

To the Administrator Addressed

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DATE:	November 7, 2024
SUBJECT:	Learning Acceleration Support Opportunities (LASO) Cycle 3 Grants- Application
	Closes on December 13, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. CT
CATEGORY:	Informational Update
NEXT STEPS:	Share with appropriate staff

What is LASO Cycle 3?

The <u>Learning Acceleration Support Opportunities (LASO) Cycle 3</u> is the next iteration of a universal consolidated application cycle that strategically batches grant funding opportunities for Texas school systems to support continued learning acceleration and innovation opportunities. LASO Cycle 3 will offer \$160 Million in supports and services via 11 grant programs consolidated into one program application.

What are the Included Grant Opportunities?

LASO program grants focus on three primary learning acceleration strategies: Curriculum & Instruction, More Time, and Innovative School Models. The following 11 grants will be included:

Instructional Materials

- Strong Foundations Planning Supports (SFP)
- Strong Foundations Implementation Supports (SFI)
- Strong Foundations Implementation School Improvement PLC Supports (SFI-SI-PLC)
- Instructional Leadership (IL)
- Technology Lending Grant (TLG)
- Math Innovation Zones and the Blended Learning Grant Program (BLGP)
- Advanced Placement Computer Science Principles (AP CSP)

More Time

- Additional Days School Year Planning and Execution Program (ADSY PEP) Summer Learning Innovative School Models
 - School Action Fund (SAF)
 - Early College High School (ECHS)
 - Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH)

Next Steps

Please consider the following information as you complete your application:

- Visit the LASO 3 website to familiarize yourself with the following grant information:
 - Best Fit Guidance | Provides criteria to help determine if a grant fits the school district's needs.
 - o Grant One Pager | Provides preliminary detailed information about each grant.

- <u>Eligibility and Prioritization Doc</u> | Provides clarity on awarding criteria to help school districts determine the chances of an award.
- The grant application closes at 5:00 pm CT on December 13, 2024.

Contact Information

You may contact the Learning Acceleration Support Opportunities team at <u>LASO@tea.texas.gov</u> or by visiting the <u>LASO 3 website</u>.