



Frequently Asked Questions

This document will provide frequently asked questions to guide our partners in their decision-making process to determine which grants are the best fit, aligned to district goals and needs.

LASO Cycle 4 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)- BLG 1

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General Questions and Resources

Refer to the General Webinar FAQ deck [here](#) for information on Program Guidelines, Webinar Decks, Guidance Docs, and more.

Below are the FAQs related to the Blended Learning Grant (BLG) Initiative:

Section A: Program Overview

What is the purpose of the Blended Learning Grant?

- The Blended Learning Grant opportunity has two distinct cohorts and associated purposes that applicants will select from, as described below.
- The Blended Learning Academic cohort will support school districts and open-enrollment charter schools through a planning stage to design and subsequently implement a high-quality blended learning model in math (through Math Innovation Zones - MIZ) and Reading Language-Arts (RLA) aligned with a High-Quality Instructional Material curriculum (HQIM).
- The Blended Learning Strategic Operations cohort will support school districts and open-enrollment charter schools in leveraging a blended learning model to make a strategic operational shift to scheduling, staffing and/or budgets. This shift will seek to make robust operational changes to optimize campus staffing models for teachers while maximizing academic impact for students. The grant is available to School Systems that have successfully completed a planning phase of either Math Innovation Zones or RLA Blended Learning grants. Applicants will select a blended model that will require significant operational and staffing shifts to rethink time in a teacher-centric way at the participating campus(es).

Will the Strategic Operations Pathway be under the BLG?

- Yes, the Blended Learning Strategic Operations Pathway is an option within the Blended Learning Grant, available for LEAs who have previously participated in TEA Blended Learning Grants.

How many campuses can a School System apply for?

- LEAs can apply and undergo planning for as many campuses as they see fit; however, for the Academic Cohort, the maximum award is \$180,000; for the Strategic Operations Cohort, the maximum award is \$310,000 per grantee.

Does the Blended Learning portion of the LASO grant cover PreK?

- The eligible grades for the Blended Learning Grant are grades K-8. Some approved supplemental product licenses are campus-based, so if a grantee uses BLG grant funds to purchase a campus license, Pre-K may be part of that license.

How do I find my Strategic Operations Cohort scoring template?

- You can find the supplemental scoring template in the Program Guidelines, posted on the [LASO 4 website](#) and linked here for convenience: [Blended Learning Scoring Template](#)

The webinar recommended that the BLG project manager should not be from the Superintendent's Office - does that mean Cabinet level, or just the Superintendent themselves?

- The superintendent as the grant project manager is not allowable and TEA highly advises against staff at the superintendent cabinet level due to needing to dedicate 50% of their time to BLG; however, this would be determined on a case-by-case basis and included in the interview process.

The BL grant CANNOT be used to support Algebra 1 teacher shortage at a High School campus, correct?

- Correct, Algebra I at the High School level is only available for the Academic cohort currently.

Could I confirm that that technology (computers/Chromebooks) is NOT an allowable expense?

- Technology is allowable, including devices and infrastructure. An errata has been submitted to address the capital outlay language to allow for this expense.

Our district is in the LASO 2 BLG-Strategic Operations. We are not eligible for LASO 4 BLG, correct?

- Correct.

For Boost Reading, how much time is required for 6th-8th?

- Currently, the metric for Boost reading with 6-8th grade is 45 minutes per week.

If we are in LASO 3 BLG Planning, are we eligible for Strategic Operations?

- The Strategic Operations cohort is open to LASO 2 and prior BLG cohorts only.

To clarify, if our district has Blended Learning currently, we are not eligible for BLG LASO 4?

- LASO 1 & LASO 2 BLG Planning Math/RLA are eligible for the Strategic Operations cohort.

For the Strategic Operations application, are we only limited to applying for campuses that previously participated in the planning grant only, or can we scale out to other district campuses?

- In the application, school systems will need to submit the number of campuses and the estimated number of students participating; they are not explicitly asked which campuses are applying. Note: The spirit of the grant is to scale blended learning within the district; however, the expectation will be for all campuses participating to meet grant requirements.

We have an Approved Provider that is supporting us with LASO 3 SFI & blended learning with i-Ready (not through the BL grant). They are a LIFT provider - how would they become approved as a BLG provider?

- Eligible providers for the BLG Academic cohort are currently being reviewed and will be added to the SAPL deck once finalized.

For the Strategic Operations cohort, do we only choose one grade level to focus on or a grade level band?

- For LASO 4, grantees are required to implement at least one grade level per participating campus(es) in 2025-2026 and one per grade-band for continuation years (2026-2027 and 2027-2028).

