Program Guidelines

2018-2019 Every Student Succeeds Act Consolidated Application for Federal Funding

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Introduction to the Program Guidelines

TEA, as the pass-through entity¹, is the grantee² from the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) and TEA awards subgrants to non-federal entities³ such as local educational agencies (LEAs), including school districts, charter schools, and education service centers, and to a lesser degree institutions of higher education (IHEs), and nonprofit organizations (NPOs) who are the agency's subgrantees⁴. These guidelines apply to all subgrantees of TEA, regardless of whether referenced herein as subgrantee or grantee. For purposes of this document, TEA may use the terms grantee and subgrantee synonymously for its subrecipients.

This part of the request for application (RFA), Program Guidelines, is to be used in conjunction with the <u>General and Fiscal Guidelines</u> and the schedule instructions. The Standard Application System (SAS) consists of all schedules (i.e., forms) to be completed in order for the applicant to be eligible for funding. The application to which these instructions refer can be submitted electronically through the eGrants system.

For applicants selected for funding, all guidelines and instructions will be incorporated by reference into the Notice of Grant Award (NOGA).

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¹ Pass-through entity is defined as a non-Federal entity that provides a subaward to a subrecipient to carry out part of a federal program. (2 CFR 200.74)

² Grantee is defined as the legal entity to which a grant is awarded and that is accountable to the federal government for the use of the funds provided. The term "grantee" does not include any secondary recipients, such as subgrantees and contractors that may receive funds from a grantee. (34 CFR 77)

³ Non-federal entity is defined as a state, local government, Indian tribe, institution of higher education, or nonprofit organization that carries out a federal award as a recipient or subrecipient. (2 CFR 200.69)

⁴ Subgrantee is defined by TEA to be the same as a subrecipient which is defined as a non-federal entity that receives a subaward from a pass-through entity to carry out part of a federal program; but does not include an individual that is a beneficiary of such program. (2 CFR 200.93) Subgrantee is defined in 34 CFR 77 as the legal entity to which a subgrant is awarded and that is accountable to the grantee for the use of the funds provided.

Requirement for User Name and Password

To access eGrants and apply for this grant, you must have access to the Texas Education Agency Secure Environment (TEASE). In the near future, eGrants access will migrate from TEASE to the new secure environment, TEA Login (TEAL). Follow these steps to apply for user names and passwords on both TEASE and TEAL:

- 1. Visit the <u>Access to TEA Secure Applications</u> page of the TEA website. Select <u>Request New Account</u> to begin the process of applying for a TEASE account online.
- 2. Visit the <u>TEA Login (TEAL)</u> page of the TEA website. Select <u>Request New User Account</u> to begin the process of applying for a TEAL account online.
- 3. Once you have been assigned a TEASE account, visit the Add/Modify Application page of the TEA website to apply for eGrants access.

The Grant Management Handbook, posted on the <u>Administering a Grant</u> page of the TEA website, includes detailed instructions on applying for TEASE, TEAL, and eGrants access.

Application Submission through eGrants

Submit the application for these grant programs electronically through the TEA eGrants system. Refer to the <u>General and Fiscal Guidelines</u> for more specific information about accessing eGrants and obtaining the required TEASE user ID and password.

Applications must be submitted as follows:

- Those submitted by public LEAs must be signed electronically by the superintendent of the school district or a designee.
- Applications submitted by regional Education Service Centers (ESCs) must be signed electronically by the executive director or a designee.
- Applications submitted by open-enrollment charter schools must be signed electronically by the chief operating officer of the school or a designee.
- Campuses and campus charter schools must apply through their public school district, and the application must be signed electronically by the superintendent or designee.

Adding Attachments

The instructions in the following sections describe how to attach files to an eGrants application.

General Instructions

The size of each attachment cannot exceed 10MB. If you have a larger file, use a different scanning setting or zip the file to make it take up less space.

Documents only need to be attached once. Do not attach duplicate documents with each amendment. Only attach more than once if the attachment is being revised.

Naming Attachments

Name the files you are going to attach with no spaces (for example, outofstatetravel.doc or field_trip.doc). Use a meaningful name that identifies the specific document.

Make sure that each attachment has a file extension (.pdf, .doc, .rtf, .xls, .bmp, .zip, .txt).

Note that attachments with very long names may not be able to be uploaded. If you have difficulty, try renaming the file and starting over.

Scanning Documents

If a document must be scanned to create an electronic copy, use the following hints to ensure that the document size is as small as possible:

- Use an OCR or DPI setting of 200 DPI.
- Try to avoid creating .jpg files. If possible, create PDF documents with the scanner.

Zipping Files

If your files are too large, add them to a zip file to save space (<u>download a free version of WinZip and find instructions on creating zip files</u>).

Attaching Files to an eGrants Application

- 1. Ensure that the security level for your internet browser is set to Medium (Tools > Internet Options, Security tab).
- 2. Ensure that the document is saved on your computer, using the naming instructions above.
- 3. On the Grant Menu page, select Attach File. The required attachments are listed and described at the top of the dialog box. If you are attaching a document that is not listed, check Other.
- 4. In the Add Attachments pane, select the title of the attachment from the list, or if you selected Other above, type in the title.
- 5. Select the Browse button. A standard Windows browser appears. Find the file.
- 6. Select Attach.
- 7. Select Refresh to see the name of the document in the Documents Submitted in This Version pane. If the attachment does not appear, you may have to rename your document with a shorter name and start over.
- 8. Repeat this process to attach all your documents.

Reference to the General and Fiscal Guidelines

The Program Guidelines provide information specifically relevant to these grant programs. The <u>General and Fiscal Guidelines</u> provide information relevant to all TEA grant programs. Throughout the Program Guidelines, cross-references are given to applicable sections of the <u>General and Fiscal Guidelines</u>. It is critical that you review all referenced sections of the <u>General and Fiscal Guidelines</u> when preparing your application.

Applicant Assistance

The following types of assistance are available to applicants for this grant program.

Contacts for Clarifying Information

See the General and Fiscal Guidelines, TEA Contacts.

Funding Contact

Grants Administration Division

<u>Grants@tea.texas.gov</u> Phone: (512) 463-8525 Fax: (512) 463-9811

Program Contacts

The following TEA divisions should be contacted with questions about the RFA, the grant program, or for information regarding allowable uses of funds.

Title I, Part A; Title I, Part D, Subpart 1; Title I, Part D, Subpart 2

Department of Contracts, Grants and Financial Administration

ESSAsupport@tea.texas.gov Phone: (512) 463-8992 Fax: (512) 463-9811

Title I, Part C-Migrant

Special Populations Division curriculum@tea.texas.gov
Phone: (512) 463-9414

Fax: (512) 463-9560

Title II, Part A

Office of Educator Support Phone: (512) 463-0961 Fax: (512) 463-7795

Title III, Part A, ELA; Title III, Part A, Immigrant

Special Populations Division <u>EnglishLearnerSupport@tea.texas.gov</u>

Phone: (512) 463-9414 Fax: (512) 463-6560

Title IV, Part A, Subpart 1

Curriculum Standards and Student Supports Division

curriculum@tea.texas.gov Phone: (512) 463-9581 Fax: (512) 463-8057

Errata Notices

See the **General and Fiscal Guidelines**, Errata Notices.

Email Bulletins

See the **General and Fiscal Guidelines**, Email Bulletins.

Grant Timeline

For all dates related to the grant, including reporting dates, see the <u>TEA Grant Opportunities</u> page. If a report due date falls on a weekend or holiday, the report will be due the following business day. All dates except the grant ending date may vary slightly as conditions require.

Grant at a Glance

This section provides fundamental information pertinent to the grant program.

Authorizing Legislation

The programs included in this consolidated grant application are authorized by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) which reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) and replaces its predecessor, the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB).

Application Funding

See the following sections of the **General and Fiscal Guidelines**:

Continuation Funding

Use of Funds

Fund Management

Limitation of Administrative Funds

See the **General and Fiscal Guidelines**, Administrative Costs.

The authorizing statute limits the amount of funds that may be budgeted to administer the program, including direct administrative costs, to no more than the following percentage of the total grant awarded for any fiscal year:

Title III, Part A, ELA: 2%

Title IV, Part A, Subpart 1: 2%

Indirect Costs

The grantee may claim a maximum for indirect costs equal to their current approved restricted indirect cost rate for this federally funded grant.

Refer to the Indirect Cost Handbook, posted in the Handbooks and Other Guidance section of the Grants Administration Division <u>Administering a Grant</u> page for more information on indirect costs and the correlation to the supplement, not supplant provision.

Use the Maximum Indirect Costs Worksheet, posted on the Federal Fiscal Compliance and Reporting Division <u>Indirect Cost Rates</u> page, to calculate the maximum indirect costs that can be claimed for a grant.

Maintenance of Effort

Public Law 114-95, Section 8521 states that "a local educational agency may receive funds under a covered program for any fiscal year only if the state educational agency finds that either the combined fiscal effort per student or the aggregate expenditures of such agency and the state with respect to the provision of free public education by such agency for the preceding fiscal year was not less than 90% of such combined fiscal effort or aggregate expenditures for the second preceding fiscal year."

In order for TEA to determine if the grantee is maintaining the appropriate fiscal effort, it requires that LEAs be responsible for maintaining effort and for documenting maintenance of effort (MOE) using the PEIMS database. TEA verifies each LEA's MOE and notifies the grantee if fiscal effort has not been maintained. The final grant amount will be reduced in exact proportion to that by which the LEA fails to meet 90% of the combined fiscal effort per student and aggregate expenditures (using the measure more favorable to the LEA).

Pre-Award Costs

See the General and Fiscal Guidelines, Pre-Award Costs.

Pre-award costs are not permitted for this grant.

Programs Included in the Consolidated Application

Title I, Part A—Improving Basic Programs Operated by LEAs

US Department of Education Appropriations

The following is provided in compliance with the US Department of Education Appropriations Act:

Category	Amount
Total funds available for this project	Approximately \$1,382,238,101
Percentage to be financed with federal funds	100%
Amount of federal funds	Approximately \$1,382,238,101
Percentage to be financed from nonfederal sources	0%
Amount of nonfederal funds	\$0

Fund Code: 211

Eligible Applicants

Local educational agencies (LEAs) in Texas are eligible to apply for a grant under ESSA Consolidated, Title I, Part A.

