



Welcome and Thank you for Joining Today!



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Agenda and FYIs for Today's Webinar

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Overview of the LASO
- 3. Strong Foundations Implementation Deep Dive | Program description, eligibility, key commitments, scoring, interview criteria, allowable expenditures
- Next Steps and Q&A

FYIs



Please ask questions and drop them in the **Question and Answer** box in Zoom



This recording and these slides will be posted on LASO website at the end of the week 11/18, once all the webinar options have been conducted.



11/17/2022



Strong Foundations Implementation is a part of Learning Acceleration Support Opportunities (LASO)

Based on lessons learned from TCLAS, TEA is attempting to continue offering streamlined, consolidated grant applications, focused on a few grant programs that can be bundled and that help accelerate academic gains

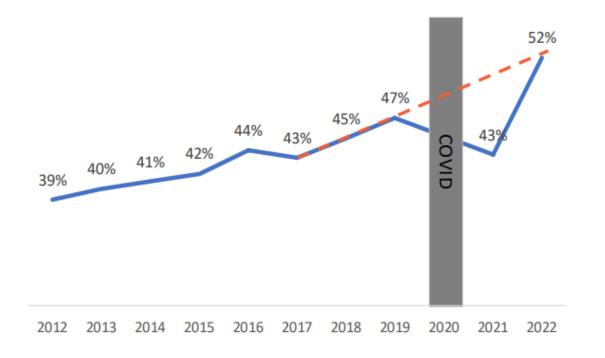




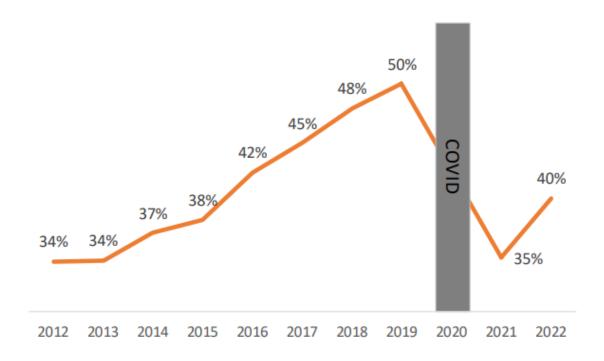


While we have seen a rebound in STAAR RLA results, continued attention is needed toward both Reading and Math to be able to accelerate learning

Percent of Students that Met Grade Level or Above in Reading Language Arts (Grades 3-8, English I & II)



Percent of Students that Met Grade Level or Above in Math (Grades 3-8 and Algebra I)



^{1.} Includes STAAR 3-8 Reading, English I and English II EOC Assessments 2. Includes STAAR 3-8 Mathematics, Algebra I EOC Assessment Note: Results for grades 3-5 combine assessments given in Spanish and English. Results exclude STAAR-M, STAAR-L, STAAR-A, STAAR Alternate, STAAR Alternate 2 during any years they were offered. Participation in STAAR math and reading assessments in 2021 was 86%. Spring 2021 STAAR results are for learning and recovery planning only – no SSI grade promotion requirements or ratings for districts or campuses. There is no 2020 STAAR data because of cancellation of STAAR in spring 2020. | Source: 2012-2021 Spring STAAR Data



LASO cycle will be anchored in Learning Acceleration Strategies

Accelerated Learning Strategies

Strategic Planning



Strategic planning and performance management to prioritize, launch, and continuously improve learning acceleration strategies

Instructional Materials



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

Teacher Pipelines



Talent pipelines that support teachers to deliver excellence in the classroom, getting more than 1 year of growth in 1 year

More Time



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

Innovative School Models



Innovative school
models to incorporate
all aspects of the
learning acceleration
framework



LASO will provide 8 grant opportunities embedded in three learning acceleration strategies



Instructional Materials

Strong Foundations Implementation Supports

Ready to Implement in SY23-24

*K-5 Math/RLA high quality instructional material planning support

Strong Foundations Planning Supports

Ready to plan in SY23-24

*K-5 Math/RLA high quality instructional material planning support

Technology Lending Grant

Ready to Implement in SY23-24

*Tablets, hardware, and internet hotspots to provide access to digital instructional materials

