



Technology Lending Grant (TLG)

Learning Acceleration Support Opportunities
(LASO) Cycle 3

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Submit questions during the webinar using the Zoom Q&A



Webinar slides and recordings will be posted on the [LASO Cycle 3 website](#) after all webinars have been completed



Email LASO@tea.texas.gov with follow-up questions



Overview of LASO Cycle 3 Application Process and Timeline

Technology Lending Grant (TLG) is a part of Learning Acceleration Support Opportunities (LASO) Cycle 3

The Learning Acceleration Support Opportunities (LASO) Cycle 3 is the next iteration of a consolidated grant application that strategically batches funding opportunities that support learning acceleration and innovation opportunities.





LASO is a consolidated grant application to support key learning acceleration strategies



Curriculum and Instruction

Rigorous, high-quality instructional materials designed to make up ground and master grade level TEKS



More Time

More time for the students in most need, including expanding instructional time in the summer and with targeted tutoring



Innovative School Models

Innovative school models to incorporate all of the learning acceleration framework



LASO Cycle 3 will award \$160M to LEAs

Includes 11 grants to support learning acceleration



Curriculum & Instruction

Strong Foundations Planning

Strong Foundations Implementation

SFI School Improvement PLC Supports

Instructional Leadership

Technology Lending Grant

Blended Learning Grant

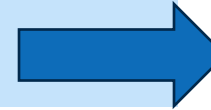
Advanced Placement Computer Science Principles



More Time

ADSY Full Year

ADSY Summer Planning
and Execution Program



Innovative School Models

School Action Fund

Early College High School

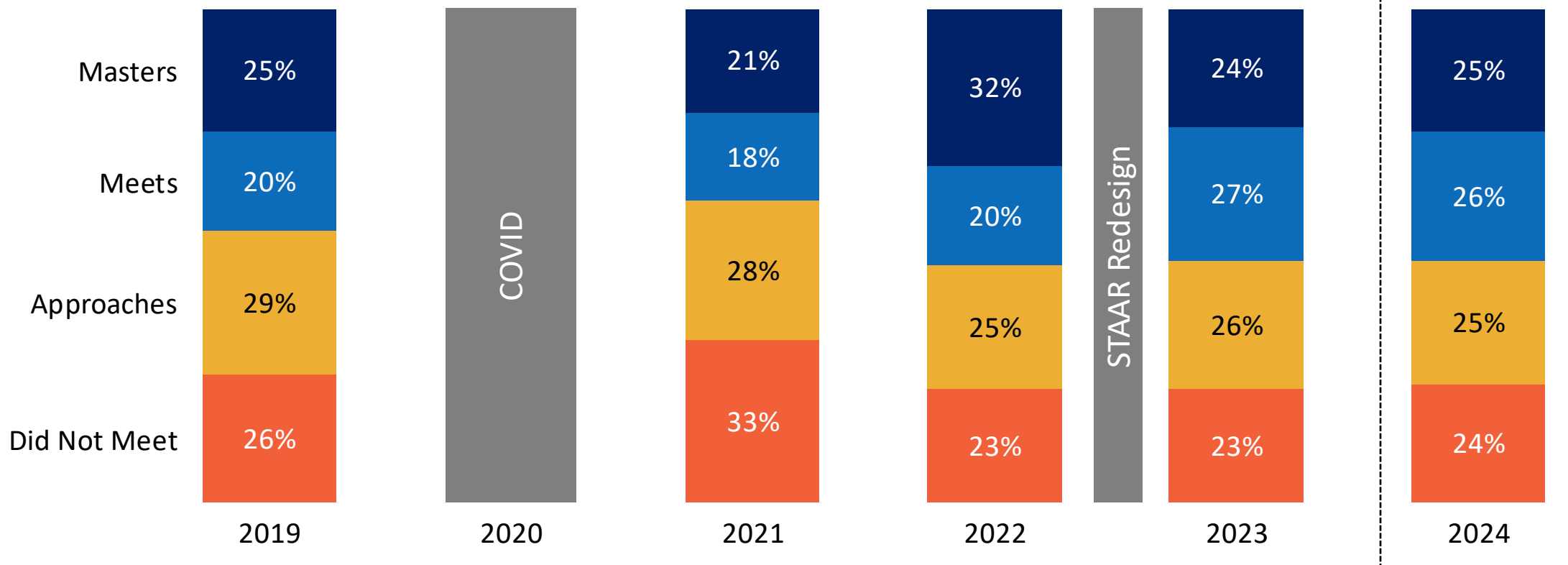
Pathways in Technology
Early College High School