Intent and Purpose

Title I, Part A, provides supplemental resources to LEAs to help schools with high concentrations of students from low-income families provide high-quality education that will enable all children to meet the challenging state academic standards. Title I, Part A, supports campuses in implementing either a schoolwide program (SWP) or a targeted assistance program (TAP).

Campuses operating a SWP should develop a plan with the involvement of parents, other members of the community and individuals including teachers, principals, other school leaders, paraprofessionals, administrators, the local educational agency, and to the extent feasible, tribes and tribal organizations present in the community, and, if appropriate, specialized instructional support personnel, technical assistance providers, school staff, and if the plan relates to a secondary school, students, and other individuals determined by the school, who will carry out such plan. The plan will ensure all students are provided opportunities to meet the challenging State academic standards and is regularly monitored and revised as necessary based on student needs as described in Section 1114, Schoolwide Programs.

Campuses operating a TAP will determine which students will be served and serve participating students as described in Section 1115, Targeted Assistance Schools.

Intended Program Beneficiaries

The intended program beneficiaries are students who experience difficulties meeting the State's challenging academic standards.

General Program Requirements

All LEAs

Each LEA that receives Title I, Part A, funding must do the following:

- Disseminate the state, LEA, and campus-level report cards to the following:
 - o All LEA campuses
 - o Parents of all enrolled students: and
 - o Make the information widely available through public means such as posting on the Internet, distribution to the media, or distribution through public agencies.

Title I, Part A, participating LEAs are required to annually submit comparability data by conducting comparability testing on an electronic form provided by TEA- the Title I, Part A Comparability Computation Form (CCF).

Local Education Agency

In accordance with Section 1112 Local Education Agency Plans, the LEA must develop a plan to ensure all children receive a high-quality education and to close any achievement gaps [P.L. 114-95, Section 1112(b)] and provide assurances that the LEA will:

- Ensure migratory children and formerly migratory children eligible to receive services are selected to receive services on the same basis as other children [P.L. 114-95, Section 1112(c)(1)].
- 2. Provide services to eligible children attending private schools in accordance with section 1117, and timely and meaningful consultation with private school officials [P.L. 114-95, Section 1112(c)(2)].
- 3. Participate, if selected, in the National Assessment of Educational Progress in reading and math in grades 4 and 8 [P.L. 114-95, Section 1112(c)(3)].
- 4. Coordinate and integrate services with other services for English learners, children with disabilities, migratory children, American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children, and homeless children and youths to increase program effectiveness, eliminate duplication, and reduce fragmentation [P.L. 114-95, Section 1112(c)(4)]. LEAs are encouraged to include students in foster care.
- 5. Collaborate with State or local child welfare agencies [P.L. 114-95, Section 1112(c)(5)].

6. Ensure all teachers and paraprofessionals working in Title I, Part A, supported programs meet applicable State certification and licensure requirements [P.L. 114-95, Section 1112(c)(6)].

- 7. For LEAs using Title I, Part A funds to provide early childhood education services to low-income children, ensure that services comply with performance standards of the Head Start Act [P.L. 114-95, Section 1112(c)(7)].
- 8. Notify the parents of each student attending any school receiving Title I, Part A funds of the Parents Right-To-Know [P.L. 114-95, Section 1112(e)(1)].
- 9. Notify the parents of each student attending any school receiving Title I, Part A funds of Testing Transparency [P.L. 114-95, Section 1112(e)(2)].
- 10. Implement an effective means of outreach to parents of English learners [P.L. 114-95, Section 1112(e)(3)(C)].

Schoolwide Programs

An eligible school operating a schoolwide program shall develop a comprehensive plan that:

- 1. Is developed during a one-year period [P.L. 114-95, Section 1114(b)(1)].
- 2. Is developed with the involvement of parents, other members of the community and individuals including teachers, principals, other school leaders, paraprofessionals, administrators, the local educational agency, and to the extent feasible, tribes and tribal organizations present in the community, and, if appropriate, specialized instructional support personnel, technical assistance providers, school staff, and if the plan relates to a secondary school, students, and other individuals determined by the school, who will carry out such plan [P.L. 114-95, Section 1114(b)(2)].
- 3. Remains in effect for the duration of the school's participation in the SWP and is regularly monitored and revised as necessary based on student needs to ensure all students are provided opportunities to meet the challenging State academic standards [P.L. 114-95, Section 1114(b)(3)].
- 4. Is available to parents and the public, and the information contained is in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language parents can understand [P.L. 114-95, Section 1114(b)(4)].
- 5. If appropriate and applicable, is developed in coordination and integration with other Federal, State, and local services, resources, and programs [P.L. 114-95, Section 1114(b)(5)].
- 6. Is based on a comprehensive needs assessment of the entire school taking into account information on the academic achievement of children in relation to the challenging State academic standards, particularly the needs of children who are failing, or at-risk of failing, to meet the challenging State academic standards [P.L. 114-95, Section 1114(b)(6)].
- 7. Includes a description of strategies the school will be implementing to address school need [P.L. 114-95, Section 1114(b)(7)(A)].

8. Includes a description of, if programs are consolidated, the specific State educational agency and LEA programs and other Federal program that will be consolidated in the SWP [P.L. 114-95, Section 1114(b)(7)(B)].

9. For schoolwide programs, LEAs may consolidate with other Federal, State, and local funds to upgrade the entire educational program of a school [P.L. 114-95, Section 1114(a)(1)]. All grants in the ESSA Consolidated Application may be consolidated on a schoolwide campus with the exception of Title I, Part C-Migrant. LEAs must have special permission from the Agency to add Title I, Part C-Migrant, to the consolidation. There are some other federal and state grants that have restrictions with consolidation; please read grant rules and regulations before consolidating these grants.

Targeted Assistance Schools

A Title I, Part A, TAP must 1) determine which students will be served; and 2) serve participating students identified as eligible children by [P.L. 114-95, Section 1115(b)]:

- 1. Using resources to help eligible children meet the challenging State academic standards necessary to provide a well-rounded education [P.L. 114-95, Section 1115(b)(2)(A)].
- 2. Using methods and instructional strategies to strengthen the academic program of the school [P.L. 114-95, Section 1115(b)(2)(B)].
- 3. Coordinating with and supporting the regular education program which may include transition from early childhood education programs to elementary school programs [P.L. 114-95, Section 1115(b)(2)(C)].
- 4. Providing professional development with resources to school personnel who work with eligible children in TAP or in the regular education program [P.L. 114-95, Section 1115(b)(2)(D)].
- 5. Implementing strategies to increase the involvement of parents of eligible children [P.L. 114-95, Section 1115(b)(2)(E)].
- 6. If appropriate and applicable, coordinating and integrating Federal, State, and local services and programs such as violence prevention, nutrition, housing, Head Start, adult education, career and technical education and comprehensive support and improvement activities or targeted support and improvement activities [P.L. 114-95, Section 1115(b)(2)(F)].
- 7. Providing assurance to the LEA that the school will [P.L. 114-95, Section 1115(b)(2)(G)]:
 - help provide an accelerated, high-quality curriculum
 - minimize the removal of children from the regular classroom during regular school hours
 - on an ongoing basis, review the progress of eligible children and revise the targeted assistance program

Allowable Activities and Use of Funds

Title I, Part A, funds must be expended for programs, activities, and strategies that are scientifically based on research and meet needs (identified in the campus' comprehensive needs assessment process) that are listed in the comprehensive plan.

Funds may be used to increase the per-pupil amount allocated to each Title I, Part A, campus or to serve new Title I, Part A, campuses. Regardless, a campus with a lower low-income percentage may not receive a higher per-pupil allocation than a campus with a higher low-income percentage.

SWPs

On SWP campuses, you may use Title I, Part A, funds for activities that are part of the comprehensive plan to improve student performance and upgrade the entire educational program. Funds must be expended for allowable uses based on the type of consolidation (Title I, Part A, funds only; federal funds only; or state, local, and federal funds) of funding the campus has chosen to implement on the schoolwide campus. In a SWP, the amount of Title I, Part A, funding on the campus must be supplemental.

TAPs

In targeted assistance schools, you may only use Title I, Part A, funds to meet the needs of children identified as being in the greatest need of services. Students must be selected using multiple, educationally-related, objective criteria established by your organization. In a TAP, the program, activity, or strategy must be supplemental.

Regardless of which types of Title I, Part A, program you operate (SWP or TAP), it is possible that some Title I, Part A, administrative, professional development, parental involvement, or even instructional activities are conducted through the central office. You must be able to respond appropriately to and maintain documentation for each of the following questions to determine whether an expenditure would be allowable:

- 1. How is the expenditure reasonable and necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of the program?
- 2. What need, as identified in the comprehensive needs assessment, does the capital expenditure address? Explain how the capital expenditure addresses this need.
- 3. Provide the description, as written in the campus comprehensive plan or district improvement plan, of the program, activity, or strategy that will be addressed by the capital expenditure requested. How would the program, activity, or strategy be funded if the Title I, Part A. funds are not available?
- 4. How will the expenditure be evaluated to measure a positive impact on student achievement?
- 5. If for a schoolwide campus, how will the expenditure upgrade the entire educational program on the campus?
- 6. How is the expenditure supplemental to other non-federal programs?

Specific examples of allowable uses of funds are in the Title I, Part A, Program Description schedule, but generally, allowable uses of funds to provide a well-rounded education include the following:

- Research-based mathematics programs, activities, or strategies
- Research-based reading or language arts programs, activities, or strategies
- Research-based science programs, activities, or strategies
- Research-based social studies programs, activities, or strategies
- Research-based writing programs, activities, or strategies
- Research-based arts programs, activities, or strategies
- Research-based foreign language programs, activities, or strategies
- Research-based individualized instruction programs, activities, or strategies
- Research-based small-group instruction programs, activities, or strategies
- Professional development
- Tutorials/mentoring
- Computer-aided instruction
- Increased quality-learning opportunities
- Parent involvement programs, activities, or strategies
- Dual or concurrent enrollment program services (secondary schools only; Targeted Assistance Programs-to eligible children only)

Field Trips

Field trips may be funded under the grant program with the following conditions:

- Is identified in the Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA);
- Is included in the Campus Improvement Plan;
- Is allocable, reasonable, and necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of the grant program;
- Does not take place at sporting events, or amusement/theme parks;

Includes an instructional activity or activities that cannot be conducted through interactive activities in the classroom or on campus;

- Will result in a positive impact on student achievement;
- Includes instruction that addresses the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS); and
- Includes an evaluation of the field trip that measures the impact on student achievement.