Blended Learning Grant

Ready to Implement in SY23-24

*Math/RLA licenses for blended learning products



More Time

ADSY Planning and Execution Program - Summer

Ready to Implement in SY23-24

*PreK-5; One year planning support to design summer learning program



Innovative School Models

P-TECH (Pathways in Technology Early College High School) Planning Year | SY 23-24 Implementation Year | SY 24-25

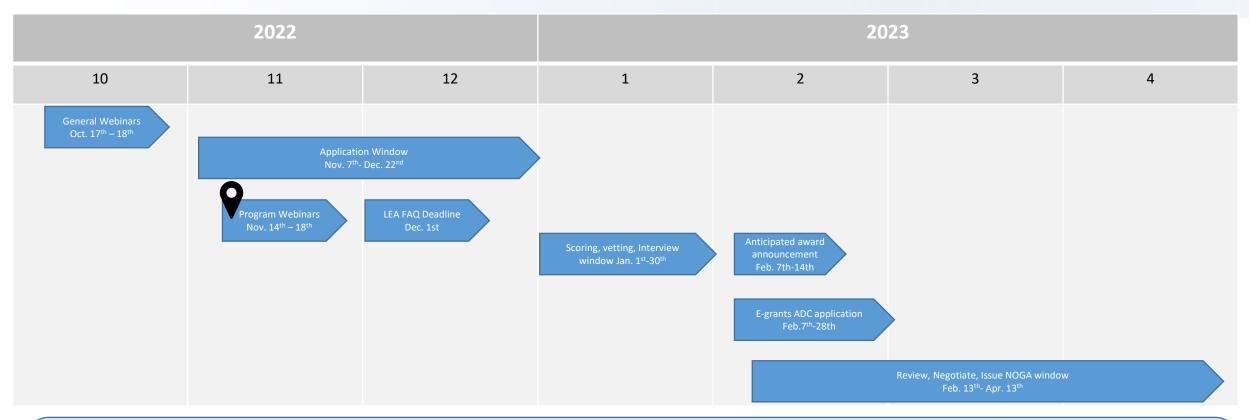
ECHS (Early College High School)
Planning Year | SY 23-24
Implementation Year | SY 24-25

SAF School Action Fund

Ready to plan in SY23-24



TEM Timeline and Application Process



Key Considerations

- Application | opens on November 7th and closes on December 22nd at 11:59pm. The LEAs have 45 days to complete the application for the grants that they wish to apply.
- Scoring and interview | opens Jan. 1st. Jan. 30th. This is the window for TEA to score the applications and reach out to LEAs for interviews if the score meets the threshold. The intent of the interview is to provide a two-way opportunity to determine readiness and fit.
- NOGA | There is a 60-day window for NOGA issuing. The process will start on Feb. 13th and culminate on Apr. 13th. LEAs can receive their NOGA at any time between that window. Note, the NOGA can only be issued once the LEAs certifies and submits the budget in the e-grants system. Therefore, if there is a delay in LEAs submission, that may impact the NOGA date.



Application is open from November 7th to December 22nd

- We recognize that this window runs up against the winter break in some cases. Our intent here is to provide as much time and a longer runway to application completion as possible.
- Application unique link was emailed to LEA superintendents on November 7th.
- If the LEA is unable to receive the application link in the superintendent email, LEAs can refer to a **form** posted on LASO website to acquire a new link.
- A **PDF** of the application was posted on the LASO website on November 7th. However, formal submission of the application will be through the Qualtrics application survey.









TEM 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, with LASO, we are no longer operating under the unique circumstances of TCLAS, we are going back to the traditional grant process for equity and fairness
- LASO will be 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





Strong Foundations Implementation High Level Overview

Instructional Materials



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

Estimated Total Funding Available	~\$60 Million*
Estimated Range of Award	In-kind
Estimated Award Numbers	75-175 LEAs (will vary based on size of LEAs)
Estimated Timeline	Ready to Implement in SY23-24 K-5 Math/RLA high quality instructional material planning and implementation support

Exploring additional funding opportunities



Strong Foundations Implementation Program Description



High-quality instructional materials are among the most impactful elements of a student's education. HQIM allow students to engage more deeply and meaningfully with the Texas standards and supports teachers in ensuring all students have access to high-quality and rigorous grade-level content.



Strong Foundations Implementation Supports provide in-kind supports

for pre-implementation planning, as well as content- and product-specific professional learning for teachers, coaches, and administrators on effectively implementing HQIM.

