless lobbying activities are being disclosed.

Federal Program:			
Name:			
1. Type of Federal Action <input type="checkbox"/> B a. Contract <input type="checkbox"/> b. Grant	2. Status of Federal Action: <input type="checkbox"/> A a. Bid/Offer/Application <input type="checkbox"/> b. Initial award <input type="checkbox"/> c. Post-award	3. Report Type: <input type="checkbox"/> A 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): _____ 28	
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 <i>(if individual, last name, first name, MI):</i>		10. b. Individuals Performing Services <i>(including address if different from No. 10a; last name, first name, MI):</i>	

(Attach Continuation Sheet(s), if necessary)

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16. Information requested through this form is authorized by Title 31 U.S.C. Section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.	Signature:	
	Name: Scott Roberts	
	Title: Grant Writer/Research Analyst	
	Telephone# : (956) 795-3394	Date: 6-2-2010
Federal Use Only:		

Standard Form LLL

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

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

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

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

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4. Highly Qualified:

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

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

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

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

8. Teacher Mentoring: Activities that–

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Statutory Program Assurances

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

TEA Program Assurances

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

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

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

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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 on 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