If you plan on using grant funds for field trips, you will be required to complete the appropriate <u>TEA</u> <u>justification form(s)</u> and retain the documentation at the local level. You must keep and maintain this form so that it may be provided to your independent auditor or to TEA monitors if your LEA is selected for a review.

Out-of-State Travel

Out-of-state travel costs are allowable. Out-of-state travel costs should be minimal, reasonable and necessary to meet the intent and purpose of the grant program. Grantees must retain documentation that participation of an individual in a conference is necessary for the project. Travel costs are allowable as long as the expenses for transportation, lodging, subsistence, and related items are only incurred by employees on official business of the grantee and follow the grantee's regular business operations and written travel policy.

If you plan on using grant funds for out-of-state travel, you will be required to complete the appropriate <u>TEA justification form(s)</u> and retain the documentation at the local level. You must keep and maintain this form so that it may be provided to your independent auditor or to TEA monitors if your LEA is selected for a review.

The <u>Title I, Part A, policy guidance document</u> describes other general uses of Title I, Part A, funds for items such as salaries, rent, maintenance, mobile vans, and equipment.

See the Allowable Cost and Budgeting Guidance section of the <u>Administering a Grant page</u> for general guidance on allowable activities and use of funds.

Unallowable Activities

Advisory Council

An advisory council may not be funded under the grant program.

Cost of Membership in Any Civic or Community Organization

The cost of membership in any civic or community organization may not be funded under the grant program.

Hosting or Sponsoring of Conferences

Conferences may not be hosted or sponsored under the grant program until further guidance is available from USDE.

Travel Costs for Officials such as Executive Director, Superintendent, or Board Members

Travel costs for officials such as the executive director, superintendent, or board members may not be funded under the grant program until further guidance is available from USDE.

Supplement, Not Supplant

For supplement, not supplant guidance, see the Supplement, Not Supplant Handbook on the Grants Administration Division <u>Administering a Grant</u> page.

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

Shared Services Arrangement

See the **General and Fiscal Guidelines**, Shared Services Arrangements.

Shared Services Arrangements (SSAs) are allowed as part of the grant program.

Equitable Access and Participation

You are required to report on equitable access and participation to apply for this grant program.

Title I, Part A, Section 1117 Participation of Children Enrolled in Private Schools (Title VIII, Part F, Subpart 1, Section 8501 Participation by Private School Children and Teachers)

Private School Participation

An LEA shall:

- After timely and meaningful consultation with appropriate private school officials provide children, on an equitable basis special educational services, instructional services, counseling, mentoring, one-on-one tutoring, or other benefits (i.e., dual or concurrent enrollment, educational radio and television, computer equipment and materials, other technology, and mobile educational services and equipment) that address their needs; and
- Ensure that teachers and families of the children participate, on an equitable basis.

All educational services, including materials and equipment, must be secular, neutral, and nonideological.

Equitable Services

Educational services and other benefits for such private school children must be equitable in comparison to services and other benefits for participating public school children and must be

provided in a timely manner. Services are not required to be the same as provided to public school children or even those provided at the same grade level(s).

Expenditures

Expenditures for educational services and other benefits to eligible private school children shall be equal to the proportion of funds allocated to participating school attendance areas based on the number of children from low-income families who attend private schools.

The proportional share of funds shall be determined based on the *total* amount of funds received by the LEA <u>prior</u> to any allowable reservations, expenditures, or transfers.

Funds allocated to a LEA for educational services and other benefits to eligible private school children shall be obligated in the fiscal year for which the funds are received by the agency. Only in extenuating circumstances, with supporting documentation, may an LEA submit a request for review and approval to TEA for funds to be used in equitable services the following year.

The LEA may determine the equitable share each year.

Provision of Services

The LEA may provide services directly or through contracts with public and private agencies, organizations, and institutions.

Consultation

To ensure timely and meaningful consultation, an LEA shall consult with appropriate private school officials during the design and development. The LEA and private school officials shall both have the goal of reaching an agreement on providing equitable and effective programs for eligible private school children. The process shall include consultation on:

- How the children's needs will be identified
- What services will be offered
- How, where, and by whom the services will be provided
- How the services will be academically assessed, and how the results of that assessment will be used to improve those services
- What size and scope of the equitable services are to be provided to the eligible private school children, and how that proportion of funds is determined
- What method or sources of data are to be used under subsection (c) and section 1113(c)(1) to determine the number of children from low-income families in participating school attendance areas who attend private schools

How and when LEA will make decisions about the delivery of services, including a thorough consideration and analysis of the views of the private school officials on the provision of services through a contract with potential third-party providers

- How, if LEA disagrees with the views of the private school officials on the provision of services through a contract, LEA will provide written rationale to private school officials as to why LEA has decided against contractor
- Whether the LEA will provide services directly or through a separate government agency, consortium, entity, or third-party contractor
- Whether to provide equitable services to eligible private school children-
- By creating a pool or pools of funds with all the funds allocated based on all the children from low-income families in a participating school attendance area who attend private schools; or
- In the LEA's participating school attendance area who attend private schools with the proportion of funds allocated based on the number of children from low-income families who attend private schools
- When, including the approximate time of day, services will be provided
- Whether to consolidate and use funds provided in coordination with eligible funds available for services to private school children under applicable programs, as defined in section 8501(b)(1) to provide services to eligible private school children participating in programs

Disagreement

If a LEA disagrees with the views of private school officials, the LEA shall provide in writing to private school officials the reasons why the LEA disagrees.

Timing

Such consultation shall include meetings of LEA and private school officials and shall occur before the LEA makes any decisions that affects the opportunities of eligible private school children to participate in programs. Such meetings shall continue throughout implementation and assessment of services provided.

Discussion

Such consultation shall include a discussion of service delivery mechanisms a LEA can use to provide equitable services to eligible private school children.

Allocation for Equitable Service to Private School Students -

- (1) LEA shall have the final authority to calculate the number of children, ages 5 through 17, who are from low income families and attend private schools by—
 - (A) using the same measure of low income used to count public school children;

- (B) using the results of a survey that protects the identity of families of private school students and allow results to be extrapolated if complete actual data are unavailable;
- (C) applying the low-income percentage of each participating public school attendance area to the number of private school children who reside in school attendance area; or
- (D) using an equated measure of low income correlated with the measure of low income used to count public school children.
- (2) Complaint Process—Any dispute regarding low-income data for private school students shall be subject to the complaint process authorized in P.L. 114-95, Section 8503.
- (3) Public Control of Funds—
 General—The control of funds and title to materials, equipment, and property purchased with such funds, shall be with the LEA which administers funds, materials, equipment, and property. Services shall be provided by employees of LEA or through contract. Contractors must be independent of private school and of any religious organization and under the control and supervision of the LEA.

Private Nonprofit School Calculation

Expenditures made by an LEA for private nonprofit school children and teachers must be equal on a per-pupil basis to the amount of funds expended for participating public school children and teachers.

Children in private nonprofit schools must be assured equitable participation in the purposes and benefits of such programs and projects.

LEA must pay for the reasonable and necessary administrative costs of providing services to children attending public and private nonprofit schools and to their teachers from the LEA's *total* allocation.

 The LEA equitable services amount per PNP participating program is calculated through the PS3099 Private School Equitable Services Schedule, Part 2A (Title I, Part A). The LEA must keep documentation and calculations of equitable services amounts per participating PNP campus on file.

Documentation

LEA shall maintain in its records and provide to the TEA Department of Contract, Grants and Financial Administration, by the designated deadline, a written *Affirmation of Consultation with Private Non-Profit (PNP) School Officials* form, signed by officials of each participating private school that the consultation required has occurred. The written affirmation shall provide the option for private school officials to indicate its belief that timely meaningful consultation has not occurred, or that the program design is not equitable with respect to eligible private school children. If officials do not provide affirmation within a reasonable period of time, the LEA shall forward the documentation that such consultation has, or attempts at such consultation have, taken place to the TEA Department of Contracts, Grants and Financial Administration.

Compliance

(A) A private school official shall have the right to file a complaint to the TEA Ombudsman asserting that the LEA did not engage in consultation that was meaningful and timely, did

not give due consideration to the views of the private school official, or did not make a decision that treats the private school students equitably as required by this section.

- (B) If the private school official files a complaint, the official shall provide the basis of the noncompliance by the LEA to the TEA Ombudsman. TEA will request documentation from both parties for review.
- (C) TEA shall provide services under this section directly or through contracts with public or private agencies, organizations, or institutions, if the appropriate private school officials have— (i) requested that the TEA provide such services directly; and (ii) demonstrated that the LEA involved has not met the requirements of this section in accordance with the procedures for making such a request, as prescribed by the TEA.

Schedule PS3099: Private School Equitable Services

PS3099 is the Private School Equitable Services schedule located in the ESSA Consolidated Application in eGrants. PS3099 incorporates the new formula for determining private school services in the ESSA. All LEAs must submit the PS3099. PS3099 calculates participating PNP equitable allocations which are used for services in the following programs: Title I, Part A; Title II, Part C - Migrant; Title II, Part A; Title III, Part A - ELA; Title III, Part A - Immigrant; Title IV, Part A, and Title IV, Part B.

Title I, Part C—Education of Migratory Children

US Department of Education Appropriations

The following is provided in compliance with the US Department of Education Appropriations Act:

Category	Amount
Total funds available for this project	Approximately \$33,009,789
Percentage to be financed with federal funds	100%
Amount of federal funds	Approximately \$33,009,789
Percentage to be financed from nonfederal sources	0%
Amount of nonfederal funds	\$0

Fund Code: 212

Eligible Applicants

LEAs in Texas are eligible to apply for a grant under ESSA Consolidated, Title I, Part C.

Intent and Purpose

The purpose of the Title I, Part C-Migrant Education Program (MEP) is to do all of the following:

- 1. Support high-quality and comprehensive educational programs and services during the school year and, as applicable, during the summer or intersession periods, that address the unique educational needs of migratory children.
- 2. Ensure that migratory children who move among the states are not penalized in any manner by disparities among the states in curriculum, graduation requirements, and challenging state academic standards.
- 3. Ensure that migratory children receive full and appropriate opportunities to meet the same challenging state academic standards that all children are expected to meet.
- 4. Design programs to help migratory children overcome educational disruption, cultural and language barriers, social isolation, various health-related problems, and other factors that inhibit the ability of such children to succeed in school.
- 5. Ensure that migratory children benefit from state and local systemic reforms (ESSA Title I, Part C.)