TECHNOLOGY LENDING GRANT

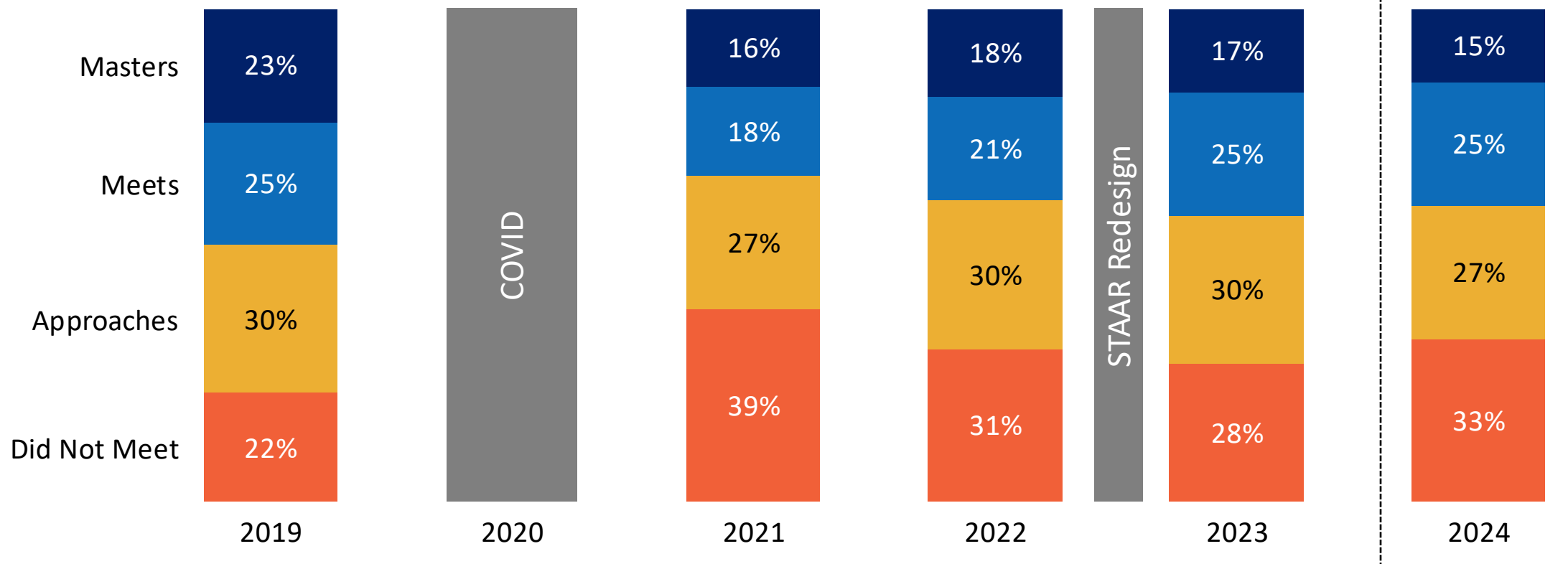
Only ~50% of Grades 3-8 students in Texas are reading on grade level

% of Students by Performance Level (RLA Grades 3-8)



Math performance in Texas has not recovered to pre-COVID levels

% of Students by Performance Level (Math Grades 3-8)



Our vision: All Texas students have access to rigorous, grade-level content and instruction every day

TLG Program Overview

Purpose

The technology lending grant funds equipment for students to access digital instructional materials at school and home.

Eligibility *

All LEAs and Charter school are eligible to apply for grades K–12.