The Strong Foundations Grant Program (Texas Education Code Sec. 29.0881) is established through House Bill 4545, 87th Regular Session, 2021 and will offer K-5 Math & Literacy comprehensive Tier 1 instructional supports, including curriculum, instructional leadership, and planning supports.



Strong Foundations Implementation Eligibility Requirements

Eligible applicants are LEAs implementing core approved products in K-5 RLA and/or K-5 Math in 2023-24







LEAs that are not ready to implement in 2023-24 can apply to Option 2: Strong Foundations Planning



Strong Foundations Implementation Program Options

CRIMSI

Provides professional learning directly to teachers, coaches, and administrators through asynchronous modules and live virtual communities of practice

CRIMSI Local
Implementation Training
of Trainers

Provides professional learning directly to coaches and administrators through asynchronous modules and live virtual communities of practice in a "training of trainers" model

ESC Strong Foundations
Implementation
Supports

Provides professional learning directly to teachers, coaches, and administrators through asynchronous modules and live virtual and/or inperson job-embedded supports delivered by Education Service Centers



Strong Foundations Implementation Program Supports

All options include:



Pre-implementation supports for districts to prepare for high-fidelity systemand school-level implementation



Content- and product-specific onboarding and ongoing professional learning for teachers, instructional coaches, and administrators



Communities of practice for senior district leaders (e.g., Superintendents, Chief Academic Officers, Chief School Officers, etc.)



Strong Foundations Implementation Program Supports

Options 1A and 1B also include:



Stipends for teachers meeting all requirements (1A only)

Stipends for coaches meeting all requirements (1A and 1B)

Options 1A also includes:



Print materials for teachers and students for the full year, including manipulatives and trade books



Strong Foundations Implementation Texas Education Agency Program Supports

	CRIMSI	CRIMSI Local	ESC Strong Foundations
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Pre-implementation planning	Included	Included	Included
HQPL for teachers	Provided directly by TEA	Provided locally by coaches/administrators with support from TEA	Provided directly by ESCs
HQPL for coaches HQPL for administrators		Provided directly by TEA	
HQPL delivery model	Asynch modules	Asynch modules	Asynch modules
Additional HQPL supports	Live virtual CoPs for teachers, coaches, and administrators	Live virtual CoPs for coaches and administrators	Live virtual and/or in-person job-embedded supports for teachers, coaches, and administrators
Print materials	Included	Not Included	Not Included
Stipends	Included for Teachers and Coaches	Included for Coaches	Not Included
CoPs for senior district leaders	Included	Included	Included



Strong Foundations Implementation Key Commitments

Approval by Superintendent and CAO (or equivalent leader) to participate in the pilot (and school board if required by local policy)

Appointment of initiative lead as the primary point of contact and submission of at least 1 additional point of contact

Participation of at least 1 school leader per participating campus

Participation of at least 1 coach per product (coaches may include instructional coaches, administrators, leaders, or other individuals directly supporting teachers)

Submission of participant registration information by deadlines



Strong Foundations Implementation Key Commitments

Following the year-long scope and sequence for each product

Meeting the minimum number of instructional minutes for each product

Using the curriculum-embedded assessments for each product

Ensuring participants are able to attend all required professional learning

Ensuring teachers have sufficient planning time and use the required protocols

Ensuring digital access and rostering (if applicable)

Ensuring print access

Strong Foundations Implementation Key Commitments

Ensuring participating initiative leads, school leaders, coaches, and teachers complete role-specific assurances

Attendance and engagement by senior district leaders at monthly Communities of Practice (CoPs)

Submitting all required data



Strong Foundations Implementation Scoring & Prioritization





3rd grade literacy STAAR scores ranked from lowest to highest

3rd grade math STAAR scores ranked from lowest to highest

LEAs will be awarded their preferred option (1A, 1B, 1C) if possible; however, each option has capacity limitations and LEAs may not receive their preferred option



Strong Foundations Implementation Scoring & Prioritization

LEAs with prior participation and good standing in the following initiatives will be prioritized:

Resilient Schools Support Program

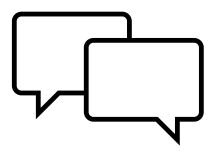
Strong Foundations Math and Literacy Framework Development Grant

CRIMSI 2021-22 or 2022-23 pilots

LEAs that previously participated in CRIMSI and are applying to expand will be awarded the CRIMSI Local Implementation Training of Trainers (1B) option if capacity for other options has been met



Strong Foundations Implementation Interviews



In the case of a tie, virtual oral interviews will be conducted to assess overall readiness for implementation, including:

Systems Alignment (e.g., instructional time, planning time, assessment strategy, etc.)