Intended Program Beneficiaries

Intended program beneficiaries are migratory children, ages 0 through 21, and their families.

General Program Requirements

1. All Migrant Education Program grant recipients must operate and implement the program in accordance with all the Provisions and Assurances of Title I, Part C.

2. For each required activity, the LEA is responsible for maintaining written documentation on file at the district level to support the implementation of each activity.

Note: Because this is a consolidated application, activities checked off on the application are representative of SSAs. It is the responsibility of the fiscal agent to maintain documentation on file for activities carried out by each member district.

- 3. The LEA is responsible for incorporating all MEP activities, services, plans, and guidelines into a migrant-specific section of the District Improvement Plan (DIP) and updating it on a yearly basis.
- 4. MEP activities shall be used to do the following:
- To meet the identified and unique educational needs of migratory children that result from their migratory lifestyle, and to permit these children to participate effectively in school
- To address the unique educational needs of migratory children that are not addressed by services available from other federal or nonfederal programs, except that migratory children who are eligible to receive services under Title I, Part A, may receive those services through funds provided under that part
- 5. In providing services with Title I, Part C, funds, LEAs shall give priority to serving Priority for Service (PFS) migratory children with MEP funds before using migrant funds to address the needs of other migratory children. PFS students are defined as migratory children who have made a qualifying move within the previous 1-year period and (1) who are failing or most at risk of failing to meet the state's academic standards; or (2) have dropped out of school. [P.L. 114-95, Section 1304(d)]. The Title I, Part C Migrant Coordinator will include a Priority for Service Action Plan as a separate section labeled or identified (e.g., "Migrant PFS Action Plan".)
- 6. Migrant student data collection and data entry in the New Generation System (NGS) must be conducted on a year-round basis as outlined in the Texas Manual for New Generation System (NGS) Data Management Requirements.
- 7. Utilize Migrant Student Information Exchange (MSIX) to promote interstate coordination and timely records exchange. Coordinate with the Texas Migrant Interstate (TMIP) Program during the summer months in order to serve students from Texas who may attend out-of-state migrant summer programs.
- 8. Designate and enter into NGS a district summer contact person who will be available throughout the summer months and will have access to migrant student records.
- 9. The identification and recruitment of all eligible migratory children and youth residing in the district must be conducted on a year-round basis and done in accordance with the Texas Manual for the Identification and Recruitment of Migrant Children and must be documented in each district's Identification and Recruitment (ID&R) Plan. Annual residency

verification of eligible migrant students must be completed in accordance with the procedures outlined in the aforementioned manual.

- 10. In planning, implementing, and evaluating its MEP activities, the LEA assures that the unique educational needs of migratory children will be identified and addressed. A local migrant-specific needs assessment that meets the requirements of Section 1306 and a plan for delivering all services checked off on the ESSA Consolidated Application must be incorporated into the DIP.
- 11. In planning, implementing, and evaluating its MEP activities, the LEA assures that local and regional data has been used to determine and provide services to migrant children in coordination with other stakeholders.
- 12. The district's MEP will provide for advocacy and outreach activities for migratory children and their families, including coordination to inform such children and their families of other education, health, nutrition, and social services (Migrant Services Coordination). [P.L. 114-95, Section 1304(c)(6)]
- 13. To ensure parental participation in the MEP, the migrant-funded LEA will establish an LEA-wide migrant parent advisory council (PAC) which will be elected by the parents of eligible migrant students, nominated, by volunteering, and which will be composed of a majority of such parents. PAC meetings must be conducted in a format and language that is understandable to migrant parents. To ensure full parent participation, PAC meetings should be held at times convenient for the migrant parents and transportation and childcare should be offered. [P.L. 114-95, Section 1304(c)(3)]

Note: In the case of migrant-funded SSAs, the fiscal agent will establish an SSA-wide migrant parent advisory council elected by migrant parents from the respective districts in the SSA.

- 14. In planning, implementing, and evaluating the MEP, there has been and will be adequate provision for addressing the unmet needs of preschool migratory children and migratory children who have dropped out of school, as well as the identification and recruitment of such children. [P.L. 114-95, Section 1304(c)(4)]
- 15. Coordinate with available program offering options for credit accrual and recovery to ensure that migrant secondary students are accessing opportunities available to earn needed credits and make up courses lacking due to late entry or early withdrawal.
- 16. Develop and implement a set of procedures that (1) outline a variety of strategies for partial and full credit accrual for migrant students with late entry and early withdrawal; and (2) saved course slots in elective and core subject areas based on district's history of student migration.
- 17. The district's MEP will provide information regarding family literacy programs.
- 18. The LEA must conduct an evaluation of their Migrant Education Program by June 30th. [P.L. 114-95, Section 1306(A)(1)]

Unique Educational Needs of Migrant Children As Outlined in the Texas MEP Service Delivery Plan

The Texas MEP has identified the unique educational and educationally-related needs of migratory children through its Statewide Comprehensive Needs Assessment. [P.L. 114-95, Section 1306(A)(1)] The needs assessment is a comprehensive review of the identified needs. For this comprehensive list of needs and plan for service delivery including Measurable Program Outcomes (MPOs) that describe what every ESC and LEA will be accounted for, please visit https://tea.texas.gov/TitleI/PartC/Migrant/. The desired outcomes specific to migrant children and youth in Texas, as outlined in the Texas Service Delivery Plan, are as follows:

- 1. **MPO 1a)** By the end of the 2018-19 program year, 50% of migrant students in grades K-12 receiving supplemental reading instruction through MEP efforts will score at age/grade level or improve their score on curriculum-based reading assessments.
- 2. **MPO 1b)** By the end of the 2018-19 program year, 80% of MEP staff responding to a survey will report that MEP professional development increased their knowledge about reading.
- 3. **MPO 1c)**. By the end of the 2018-19 program year, there will be a 5% increase in the number of migrant students receiving supplemental reading instruction through MEP efforts over the previous year.
- 4. **MPO 1d)** By the end of the 2018-19 program year, 80% of migrant parents responding to a survey will report that they received information/resources about reading.
- 5. **MPO 1e)** By the end of the 2018-19 program year, 75% of migrant parents responding to a survey that received information and/or resources about reading will report that they are better prepared to support their child with reading.
- 6. **MPO 2a)** By the end of the 2018-19 program year, 50% of migrant students in grades K-12 receiving supplemental math instruction through MEP efforts will score at age/grade level or improve their score on curriculum-based math assessments.
- 7. **MPO 2b)** By the end of the 2018-19 program year, 80% of MEP staff responding to a survey will report that MEP professional development increased their knowledge about math.
- 8. **MPO 2c)** By the end of the 2018-19 program year, there will be a 5% increase in the number of migrant students receiving supplemental math instruction through MEP efforts over the previous year.
- 9. **MPO 2d)** By the end of the 2018-19 program year, 80% of migrant parents responding to a survey will report that they received information/resources about math.
- 10. **MPO 2e)** By the end of the 2018-19 program year, 75% of migrant parents responding to a survey that received information and/or resources about math will report that they are better prepared to support their child with math.

11. **MPO 2f)** By the end of the 2019 summer program, 50% of migrant students participating in Project SMART will improve their score by 10% on Project SMART assessments.

- 12. **MPO 3a)** By the end of the 2018-19 program year, eligible migrant children ages 3-5 (*who are not in kindergarten*) will participate in a school readiness program (baseline to be determined in 2018-19).
- 13. **MPO 3b)** By the end of the 2018-19 program year, 70% of migrant children participating in at least 20 weeks of A Bright Beginning (ABB) will improve their scores by 5% on ABB assessments.
- 14. **MPO 3c)** By the end of the 2018-19 program year, 75% of migrant parents of children ages 3-5 (*who are not in kindergarten*) responding to a survey that received information/resources about school readiness will report that they are better prepared to support their child.
- 15. **MPO 4a)** By the end of the 2018-19 program year, there will be a 5% increase in the number of migrant students in grades 9-12 receiving supplemental instructional and/or support services through MEP efforts over the previous year.
- 16. **MPO 4b)** By the end of the 2018-19 program year, 90% of migrant students in grades 9-12 responding to a survey will report that MEP services were useful to help them graduate.
- 17. **MPO 4c)** By the end of the 2018-19 program year, 90% of migrant students in grades 9-12 that received MEP services will be on-time to graduate.
- 18. **MPO 4d)** By the end of the 2018-19 program year, 30% of eligible OSY will receive information and/or needs-based services. (2016-17 baseline was 22%)
- 19. **MPO 4e)** By the end of the 2018-19 program year, 75% of migrant parents responding to a survey that received information and/or resources about graduation requirements and college/career opportunities will report that the information was useful.
- 20. **MPO 4f)** By the end of the 2018-19 program year, 80% of MEP staff responding to a survey will report that MEP professional development increased their knowledge about secondary services for migrant students.

Allowable Activities and Use of Funds

Recipients of MEP funds will perform all state-identified program functions, such as identification and recruitment, data collection into the NGS, and establishment of a migrant PAC.

Title I, Part C-Migrant statute requires the following:

1. The activities and services your organization funds must align with the results of the statewide comprehensive needs assessment and the requirements of the statewide service delivery plan.

- 2. You must first use MEP funds to meet the identified needs of migrant children that result from their migratory lifestyle and to permit these children to participate effectively in school.
- 3. You must use MEP funds to meet the unique needs of migrant children that are not addressed by services available from other federal or nonfederal programs.

You must be able to respond appropriately to and maintain documentation for each of the following questions to determine whether an expenditure would be allowable:

- 1. How is the expenditure reasonable and necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of the program?
- 2. What need, as identified in the comprehensive needs assessment, does the capital expenditure address? Explain how the capital expenditure addresses this need.
- 3. How will the expenditure be evaluated to measure a positive impact on student achievement?
- 4. How is the expenditure supplemental to other federal and nonfederal programs?

Although you may spend MEP funds on many types of allowable activities, some of these activities do not constitute a service (for example, identification and recruitment or parental involvement activities).

Services are those educational or educationally-related activities that do the following:

- Directly benefit a migrant child
- Address a need of a migrant child consistent with the state MEP comprehensive needs assessment and service delivery plan
- Are grounded in scientifically based research, or in the case of support services, are allowed under the state MEP service delivery program
- Are designed to enable the program to meet its measurable outcomes and contribute to the achievement of the state's performance targets

Because migrant student success is the overarching goal of the MEP, services are a vital aspect of the program. In providing services, priority must be given to migratory children who have made a qualifying move within the previous 1-year period and (1) are failing or are most at risk of failing to meet the state's academic standards, or (2) have dropped out of school.