Best Fit For

Best Fit for LEAs who are looking for:

- Classroom or student-facing technology to support the implementation of high-quality, tier-1 and supplemental instructional materials.

More information can be found in the [Grant One Pager](#)

More information can be found in the [Eligibility and Prioritization Doc](#)

More information can be found in the [Best Fit Guidance Doc](#)

**not an exhaustive list of eligibility, program assurances or requirements.*

The Technology Lending Grant program awards grant funds to school districts and open-enrollment charter schools to provide students the equipment necessary to access and use digital instructional materials at school and at home.

Necessary equipment approved as use of funds from this grant include:

- individual student devices such as laptops or tablets (including management licenses to support these products)
- individual residential internet access or area internet access such as hot spots
- insurance and care for the devices and internet access products
- other equipment necessary to access and use electronic instructional materials such as classroom display devices

Note: Grant funds cannot be used to replace lost, stolen, end-of-life, or damaged equipment as this would be considered supplanting existing equipment.

Commitments*

- **TEA Available Materials** | The LEA must ensure that devices will be prioritized for classrooms and students using [TEA Available Instructional Materials](#).
- **Training** | The LEA must provide the teacher, associated instructional coach, and students with training in the proper use of the device within 90 days of installation of the device in the classroom.
- **Current Equipment and Tech Plan** | Applicants must provide the availability of existing equipment to students in the LEA and other funding available for the purchase of student technology devices. TEA may request the LEA's technology plan.

More information can be found in the [Grant One Pager](#)

Role & Time Commitment

Role	Commitment
AP- 15 mins; monthly	Maintain information inventory logs including a list of students and classrooms
AP- 8 hours; one upon delivery	Installation of classroom-based technology
AP- 1 hour; once, or refresher as needed	Training for teachers, associated instructional coach, and students with training in the proper use of the device within 90 days of installation of the device in the classroom.

More information can be found in the [Program Guidelines](#)

- The applicant assures to adhere to all the Performance Measures, as noted in the Program Guidelines, and shall provide to TEA, upon request, any performance data necessary to assess the success of the program.
- The LEA will regularly submit their expenditures (monthly preferred, quarterly at minimum) to remain on-track for grant expenditures.
- The applicant assures that devices will be prioritized for classrooms and students using TEA Available Instructional Materials (Open Education Resources, or OER).
- The LEA assures that the device will be used for instruction with TEA Available Instructional Materials (OER) for at least 51% or the majority of the time.

More information can be found in the [Program Guidelines](#)

Technology Lending Grant (TLG)

Deep Dive

Technology Lending Grant (TLG) High Level Overview

Curriculum & Instruction



Rigorous, **high-quality instructional materials** designed to make up ground and master grade level TEKS

Total Funding Available	\$5 Million
Range of Award	Up to \$225,000
Total Grantees	50-100 LEAs
Timeline	Ready to Implement for School Year 25-26

Application Walkthrough

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Committing to Assurances

9. The LEA assures that it will account for the technology lending equipment in accordance with district policy for accounting for such equipment, including providing insurance when insurance is typically provided for such equipment. The applicant understands that the grant funds cannot be used to replace lost, stolen, or damaged equipment.

Yes

No

10. The LEA has a campus and/or district plan to administer student technology devices to participating campuses.

Yes

No

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Warning

In order to be considered for the Technology Lending Grant (TLG) grant, the LEA must agree to meet the General and Fiscal Guidelines and all the assurance requirements. By selecting "No" to any of the assurances, the LEA is opting out of this grant. If the LEA still wishes to apply for this grant, please click the ← Back Button and go back to select "Yes" to the eligibility and assurances. If the LEA does not want to apply for the TLG grant, then click the → Next Button and you will be redirected to apply for the remaining grants that you have selected.

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→ Save and Next

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18 a. Number of students utilizing the benefits at the Elementary School Level

18 b. Number of students utilizing the benefits at the Middle School Level

18 c. Number of students utilizing the benefits at the High School Level

19. Are the schools that enroll the students for whom you are requesting the devices or hotspots participating in a TEA-supported High-Quality Instructional Materials initiative?

