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1. Do we have to take part in the testing program to apply for this grant?

No. A public school system does not have to opt into the K-12 COVID-19 testing program to apply for these grant dollars.

2. When is the deadline for this grant? **New November 4, 2021**

See the grant timeline below:

Tentative Date	Action
November 4, 2021 (Today)	Announcement and release of COVID-19 School Operations and Support Grant Program and application. Application program guidelines, planning amount allocations, and the application are available here .
December 9, 2021	Grant applications due
January 14, 2022	First Cash Advance Grant Payments Initiated. Unrequested grant allocations will be reallocated.
March 2022	Grant End Date
May 2022	Grantee Closeout; Final Grantee Expenditure Documentation Due to TEA
June 31, 2022	TEA Grant Closeout

3. What are the allowable expenses for these dollars? **Updated November 4, 2021**

At this time, the current allowable expenses will include:

1. PPE (including but not limited to masks, gloves, gowns, & face shields)
2. Hygiene and cleaning supplies
3. Portable high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) fan/filtration systems or other small items that may allow for improved air circulation
4. Public health events that include students and other community members and are aimed at providing opportunities for increased detection and prevention of COVID-19
5. Vaccine promotion events and communications

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6. COVID-19 testing-test kits, turn-key testing services, and related support services
7. Costs to obtain a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) Certificate of Waiver
8. Partial funding for staff who will be conducting grant-related duties for screening testing or COVID prevention programs that are outside of the staff's regular duties
9. Other allowable uses pre-approved by the TEA grant program office

4. Can these grant dollars be used for payroll purposes or stipends? Updated November 4, 2021

Partial funding for staff conducting grant-related duties for screening testing or COVID prevention programs outside of the staff's regular duties is allowable.

The supplement, not supplant provision, does apply to this grant program.

5. Where do we submit the CLIA waiver \$180.00 application fee for reimbursement? May we use the money allocated for COVID testing to help pay the \$180 CLIA waiver application fee? Updated November 4, 2021

The application fee is an allowable expense under the COVID-19 School Health Support Grant (Grants to Schools). If your school system would like reimbursement, please follow the same steps as you would for the other allowable expenses through this grant.

6. Will this grant be considered as "federal funding" for private school systems? New November 4, 2021

Yes, private school systems that choose to apply will become recipients of federal assistance and will be required to follow all federal rules and regulations required when receiving federal disaster and grant funds.

7. What are some of the unallowable activities for this grant? New November 4, 2021

Unallowable activities and use of funds for this grant may include but are not limited to the following:

- Debt service (lease-purchase)

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- Major renovations or construction
- Tuition reimbursement
- Advisory Council
- Out-of-State Travel

If your school system is unsure if an activity is unallowable, please seek clarification by emailing COVIDCaseReport@tea.texas.gov

8. What are the performance measures for this grant? New November 4, 2021

Recipients of this grant agree to collect data and report on mandatory performance measures as required by TEA in the timeline and format to be determined, including, but not limited to:

1. Monthly progress reports addressing grant activities, testing usage and results, performance measures, and/or progress on milestones
2. Monthly fiscal or financial reports
3. Annual progress reports (APRs) that the CDC may later require.