In general, LEAs may use MEP funds for the following:

• Instructional services (for example, activities for preschool-age children and instruction in elementary and secondary schools, such as tutoring before and after school)

Support services (for example, acting as an advocate for migrant children, providing access
to health, nutrition, and social service providers, or providing migrant families with
necessary educational supplies)

- Professional development (for example, training programs for school personnel to enhance their ability to understand and appropriately respond to the needs of migrant children)
- Migrant PAC and other migrant parental involvement activities
- ID&R
- NGS
- Coordination activities with other agencies, both within the state and with other states nationwide, including the transfer of student records
- Comprehensive needs assessment (CNA) activities
- Evaluation of the MEP

Note: All grants in the ESSA Consolidated Application may be consolidated with the exception of Title I, Part C, Migrant. LEA's must request special permission from the Texas Education Agency to add Title I, Part C, Migrant to the consolidation and must be documented as part of the ESSA Consolidated Application process. Section 1306(b)(4) of the statute and sections 200.29(c)(l) and 200.86 of the regulations require schools to first use the MEP funds, in consultation with migrant parents, to meet the special educational needs of migrant children before they may combine MEP funds in a schoolwide program. The State has identified these needs in its comprehensive statewide needs assessment and Service Delivery Plan. An LEA must have evidence of these needs being met before considering consolidation of these funds. The district must have documentation that these identified unique educational and educationally-related needs of migratory children have been met before requesting to consolidate Title I, Part C funds into a schoolwide program.

Field Trips

Educational field trips may be funded under the grant program. Each field trip must address a documented, unmet migrant-specific need. Costs for the field trip must be reasonable. Any entrance fees and transportation costs must be reasonable in comparison to the intended objectives of the trip. See the Allowable Cost and Budgeting Guidance section of the <u>Administering a Grant page</u> for further clarification of field trips.

Only the following types of field trips are allowable:

- Educationally related field trips which support the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS)
- Participation in summer student youth leadership forums/institutes/programs
- Visits to colleges and universities to encourage interest in the pursuit of higher education

If you plan on using grant funds for field trips, you will be required to complete the appropriate <u>TEA justification form(s)</u> and retain the documentation at the local level. You must keep and

maintain this form so that it may be provided to your independent auditor or to TEA monitors if your LEA is selected for a review.

Advisory Council

An advisory council may be funded under the grant program. Only the following types of advisory councils are allowable:

- Establishment of and participation in a district-wide Migrant Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
- Establishment of and participation in a region-wide Migrant Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Out-of-State Travel

Out-of-state travel costs are allowable. Out-of-state travel costs should be minimal. Travel costs are allowable as long as the expenses for transportation, lodging, subsistence, and related items are only incurred by employees on official business of the grantee and follow the grantee's regular business operations and written travel policy. See the Allowable Cost and Budgeting Guidance section of the Administering a Grant page for further clarification of out-of-state travel.

If you plan on using grant funds for out-of-state travel, you will be required to complete the appropriate <u>TEA justification form(s)</u> and retain the documentation at the local level. You must keep and maintain this form so that it may be provided to your independent auditor or to TEA monitors if your LEA is selected for a review.

See the Allowable Cost and Budgeting Guidance section of the <u>Administering a Grant page</u> for general guidance on allowable activities and use of funds.

Unallowable Costs

Cost of Membership in Any Civic or Community Organization

The cost of membership in any civic or community organization may not be funded under the grant program.

Hosting or Sponsoring of Conferences

Conferences may not be hosted or sponsored under the grant program.

Travel Costs for Officials such as Executive Director, Superintendent, or Board Members

Travel costs for officials such as the executive director, superintendent, or board members may not be funded under the grant program.

Supplement, Not Supplant

For supplement, not supplant guidance, see the Supplement, Not Supplant Handbook on the Grants Administration Division <u>Administering a Grant</u> page.

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

Shared Services Arrangements

See the **General and Fiscal Guidelines**, Shared Services Arrangements.

Shared Services Arrangements (SSAs) are allowed as part of the grant program.

Equitable Access and Participation

You are required to report on equitable access and participation to apply for this grant program.

Private Nonprofit School Participation

See the <u>General and Fiscal Guidelines</u>, Private Nonprofit School Participation. LEA's will meet all private non-profit requirements (PNP) in ESSA P.L. 114-95, Title VIII, Section 8501.

This requirement does apply to this federally funded grant program. LEA's must keep documentation of PNP equitable services activities, program description, and equitable services expenditures locally and make available upon TEA request.

Schedule PS3099: Private School Equitable Services

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Title I, Part D, Subpart 1—Prevention and Intervention Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Neglected, Delinquent, or At-Risk—State Agency (SA) Programs

US Department of Education Appropriations

The following is provided in compliance with the US Department of Education Appropriations Act:

Category	Amount
Total funds available for this project	Approximately \$2,176,186
Percentage to be financed with federal funds	100%
Amount of federal funds	Approximately \$2,176,186
Percentage to be financed from nonfederal sources	0%
Amount of nonfederal funds	\$0

Fund Code: 215

Eligible Applicants

The Texas Juvenile Justice Department and the Windham School District are eligible to apply for a grant under ESSA Consolidated, Title I, Part D, Subpart 1.

Intent and Purpose

The purpose of Title I, Part D, Subpart 1, is to do the following:

- 1. Improve educational services for children and youth in local and state institutions for neglected or delinquent children and youth so that such children and youth have the opportunity to meet the same challenging state academic content standards and student academic achievement standards that all children are expected to meet;
- 2. Provide such children and youth with the services needed to make a successful transition from institutionalization to further schooling or employment; and
- 3. Prevent at-risk youth from dropping out of school and provide dropouts and children and youth returning from correctional facilities or institutions for neglected or delinquent children and youth with a support system to ensure their continued education.

Intended Program Beneficiaries

The Texas Juvenile Justice Department and the Windham School District are the eligible state agencies in Texas.

To participate in the state agency Title I, Part D, Subpart 1, program, the child or youth must be 21 years of age or younger, entitled to free public education not above Grade 12, and enrolled in a regular program of instruction at either an eligible neglected or delinquent institution, adult

correctional institution, or community day program for the required length of time (20 hours per week if in an institution or community day program for neglected or delinquent youth; 15 hours per week if in an adult correctional institution).

An SA that receives Title I, Part D, Subpart 1, funds must assess, on the basis of educationally objective criteria, the educational needs of all eligible children and youth in eligible institutions and community day programs. The needs assessment enables the SA to identify the unique educational needs of these children and youth and the general instructional areas on which the program will focus. Using the assessment data, an SA can select those most in need of special assistance and determine the specific needs of participating children and youth to ensure that the services provided will be of sufficient size, scope, and quality to enable the participants to make significant progress toward meeting state performance standards. If available funds are insufficient to meet the needs of all eligible youth, those most in need should be served first.

A student aged 21 or younger who is otherwise eligible to receive services under Title I, Part D, Subpart 1, and who has earned a certificate of high school equivalency but takes courses that lead to a high school diploma is eligible to receive Title I, Part D, Subpart 1, services. Earning a high school diploma would fall within the definition of "regular program instruction" found in 34 CFR 200.90(b) of the Title I, Part D, Subpart 1, regulations that is limited to an educational program not beyond Grade 12. Title I, Part D, Subpart 1, funds also may be used for dual-enrollment courses in which a student concurrently earns high school and college credit but may not be used for courses that award college credits only. Additionally, Title I, Part D, Subpart 1, funds may be used for placement services designed to place the youth in a university, college, or junior college program, such as SAT and ACT preparation courses, as well as for fees associated with college applications.

General Program Requirements

An SA that provides free public education for eligible children and youth who are in an institution for neglected or delinquent children and youth, in an adult correctional institution, or who are attending a community day program for such children and youth may use funds received under this subpart to serve all children in and to upgrade the entire educational effort of that institution or program, if SA has developed and the TEA has approved an ESSA Consolidated Application for that institution or program that meets program requirements.

NOTE: TEA may request description of services and use of funds documentation at a later date through a compliance report or other TEA reports. SA must keep documentation of allowable activities and expenditures locally and make available upon TEA request.

Program Requirements for Correctional Facilities Receiving Title I, Part D, Subpart 1, Funds

- 1. Describe how the SA will assess the educational needs of children served and provide for assessment upon entry into the facility.
- 2. Describe the SA program and budget.
- 3. Describe how the program will meet the goals and objectives of the State plan.

4. Describe the consultation with experts and staff training to ensure planning and operation of institution-wide projects (Section 1416) are high quality, if applicable.

- 5. Describe how evaluation results (Section 8601) will be used to plan and improve the program.
- 6. Include data showing the fiscal effort requirement is met (Section 8521).
- 7. Describe coordination of the program with others such as Title I of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, career and technical education, State and local dropout prevention programs, and special education.
- 8. Describe how coordination with LEAs or alternative education programs attended by children and youth before and after incarceration will ensure that student assessments and appropriate academic records are shared jointly between the correctional facility and the LEA or alternative education program to facilitate transition.
- 9. Describe teacher and staff professional development plans and processes.
- 10. SA must designate an individual per facility to provide transition services (Section 1418) of children and youth between facility and locally operated programs.
- 11. Describe coordination with businesses for training and mentoring participating children and youth.
- 12. Describe additional services to be provided to children and youth, such as career counseling, distance learning, and assistance in securing student loans and grants.
- 13. Describe how the SA will—
 - note when a youth has come into contact with both the child welfare and juvenile justice systems; and
 - deliver services and interventions designed to keep youth in schools that are evidence-based (to the extent the TEA determines that such evidence is reasonably available).

Transition Services (Section 1418)

SA shall reserve between 15-30% of total allocation for transition services to support -

- Facilitating transition of children and youth between State-operated or Secretary of the Interior institutions and schools served by LEAs or Bureau of Indian Education; or
- Successful reentry of youth offenders who are age 20 or younger and have received a regular high school diploma or high school equivalency certificate into postsecondary education or career and technical training programs such as –

 Preplacement programs that allow youth to audit or attend college courses (via campus-based or institutional settings);

- Worksite schools institutes of higher education and private/public employers partner to create programs to assist successful transition to postsecondary education and employment; and
- Essential support services such as -
 - personal, career and technical, and academic counseling;
 - placement services in university, college, or junior college program;
 - student financial aid information and assistance:
 - counseling services; and
 - job placement services.