Support Models (e.g., coaching supports, observation and feedback practices, etc.)



Strong Foundations Implementation Allowability vs. Non-allowability

Allowable expenditures/uses	Unallowable expenditures/uses

Strong Foundations Implementation Supports are in-kind supports



Strong Foundations Implementation Timelines

Spring 2023

Summer 2023

Fall 2023

Spring 2024

Pre-implementation system- and school-level supports launch (tentatively March 2023) Onboarding modules to be completed prior to implementation

Ongoing professional learning for teachers, instructional coaches, and administrators

Progress monitoring supports and cycles of continuous improvement for initiative leads

More detailed timeline information will be provided in early December.



Strong Foundations Implementation Application Walkthrough

Strong Foundations Implementation Supports

Part 3: Application Options

22. Which product(s) are you applying for Strong Foundations Implementation Supports? Select all that apply.

K-5 RLA: Amplify Texas Elementary Literacy Program/Amplify Texas Lectoescritura En Español

K-5 Math: Eureka Math TEKS Edition

23. Which option(s) do you prefer for Strong Foundations Implementation Supports?

Note: Each option has capacity limitations and LEAs may not receive their first preferences.

LEAs may not select more than one option with same preference.

	First Preference	Second Preference	Third Preference	Not Interested In
D1A - CRIMSI	0	0	0	0
D1B – CRIMSI Local Implementation Training of Trainers (ToT)	0	0	0	0
D1C – ESC Strong Foundations Implementation Supports	0	0	0	0

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Select your first, second, and third preference. If you are not interested in an option, select "Not interested in".

As a reminder, LEAs will be awarded their preferred option (1A, 1B, 1C) if possible; however, each option has capacity limitations and LEAs may not receive their preferred option



Strong Foundations Implementation Application Walkthrough

Strong Foundations Implementation Supports

Part 3A: Amplify Texas Elementary Literacy Program/Amplify Texas Lectoescritura En Español – Implementation Supports

24. Enter the estimated number of schools the LEA is applying for Strong Foundations Implementation Supports in SY2023-24 for Amplify Texas Elementary Literacy Program/Amplify Texas Lectoescritura En Español. (Note: Include any in-district charters).

25. Enter the estimated number of individual teachers implementing Amplify Texas Elementary Literacy Program/Amplify Texas Lectoescritura En Español in SY2023-24. (Note: Teachers that piloted Amplify Texas Elementary Literacy Program/Amplify Texas Lectoescritura En Español in CRIMSI 2021-22 or CRIMSI 2022-23 are not eligible and should not be included in counts.)

Grades K-2 (English only):

Grades 3-5 (English only):

Grades K-2 (Spanish/Dual Language):

Grades 3-5 (Spanish/Dual Language):

26. Enter the estimated number of individual coaches supporting Amplify Texas Elementary Literacy Program/Amplify Texas Lectoescritura En Español in SY2023-24. (Note: Coaches can be instructional coaches, district/school leaders or administrators, or other roles providing direct support to teachers. LEAs must have at least 1 coach.)

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Enter # of schools

Enter # of individual teachers

Teachers that previously piloted the product are not eligible and should not be included in counts

Enter # of individual coaches

Coaches can be instructional coaches, district/school leaders or administrators, or other roles providing direct support to teachers LEAs must have at least 1 coach per product



Strong Foundations Implementation Application Walkthrough

Strong Foundations Implementation Supports

Part 3A: Amplify Texas Elementary Literacy Program/Amplify Texas Lectoescritura En Español – Implementation Supports

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If the LEA happens to get this error message on Q25 on Part 3A

Please email <u>LASO@tea.texas.gov</u> to get a new link



Strong Foundations Implementation

Strong Foundations Implementation Application Walkthrough

Only LEAs indicating a preference for Option 1A: CRIMSI will submit print information Due to supply chain challenges, orders will not be changed from what is entered

