

Texas Title I Priority Schools (TTIPS) Grant Closure Model

The LEA/campus provides assurance that if it selects to implement the **closure model**, the campus will meet all of the following federal requirements:

1. Enroll the students who attended that school in other schools within the LEA that are higher achieving and within reasonable proximity to the closed school. These placement schools may include, but are not limited to, charter schools or new schools for which achievement data are not yet available.
2. A grant for school closure is a one-year grant without the possibility of continued funding.

Questions to Consider:

- What are the metrics to identify schools to be closed?
- What steps are in place to ensure closure decisions are based on tangible data and are readily transparent to the local community?
- How will students and their families be supported by the LEA through the re-enrollment process?
- Which higher-achieving schools have the capacity to receive students from the schools being considered for closure?
- How will the receiving schools be staffed with quality staff to accommodate the increase in students?
- How will current staff be reassigned—what is the process for determining which staff members are dismissed and which staff members are reassigned?
- Does the statutory, policy, and collective bargaining context relevant to the school allow for removal of current staff?
- What supports will be provided to recipient schools if current staff members are reassigned?
- What safety and security considerations might be anticipated for students of the school to be closed and the receiving school(s)?
- What are the budgetary implications of retaining surplus staff within the LEA if that is necessary?
- How will the LEA track student progress in the recipient schools?
- What is the impact of school closure to the school's neighborhood, enrollment area, or community?
- How does school closure fit within the LEA's overall reform efforts?

Additional Resources

- Center on School Turnaround: <http://centeronschoolturnaround.org/>
- School Turnaround Learning Community: <http://schoolturnaroundsupport.org/home>
- U.S. Department of Education Office of School Turnaround:
<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oese/ost/index.html>