Allowable Activities and Use of Funds

TEA may request description of services and use of funds documentation at a later date through a compliance report or other TEA reports. SA must keep documentation of allowable activities and expenditures locally and make available upon TEA request. Under the authorizing statute, the Texas Juvenile Justice Department and Windham School District must use Subpart 1 funds to support educational services that do the following:

- Are consistent with the TEA State plan, once submitted
- Provide children and youth with the knowledge and skills needed to make a successful transition to secondary school completion, career and technical education, further education, or employment

Programs and projects

- May include-
 - the acquisition of equipment
 - pay-for-success initiatives; or
 - providing targeted services for youth who have come in contact with both the child welfare system and juvenile justice system
- Shall be designed to support educational services that-
 - Except for institution-wide projects under section 1416, are provided to children and youth identified as failing, or most at-risk of failing, to meet the challenging State academic standards;

 Respond to the educational needs of children and youth, by supplementing and improving quality of the educational services provided to such children and youth; and

- Afford such children and youth an opportunity to meet challenging State academic standards.
- Shall be carried out in a manner consistent with fiscal requirements (P.L. 114-95, Section 1118 and part F) (as applicable).

Projects may use Subpart 1 funds to pay the necessary and reasonable costs that provide a variety of services such as:

- Providing reading, mathematics, and language arts programs that include academic classroom instruction, as long as these are supplementary services and materials
- Providing pay-for-success initiatives, career and technical training programs, personal and academic counseling, job placement services, college preparatory and placement services
- Hiring additional teachers, aides, educational counselors, and other staff members to provide supplemental instruction in the areas of greatest need
- Training and providing professional development opportunities for teachers, aides, and other staff members who are actively involved in providing Title I, Part D, Subpart 1, services
- Procuring supplemental educational materials and equipment for Title I, Part D, Subpart 1, instruction- including books, computers, audiovisual equipment and supplies, and classroom materials for academic, career, and technical skill programs
- Hiring transition coordinators or purchasing new equipment to assist students' transitions (for example, purchasing scanners to scan individualized education program (IEP) documents)
- Increasing the total number of hours of instruction in any subject area that students receive with state or local funds

Expenditures

You must be able to respond appropriately to and maintain documentation for each of the following questions to determine whether an expenditure would be allowable:

- 1. How is the expenditure reasonable and necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of the program?
- 2. What need, as identified in the comprehensive needs assessment, does the capital expenditure address? Explain how the capital expenditure addresses this need.

3. How will the expenditure be evaluated to measure a positive impact on student achievement?

4. How is the expenditure supplemental to other nonfederal programs?

Out-of-State Travel

Out-of-state travel costs are allowable. Out-of-state travel costs should be minimal, reasonable, and meet the intent and purposes of the program. Grantees must retain documentation that participation of an individual in the conference is necessary for the project. Travel costs are allowable as long as the expenses for transportation, lodging, subsistence, and related items are only incurred by employees on official business of the grantee and follow the grantee's regular business operations and written travel policy.

If you plan on using grant funds for out-of-state travel, you will be required to complete the appropriate <u>TEA justification form(s)</u> and retain the documentation at the local level. You must keep and maintain this form so that it may be provided to your independent auditor or to TEA monitors if your LEA is selected for a review.

The <u>Title I, Part D, Subpart 1, policy guidance document</u> provides further information on the allowable uses of funds for the Texas Juvenile Justice Department and Windham School District.

See the Allowable Cost and Budgeting Guidance section of the <u>Administering a Grant page</u> for general guidance on allowable activities and use of funds.

Unallowable Activities and Use of Funds

Advisory Council

An advisory council may not be funded under the grant program.

Cost of Membership in Any Civic or Community Organization

The cost of membership in any civic or community organization may not be funded under the grant program.

Field Trips

Field trips may not be funded under the grant program.

Hosting or Sponsoring of Conferences

Conferences may not be hosted or sponsored under the grant program.

Travel Costs for Officials such as Executive Director, Superintendent, or Board Members

Travel costs for officials such as the executive director, superintendent, or board members may not be funded under the grant program.

Supplement, Not Supplant

For supplement, not supplant guidance, see the Supplement, Not Supplant Handbook on the Grants Administration Division <u>Administering a Grant</u> page.

The supplement, not supplant provision does apply to this grant program [P.L. 114-95, Section 1415(b)].

A program under this subpart that supplements the number of hours of instruction students receive from State and local sources shall be considered to comply with the supplement, not supplant requirement of section 1118 (as applied to this part) without regard to areas in which instruction is given during those hours.

Shared Services Arrangements

See the General and Fiscal Guidelines, Shared Services Arrangements.

Shared services arrangements (SSAs) are not allowed as part of the grant program.

Equitable Access and Participation

You are required to report on equitable access and participation to apply for this grant program.

Private Nonprofit School Participation

Title I, Part D, Subpart 1, programs may not be operated in private schools.

Title I, Part D, Subpart 2—Prevention and Intervention Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Neglected, Delinquent, or At-Risk

US Department of Education Appropriations

The following is provided in compliance with the US Department of Education Appropriations Act:

Category	Amount
Total funds available for this project	Approximately \$8,446,552
Percentage to be financed with federal funds	100%
Amount of federal funds	Approximately \$8,446,552
Percentage to be financed from nonfederal sources	0%
Amount of nonfederal funds	\$0

Fund Code: 211

Eligible Applicants

LEA's in Texas are eligible to apply for a grant under ESSA Consolidated, Title I, Part D, Subpart 2.

Intent and Purpose

The purpose of Title I, Part D, Subpart 2, is to do the following:

- To carry out high quality education programs to prepare children and youth for secondary school completion, training, employment, or further education;
- Provide children and youth with the services needed to make a successful transition from institutionalization to further education or employment; and
- To operate programs in local schools, including schools operated or funded by the Bureau of Indian Education for children and youth returning from correctional facilities and programs which may serve at-risk children and youth.

Intended Program Beneficiaries

Intended beneficiaries are LEAs with high numbers or percentages of children and youth residing in locally operated (including county operated) correctional facilities for children and youth.

An institution for neglected or delinquent children and youth is defined as:

a public or private residential facility, other than a foster home, that is operated for the care
of children who have been committed to the institution or voluntarily placed in the
institution under applicable State law, due to abandonment, neglect, or death of their
parents or guardians; or

• a public or private residential facility for the care of children who have been adjudicated to be delinquent or in need of supervision.

NOTE: TEA may request description of services and use of funds documentation at a later date through compliance report or other TEA reports. LEA must keep documentation of allowable activities and expenditures locally and make available upon TEA request.

General Program Requirements

LEA's must collaborate [P.L. 114-95, Section 1423] with locally operated neglected and delinquent facilities to do the following:

- 1. Provide a description of the program.
- 2. Provide a description of formal agreements between the LEA and correctional facilities and alternative school programs, including Secretary of the Interior and Indian tribes.
- 3. Provide a description of coordination with facilities working with delinquent children and youth ensuring their participation in comparable local school education programs.
- 4. Provide a description of programs to facilitate successful transition of children and youth returning from correctional facilities and types of services offered.
- 5. Provide a description of the characteristics (including learning difficulties, substance abuse problems, and other special needs) of the children and youth returning from correctional facilities. Describe how the LEA will coordinate existing education programs to meet unique educational needs of children and youth.
- 6. Provide a description of how the LEA will coordinate with existing social, health, and other services to meet the needs of students returning from correctional facilities including prenatal health care and nutrition services, parenting and child development classes, child care, targeted reentry and outreach program, referrals to community resources, and flexibility.
- 7. Provide a description of partnerships with institutions of higher education or local businesses to facilitate postsecondary and workforce success for children and youth returning from correctional facilities i.e., credit-bearing coursework, enrollment in postsecondary education, participation in career and technical education programming, and mentoring services.
- 8. Provide a description of how the program will involve parents and family members to prove the educational achievement of their children, assist in dropout prevention activities and prevent the involvement in delinquent activities.
- 9. Provide a description of coordination with other Federal, State, and local programs, i.e., Title I of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and career and technical education programs.

10. Provide a description of coordination with Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, if applicable.

- 11. Provide a description of coordination and collaboration with probation officers to assist children and youth.
- 12. Provide a description of efforts to ensure correctional facilities are aware of the child's existing individualized education program.
- 13. Provide a description of steps the LEA will take to find alternative placements for children and youth interested in continuing their education but unable to participate in a traditional public school program.

Program Requirements for Correctional Facilities Receiving Title I, Part D, Subpart 2, Funds [P.L. 114-95, Section 1425]

Each correctional facility entering into an agreement with a local educational agency under section 1423(2) to provide services to children and youth under this subpart shall—

- 1. Ensure educational programs are coordinated with the student's home school, particularly with respect to a student with an individualized education program under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act;
- 2. Notify LEA if the child or youth is identified as in need of special education services while in the correctional facility;
- 3. Provide transition assistance to help the child or youth stay in school, including coordination of services for the family, counseling, assistance in accessing drug and alcohol abuse prevention programs, tutoring, and family counseling;
- 4. Provide support programs that encourage children and youth who have dropped out of school to reenter school and attain a regular high school diploma or provide children and youth with the skills necessary to gain employment or seek a regular high school diploma or high school equivalency certificate;
- 5. Ensure correctional facility is staffed with teachers and other qualified staff who are trained to work with children and youth with disabilities;
- 6. Ensure educational programs are related to assisting students to meet the challenging State academic standards:
- 7. Use technology to assist in coordinating educational programs between the correctional facility and the community school;
- 8. Involve parents in efforts to improve the educational achievement of their children and prevent the further involvement of delinquent activities;
- 9. Coordinate funds with other local, State, and Federal funds available to provide services i.e., Title I of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, and career and technical education funds;

10. Coordinate programs with activities funded under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, if applicable;

- 11. Work with local businesses to develop training, curriculum-based youth entrepreneurship education, and mentoring programs for children and youth;
- 12. Work with the child's or youth's family members and the LEA that most recently provided services to the child or youth to ensure relevant and appropriate academic records and plans are shared jointly; and
- 13. Consult with the LEA for a period jointly determined necessary by the correctional facility and LEA upon discharge from that facility, to coordinate educational services so as to minimize disruption to the child's or youth's achievement.