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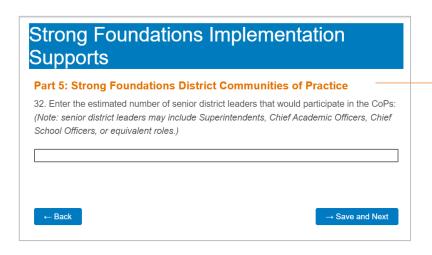
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Enter # of unique lead teachers and unique students

- Regardless of bilingual implementation model, if a teacher requires materials in both languages, they are considered bilingual (Eng. & Spanish)
- Teacher print numbers must equal teacher implementation numbers for Option 1A CRIMSI
- Consider self-contained versus departmentalized in your teacher to student ratios
- Only request 1 manipulative kit per teacher
- Coaches will not receive print material
- Must fill every box, so please enter zeroes



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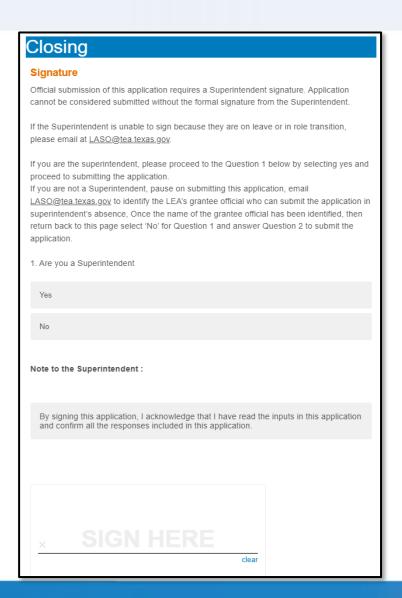
Enter # of senior district leaders that would participate in the monthly communities of practice

Senior district leaders may include Superintendents, Chief Academic Officers, Chief Schools Officers, or equivalent roles



Strong Foundations Implementation 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





LASO Office Hours

Office Hours are an opportunity to receive further technical support & high-level guidance. Office hours topics can include Technical assistance (accessing & submitting the Qualtrics application), referrals to TEA resources, and high-level reviews of dates, timelines, and estimated funding.

Examples:

- An LEA is having trouble logging in to the Qualtrics app, and attends for assistance logging into their application
- AN LEA wants to ensure the timeline of a LASO initiative aligns with current district programs.

Office Hours will take place on November 29th from 2-3PM CST





TEM Option-specific webinars and office hours

To learn more about each option, join us for option-specific webinars and office hours!

Registration links will be posted on LASO website by end of week Sessions will be recorded and posted on LASO website

CRIMSI

Webinar

12/1/22, 9am-10am

Registration Link

Office Hours #1

12/5/22, 10am-11am

Registration Link

Office Hours #2

12/9/22, 10am-11am

Registration Link

CRIMSI Local Implementation **Training of Trainers**

Webinar

11/29/22, 9am-10am

Registration Link

Office Hours #1

12/1/22, 10am-11am

Registration Link

Office Hours #2

12/8/22, 10am-11am

Registration Link

ESC Strong Foundations Implementation Supports

Webinar

12/5/22, 9am-10am **Registration Link**

Office Hours #1

12/7/22, 2pm-3pm Registration Link

Office Hours #2

12/9/22, 2pm-3pm

Registration Link



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Approved Core Products Office Hours

Amplify Texas Elementary Literacy Program (K-2)

11/28/22, 10am-11am

Registration Link

Amplify Texas Elementary Literacy Program (3-5)

11/30/22, 10am-11am

Registration Link

Amplify Texas Lectoescritura en Español (K-5)

11/29/22, 10am-11am

Registration Link

Eureka Math TEKS Edition (K-5)

12/2/22, 10am-11am

Registration Link

Other Topics

Print Materials

11/29/22, 1pm-2pm **Registration Link**

Professional Development

12/6/22, 10am-11am **Registration Link**

Assurances

12/7/22, 10am-11am **Registration Link**



Next Steps & Points of Contact

SFI Points of Contact

- Strong Foundations Inbox: strongfoundations@tea.texas.gov
- LASO: laso@tea.texas.gov

Next Steps

- Review the LASO <u>webpage</u>
- Prepare your questions for the Office Hours
- Revisit the <u>General FAQ</u>. Updated FAQ's will be posted by Tuesday, November 22nd
- Participate in SFI Office Hours: November 29, 2022, 2-3 pm