If we are currently in the Math Supplemental Curriculum (MSC) grant, are we eligible for this grant?

- Math Supplemental Curriculum participation does not impact eligibility for BLG. Eligibility is contingent on previous/current Strong Foundation participation (Academic Cohort) or previous/current BLG participation (Strategic Operations cohort).

Are you committing to blended learning model in both math and reading?

- Academic Cohort: School systems may apply for one subject or both. Each are scored and awarded separately.
- Strategic Operations Cohort: School systems will evaluate their teacher capacity needs in the spring during the grant planning process and will determine which grade-level & subject will be best fit at each campus (for example: 3rd grade Math, 4th grade Reading, or both).

If Bluebonnet is only in elementary grades for RLA, do grades 6-12 qualify if they use HQIM?

- Applicants can select 6-8 RLA using an IMRA-approved Tier 1 product, given Bluebonnet does not extend to 6-8 yet. The LASO Cycle 4 Blended Learning Grant for both math and RLA is only K-8.

If a district has implemented Bluebonnet K-5 Math and 6-8 Math and has more than 165 instructional days, but has never participated in Strong Foundations, would they be eligible to apply for the BLG Academic Cohort?

- Eligibility is contingent on previous/current participation in the Strong Foundations Grant (Academic Cohort) or BLG Planning (Strategic Operations cohort).

Section B: Application and Submission

How do I get a link to the application?

- Links were emails to Superintendents on October 3, 2025. If you need to request a new link for your school system, please fill out the correct form on the TEA LASO 4 webpage: [LASO Cycle 4 | Texas Education Agency](#).

When is the deadline to apply?

- The deadline to apply is December 3, 2025 at 5:00 PM CT.

Section C: Funding and Compliance

When will I receive my NOGA?

- NOGAs are issued in order received and anticipated to be issued within 60 days of successful eGrants submission of acceptance and budget workbook in eGrants.

Would Chromebooks fall under durable supplies and materials?

- Chromebooks would fit under supplies and materials unless your district has a policy that tech products have to be capitalized.

Section D: Implementation and Monitoring

What are the key program commitments?

- For a full list of program commitments, please review the Program Assurances in the [BLG Program Guidelines](#), starting on page 15.

How will performance be evaluated?

- The applicant agrees to collect data and report on the following mandatory performance and evaluation measures:
 - The grantee must submit strategic planning deliverables such as a master schedule, assessment calendar, stakeholder engagement plan, professional learning calendars, etc.
 - The grantee will complete blended learning implementation requirements including but not limited to:
 - Meeting the supplemental product student usage fidelity metrics
 - Overall grant engagement “health score”, including:
 - Monthly classroom rubric observation submissions
 - Evidence of supplemental training completion
 - Cohort meetings, including site visits and an annual BL Summit
 - Sharing year-over-year teacher retention and satisfaction data
 - Research surveys
 - Note: Grantees must meet fidelity metrics in the above areas to be eligible for continuation grants in Year 2 and Year 3.

We are currently utilizing (Software) online platforms...I could not find those specific programs on the IMRA 2024 List of SBOE Approved Instructional Materials. Does this mean that if we are awarded the LASO Cycle 4 Blended Learning Grant, we would NOT be able to continue utilizing these same platforms? (Updated 11/12/25)

- For Math – supplemental products are approved through the following processes: Ratio-Waiver list, Math Supplemental Curriculum, and IMRA list (will know later in November).
- For Reading - supplemental products are approved through the following processes: Ratio-Waiver list, IMRA list (not reviewed until Fall 2026), or district self-selection (a rubric is provided with instructions). See Page 60-61 in the [LASO 4 BLG Webinar Deck](#)

Do applicants have to be using Bluebonnet or another HQIM resource as their main curriculum in order to apply for the grant?

- Yes, LASO 4-BLG has specific Tier 1 and Supplemental products to implement with a blended model. To see more details, you can view the [LASO 4 Blended Models Overview](#) document.

Section E: Support and Resources

Where can I find additional resources or training?

- Specific trainings can be found through two sources; a technical assistance provider found on the SAPL deck through the LASO website, or courses on the Blended Learning Professional Development Reimbursement Program through the TAA, linked [here](#)

What support can I expect from an Approved Provider?

- Approved providers that will support school systems in five key areas: Design and Implementation Support, Budgeting and Financial Planning Support, Professional Development Support, Technology Infrastructure Support, and Rostering, Single-Sign-On, and Data Analysis Support to ensure implementation success and long-term sustainability of the Blended Learning Grant Program.

Section D: Contact Information

Who should I contact for questions?

- Email at blendedlearning@tea.texas.gov