Accountability [P.L. 114-95, Section 1426]

TEA may:

- 1. Reduce or terminate funding for projects under this subpart if an LEA does not show progress in the number of children and youth attaining a regular high school diploma or high school equivalency certificate; and
- Require correctional facilities or institutions for neglected or delinquent children and youth to demonstrate, after receiving assistance for 3 years, that there has been an increase in the number of children and youth returning to school, attaining a regular high school diploma or high school equivalency certificate, or attaining employment after such children and youth are released.

Allowable Activities and Use of Funds

TEA may request description of services and use of funds documentation at a later date through a compliance report or other TEA reports. LEA must keep documentation of allowable activities and expenditures locally and make available upon TEA request.

- 1. Programs that serve children and youth returning to local schools from correctional facilities and assist in the transition;
- 2. Dropout prevention programs serving at-risk children and youth;
- 3. Coordination of health and social services for youth to improve likelihood of youth completing education;
- 4. Special programs to meet unique academic needs, including career and technical education, special education, career counseling, curriculum-based youth entrepreneurship education, and financial aid assistance for postsecondary education;
- 5. Mentoring and peer mediation programs;
- 6. At-risk Indian children and youth in correctional facilities in LEA's served area operated by the Secretary of the Interior or Indian tribes; and

7. Pay for success initiatives.

Expenditures

You must be able to respond appropriately to and maintain documentation for each of the following questions to determine whether an expenditure would be allowable:

- 1. How is the expenditure reasonable and necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of the program?
- 2. What need, as identified in the comprehensive needs assessment, does the capital expenditure address? Explain how the capital expenditure addresses this need.
- 3. How will the expenditure be evaluated to measure a positive impact on student achievement?
- 4. How is the expenditure supplemental to other nonfederal programs?

Out-of-State Travel

Out-of-state travel costs are allowable. Out-of-state travel costs should be minimal, reasonable, and meet the intent and purposes of the program. Grantees must retain documentation that participation of an individual in the conference is necessary for the project. Travel costs are allowable as long as the expenses for transportation, lodging, subsistence, and related items are only incurred by employees on official business of the grantee and follow the grantee's regular business operations and written travel policy.

If you plan on using grant funds for out-of-state travel, you will be required to complete the appropriate <u>TEA justification form(s)</u> and retain the documentation at the local level. You must keep and maintain this form so that it may be provided to your independent auditor or to TEA monitors if your LEA is selected for a review.

The <u>Title I, Part D, Subpart 2</u>, <u>policy guidance document</u> provides further information on the allowable uses of Title I, Part D, Subpart 2, funds for LEAs.

See the Allowable Cost and Budgeting Guidance section of the <u>Administering a Grant page</u> for general guidance on allowable activities and use of funds.

Unallowable Activities

Advisory Council

An advisory council may not be funded under the grant program.

Cost of Membership in Any Civic or Community Organization

The cost of membership in any civic or community organization may not be funded under the grant program.

Field Trips

Field trips may not be funded under the grant program.

Hosting or Sponsoring of Conferences

Conferences may not be hosted or sponsored under the grant program.

Travel Costs for Officials such as Executive Director, Superintendent, or Board Members

Travel costs for officials such as the executive director, superintendent, or board members may not be funded under the grant program.

Supplement, Not Supplant

Supplement, not supplant does not apply to this program.

Shared Services Arrangements

See the **General and Fiscal Guidelines**, Shared Services Arrangements.

Shared Services Arrangements (SSAs) are allowed as part of the grant program.

Equitable Access and Participation

You are required to report on equitable access and participation to apply for this grant program.

Private Nonprofit School Participation

See the **General and Fiscal Guidelines**, Private Nonprofit School Participation.

Title I, Part D, Subpart 2, programs may not be operated in private schools.

Title II, Part A—Supporting Effective Instruction

US Department of Education Appropriations

The following is provided in compliance with the US Department of Education Appropriations Act:

Category	Amount
Total funds available for this project	Approximately \$162,832,805
Percentage to be financed with federal funds	100%
Amount of federal funds	Approximately \$162,832,805
Percentage to be financed from nonfederal sources	0%
Amount of nonfederal funds	\$0

Fund Code: 255

Eligible Applicants

LEAs in Texas are eligible to apply for a grant under ESSA Consolidated, Title II, Part A.

Intent and Purpose

The intent and purpose of the Title II, Part A, program is to provide financial assistance to LEAs to do the following:

- 1. Increase student academic achievement through improving teacher and principal quality and increasing the number of effective teachers in classrooms and qualified principals and assistant principals in schools
- 2. Hold LEAs and schools accountable for improving student academic achievement

Intended Program Beneficiaries

Intended beneficiaries are teachers and principals, including assistant principals, and as appropriate, supervisors of principals, administrators, pupil services personnel, and paraprofessionals.

General Program Requirements

Title II, Part A, program activities are required to do the following:

- 1. These activities must meet the following:
 - Be aligned with state academic content and student academic performance standards and state assessments
 - Be aligned with curricula and programs tied to state academic content and student academic performance standards
 - Be based on a review of scientifically based research

 Have a substantial, measurable, and positive impact on student academic achievement

- Be part of a broader strategy to eliminate the achievement gap between low-income and minority students and other students
- 2. Professional development activities must be coordinated with other professional development activities provided through other federal, state, and local programs.

Allowable Activities and Use of Funds

You must use Title II, Part A, funds to implement one or more of the following allowable activities:

- Recruiting, hiring, developing, and retaining effective personnel that impact instruction and learning
- 2. Providing professional development and coaching
- 3. Improving the quality of teachers, principals, and other school leaders
- 4. Reducing class size

Note: To use Title II, Part A funds for class-size reduction, the LEA must be able to link the class-size reduction to specific research and evidence that indicates that the reduction in question (e.g., 6th grade math, from 27 students to 21 students) leads to improved outcomes for students.

Consistent with local planning requirements and your organization's needs assessment, the Title II, Part A, program offers you the flexibility to design and implement a wide variety of activities that promote a teaching staff that is effective and able to help all students—regardless of individual learning needs—achieve challenging state content and academic achievement standards. Funds also can be used to provide school principals with the knowledge and skills necessary to lead their schools' efforts to increase student academic achievement, including professional development for principal supervisors to coach principals on instructional leadership skills.

You must be able to respond appropriately to and maintain documentation for each of the following questions to determine whether an expenditure would be allowable:

- 1. How is the expenditure reasonable and necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of the program?
- 2. How will the expenditure be evaluated to measure a positive impact on student achievement?
- 3. How is the expenditure supplemental to other nonfederal programs?

The Title II, Part A, statute specifically authorizes the following types of activities:

Providing professional development and training for instructional leaders, including principal supervisors, principals, assistant principals, instructional coaches, and teacher leaders, on observation, feedback, and coaching

- Providing professional development and training for principal supervisors on coaching principals in order to improve instructional leadership practices
- Developing and implementing strategic compensation systems that differentiate pay based on performance, additional leadership responsibilities, or the competitive labor market for teachers of certain grades and subjects
- Developing, implementing, and training on teacher leader programs that allow classroom teachers to lead other teachers through observation, coaching, model teaching, mentoring, and other instructional leadership activities
- Developing and implementing mechanisms to assist schools to effectively recruit and retain effective teachers with the goal of improving equity consistent with Title I Section 1111(g)(1)(B)
- Developing and implementing strategies and activities to recruit, hire, and retain effective teachers, principals, and other school leaders

These strategies may include the following:

- Providing monetary incentives such as scholarships, signing bonuses, or differential pay for teachers in academic subjects or schools in which the LEA has shortages
- Reducing class size to a level that is evidence-based
- Recruiting teachers to teach special needs children
- Recruiting qualified paraprofessionals and teachers from populations underrepresented in the teaching profession, and providing those paraprofessionals with alternative routes to obtaining teacher certification
- Providing high-quality, personalized professional development activities that are evidence-based and improve the knowledge of teachers, instructional leadership teams, principals and other school leaders
- Providing professional development activities that improve the knowledge of teachers, instructional leadership teams, principals and other school leaders regarding effective instructional practices that do the following:
 - Involve collaborative groups of teachers and administrators
 - Address the needs of students with different learning styles, particularly students with disabilities, students with special needs (including students who are gifted and talented), and students with ELA

• Provide training in improving student behavior in the classroom and identifying early and appropriate interventions to help students with special needs

- Provide training to enable teachers and principals to involve parents in their children's education, especially parents of ELA and immigrant children
- Provide training on how to use data and assessments to improve classroom practice and student learning
- Developing and implementing initiatives to promote retention of effective teachers and principals, particularly in schools with a high percentage of low-achieving students, including programs that provide teacher mentoring from exemplary teachers and administrators, induction and support for new teachers and principals during their first three years, and financial incentives to retain teachers and principals with a record of helping students to achieve academic success
- Developing or improving a rigorous, transparent, and fair evaluation and support system for teachers, principals, or other school leaders that is based in part on evidence of student growth and that shall include multiple measures of educator performance with timely and useful feedback to educators
- Supporting the instructional services provided by effective school library programs
- Providing training for all school personnel, including teachers, principals, other school leaders, specialized instructional support personnel, and paraprofessionals, regarding how to prevent and recognize child sexual abuse
- Developing feedback mechanisms to improve school working conditions, including through periodically and publicly reporting results of educator support and working conditions feedback
- Providing training, technical assistance, and capacity-building in local educational agencies to assist teachers, principals, or other school leaders with selecting and implementing formative assessments, designing class-assessments to improve instruction and student academic achievement, which may include providing additional time for teachers to review student data and respond, as appropriate
- Carrying out in-service training for school personnel in:
 - The techniques and supports needed to help educators understand when and how to refer students affected by trauma, and children with, or at risk of mental illness
 - The use of referral mechanisms that effectively link such children to appropriate treatment and intervention services in the school and in the community, where appropriate
 - Forming partnerships between school-based mental health programs and public or private mental health organizations

 Addressing issues related to school conditions for student learning, such as safety, peer interaction, drug and alcohol abuse, and chronic absenteeism

Out-of-State Travel

Out-of-state travel costs are allowable. Out-of-state travel costs should be minimal. Travel costs are allowable as long as the expenses for transportation, lodging, subsistence, and related items are only incurred by employees on official business of the grantee and follow the grantee's regular business operations and written travel policy. Out-of-state travel with Title II, Part A, funds must be due to the absence of in-state opportunities to satisfy the same Title II, Part A, specific needs.