Yes

No

← Back

→ Save and Next



We ask that you give us the **total** number of students for each level: Elementary, Middle School, and High School.

Technology Lending Grant (TLG) Application Walkthrough

Official submission of this application requires superintendent signature.

In rare case that the Superintendent is unable to sign, the LEA should email LASO@tea.texas.gov

Closing

Signature

Official submission of this application requires a Superintendent signature. Application cannot be considered submitted without the formal signature from the Superintendent.

If the Superintendent is unable to sign because they are on leave or in role transition, please email at LASO@tea.texas.gov.

If you are the superintendent, please proceed to the Question 1 below by selecting yes and proceed to submitting the application.
If you are not a Superintendent, pause on submitting this application, email LASO@tea.texas.gov to identify the LEA's grantee official who can submit the application in superintendent's absence. Once the name of the grantee official has been identified, then return back to this page select 'No' for Question 1 and answer Question 2 to submit the application.

1. Are you a Superintendent

Yes

No

Note to the Superintendent :

By signing this application, I acknowledge that I have read the inputs in this application and confirm all the responses included in this application.

TLG Communications

Newsletters

- Sent to Superintendents
- Subscribe to receive newsletters
- Please send your full name, job position, and email address to be added to our subscription list.

Email: Techlending@tea.texas.gov

Path Forward



LASO Cycle 3 Timeline

TEA opens application on 10/14

TEA closes application on 12/13 at 5:00 p.m. CT

TEA announces awards on 2/20 (tentative)

TEA issues NOGAs by 5/24

October

November

December

January

February

March

April

May

TEA publishes FAQ

TEA scores applications and conducts interviews with LEAs (if applicable)

LEAs accept awards and submit budgets in eGrants by 3/24

LEAs must complete this step for NOGAs to be issued



**LEAs must
submit LASO
Cycle 3
applications by
December 13 at
5:00pm CST**



TEA emailed unique application links to LEA superintendents on October 14 (if needed, LEAs can complete a [Request for Application Link Form](#) to receive a new link)



PDF of the application is posted on the [LASO Cycle 3 website](#); however, LEAs must submit the application through Qualtrics using the unique application link



Applications must be signed by the superintendent to be accepted

Change Requests and Declines

- TCLAS was unique in the aspect of the funding source (ESSER) and the speed at which we were operating to distribute the funding
- Therefore, to accommodate the unique circumstances of TCLAS, change requests and decline options were provided to LEAs
- Since we are no longer operating under the unique circumstances of TCLAS, we are returning to a traditional grant process to ensure equity and fairness
- LASO is again anchored in the informal discretionary competitive grant process
 - Declines and change requests are not advisable in typical competitive process
 - If declines are requested, they will be considered on a case-by-case basis for the LEAs and could raise the LEA's federal grant risk level in the coming year

Questions?



Office Hours

Attend office hours for technical assistance or discussion with program teams

- November 8, 10:00-11:00 a.m. [Registration Link](#)



FAQs

Review the general FAQ (updated FAQs will be posted by November 13)



Email

- For questions about the application process or technical assistance with the application, contact LASO@tea.texas.gov
- For questions about TLG, contact techlending@tea.texas.gov

LASO application window opens on October 14, 2024 and closes on December 13, 2024 at 5:00 PM, CT



Application Window

October 14- December 13



Program Webinars

October 17- 25



Next Steps

Visit the LASO 3 website to familiarize with included grant offerings.

Communicate and share the information with LEA internal teams to support the decision-making process on which sets of grants to apply for.

Register for our upcoming informational webinars.



Resources Available

- [Best Fit Guidance](#) provides criteria to help determine if a grant fits LEAs needs
- [Grant One Pagers](#) provide preliminary grant eligibility and key commitments
- [Eligibility and Prioritization Guidance Doc](#) provides information to help determine the likelihood of being awarded

Find all LASO related supports - including timelines, webinars, and planning tools - at tea.texas.gov/LASO