Out-of-state costs are allowable if:

- 1. No similar opportunity exists in the state
- 2. If for recruiting, it is for the recruitment of effective teachers (teachers who have demonstrated competency in the field(s) in which they will teach)

If you plan on using grant funds for out-of-state travel, you will be required to complete the appropriate <u>TEA justification form(s)</u> and retain the documentation at the local level. You must keep and maintain this form so that it may be provided to your independent auditor or to TEA monitors if your LEA is selected for a review.

Travel Costs for Officials such as Executive Director, Superintendent, or Board Members

Travel costs for officials such as the executive director, superintendent, or board members may be funded under the grant program. Only the following travel costs are allowable for these positions:

Reasonable and necessary travel costs for the recruitment of effective teachers

If you plan on using grant funds for travel costs, you will be required to complete the appropriate <u>TEA justification form(s)</u> and retain the documentation at the local level. You must keep and maintain this form so that it may be provided to your independent auditor or to TEA monitors if your LEA is selected for a review.

The <u>Title II</u>, <u>Part A</u>, <u>policy guidance document</u> provides further information of the allowable uses of Title II, Part A, funds.

See the Allowable Cost and Budgeting Guidance section of the <u>Administering a Grant page</u> for general guidance on allowable activities and use of funds.

Unallowable Activities

Field Trips

Field trips may not be funded under the grant program.

Advisory Council

An advisory council may not be funded under the grant program.

Cost of Membership in Any Civic or Community Organization

The cost of membership in any civic or community organization may not be funded under the grant program.

Hosting or Sponsoring of Conferences

Conferences may not be hosted or sponsored under the grant program.

Supplement, Not Supplant

For supplement, not supplant guidance, see the Supplement, Not Supplant Handbook on the Grants Administration Division Administering a Grant page.

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

Shared Services Arrangements

See the **General and Fiscal Guidelines**, Shared Services Arrangements.

Shared Services Arrangements (SSAs) are allowed as part of the grant program.

Equitable Access and Participation

You are required to report on equitable access and participation to apply for this grant program.

Private Nonprofit School Participation

See the <u>General and Fiscal Guidelines</u>, Private Nonprofit School Participation. LEAs will meet all private non-profit requirements (PNP) in ESSA P.L. 114-95, Title VIII, Section 8501.

This requirement does apply to this federally funded grant program. LEA's must keep documentation of PNP equitable services activities, program description and equitable services expenditures locally and make available upon TEA request.

Schedule PS3099: Private School Equitable Services

PS3099 is the Private School Equitable Services schedule located in the ESSA Consolidated Application in eGrants. PS3099 incorporates the new formula for determining private school services in the ESSA. All LEAs must submit the PS3099. PS3099 calculates participating PNP equitable allocations which are used for services in the following programs: Title I, Part A; Title II, Part C - Migrant; Title II, Part A; Title III, Part A - ELA; Title III, Part A - Immigrant; Title IV, Part A, and Title IV. Part B.

Title III, Part A—English Language Acquisition, Language Enhancement, and Academic Achievement

US Department of Education Appropriations

The following is provided in compliance with the US Department of Education Appropriations Act:

Category	Amount
Total funds available for this project	Approximately \$98,516,074
Percentage to be financed with federal funds	100%
Amount of federal funds	Approximately \$98,516,074
Percentage to be financed from nonfederal sources	0%
Amount of nonfederal funds	\$0

Fund Code: 263

Eligible Applicants

LEAs in Texas are eligible to apply for a grant under ESSA Consolidated, Title III, Part A.

Intent and Purpose

Title III, Part A, provides supplemental resources to LEAs to help ensure that children who are English learners attain English proficiency at high levels in academic subjects and can meet the same challenging State academic standards that all children are expected to meet.

Intended Program Beneficiaries

Intended beneficiaries are English learners.

General Program Requirements

The requirements are to help ensure that English learners attain English proficiency-and develop high levels of academic achievement in English by doing the following:

- Assisting all English learners to achieve at high levels in academic subjects so that all English learners can meet the same challenging State academic standards that all children are expected to meet;
- 2. Assist teachers (including preschool teachers), principals and other school leaders, state educational agencies, LEAs, and schools in establishing, implementing, and sustaining effective language instruction educational programs designed to assist in teaching English learners;
- 3. Assist teachers (including preschool teachers), principals and other school leaders, state and LEAs to develop and enhance their capacity to provide effective instructional

programs designed to prepare English learners to enter all-English instructional settings; and

4. Promoting parental, family, and community participation in language instruction educational programs for parents, families, and communities of English learners.

Note: Title III, Part A, ELA funds shall be used to supplement and not supplant any other federal, state, or local funds.

For example, if an LEA is using state bilingual funds to provide English learners services, and now replaces those state funds with Title III, Part A, ELA funds, then the LEA has supplanted state funds with federal funds. To avoid supplanting funds, the LEA would have to demonstrate that any English learners services provided with Title III, Part A, ELA funds are above and beyond any English learners services provided with state funds.

Allowable Activities and Use of Funds

An LEA receiving Title III, Part A, funds must use the funds to do the following:

- Increase the English proficiency of English learners by providing effective languageinstruction educational programs that meet the needs of English learners and demonstrate success in increasing English proficiency and student academic achievement
- 2. Provide effective professional development to classroom teachers (including teachers in classroom settings that are not the settings of language-instruction educational programs), principals and other school leaders, administrators, and other school or community-based organizational personnel, that meets the following:
 - Is designed to improve the instruction and assessment of English learners
 - Is designed to enhance the ability of such teachers, principals and other school leaders to understand and implement curricula, assessment practices and measures, and instructional strategies for English learners
 - Is effective in increasing children's English proficiency or substantially increasing the subject matter knowledge, teaching knowledge, and teaching skills of such teachers
 - Is of sufficient intensity and duration to have a positive and lasting impact on the teachers' performance in the classroom
 - This last point does not include activities such as 1-day or short-term workshops and conferences unless these activities are components of a long-term, comprehensive professional development plan established by a teacher and the teacher's supervisor and are based on an assessment of the needs of the teacher, the supervisor, the students of the teacher, and any LEA employing the teacher as appropriate.
- 3. Provide and implement other effective activities and strategies that enhance or supplement language instruction educational programs for English learners that meet the following:
 - Shall include parent, family, and community engagement activities

May include strategies that serve to coordinate and align related programs

You should be able to respond appropriately to and maintain documentation for each of the following questions to determine whether an expenditure would be allowable:

- 1. How is the expenditure reasonable and necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of the program?
- 2. What need, as identified in the comprehensive needs assessment, does the capital expenditure address? Explain how the capital expenditure addresses this need.
- 3. How will the expenditure be evaluated to measure a positive impact on student achievement?
- 4. How is the expenditure supplemental to other federal and nonfederal programs?

You may also use Title III, Part A, ELA funds to achieve one of the program purposes by undertaking one or more of the following activities:

- Upgrading program objectives and effective instructional strategies
- Improving the instructional program for English learners by identifying, acquiring, and upgrading curricula, instructional materials, educational software, and assessment procedures
- Providing the following:
 - Tutorials and academic or career and technical education for English learners; and
 - Intensified instruction which may include materials in a language that the student can understand
- Developing and implementing effective preschool, elementary school or secondary school language-instruction educational programs that are coordinated with other relevant programs and services
- Improving the English proficiency and academic achievement of English learners
- Providing community participation programs, family literacy services, and parent and family outreach and training activities to English learners and their families to do the following:
 - To improve the English language skills of English learners; and
 - To assist parents and families in helping their children to improve their academic achievement by becoming active participants in the education of their children

Improving the instruction of English learners, which may include English learners with disabilities by providing for the following:

- The acquisition or development of educational technology or instructional materials;
- Access to and participation in electronic networks for materials, training, and communication; and
- Incorporation of these resources into curricula and programs
- Offer early college high school or dual or concurrent enrollment programs or courses designed to help English learners achieve success in postsecondary education

Field Trips

Field trips may be funded under the grant program. Only the following types of field trips are allowable:

- Benefit only English learners
- Align with the intent and purpose of the LEA's Title III language instruction educational program of increasing English proficiency of English learners children and student academic achievement in core academic subjects
- Include a measure of positive impact on student achievement
- Address Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS)
- Adhere to the Supplement, not Supplant provision. The LEA must be able to demonstrate that the field trip is above and beyond any English learners services provided with other federal, state, or local funds

If you plan on using grant funds for field trips, you will be required to complete the appropriate <u>TEA</u> <u>justification form(s)</u> and retain the documentation at the local level. You must keep and maintain this form so that it may be provided to your independent auditor or to TEA monitors if your LEA is selected for a review.

Out-of-State Travel

Out-of-State travel is allowable. Out-of-state travel costs should be minimal, reasonable, and meet the intent and purpose of the program. Grantees must retain documentation that participation of an individual in the conference is necessary for the program. Travel costs are allowed as long as the expenses for transportation, lodging, subsistence, and related items are only incurred by employees on official business of the grantee and follow the grantee's regular business operations and written travel policy.

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Unallowable Activities

Advisory Council

An advisory council may not be funded under the grant program.

Cost of Membership in Any Civic or Community Organization

The cost of membership in any civic or community organization may not be funded under the grant program.

Hosting or Sponsoring of Conferences

Conferences may not be hosted or sponsored under the grant program.

Travel Costs for Officials such as Executive Director, Superintendent, or Board Members

Travel costs for officials such as the executive director, superintendent, or board members may not be funded under the grant program.

Note: Direct administrative costs are restricted to no more than 2% of the current-year Title III, Part A—English Language Acquisition entitlement. Calculations must include information regarding administrative costs of third-party contractors.

Supplement, Not Supplant

For supplement, not supplant guidance, see the Supplement, Not Supplant Handbook on the Grants Administration Division <u>Administering a Grant</u> page.

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

Shared Services Arrangements

Shared Services Arrangements (SSAs) are allowed as part of the grant program.

When applying for Title III, Part A-English Language Acquisition, LEAs are required to join a SSA if their entitlement is less than \$10,000.

Equitable Access and Participation

You are required to report on equitable access and participation to apply for this grant program.

Private Nonprofit School Participation

See the <u>General and Fiscal Guidelines</u>, Private Nonprofit School Participation. LEA will meet all private non-profit requirements (PNP) in ESSA P.L. 114-95, Title VIII, Section 8501.

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Title III, Part A—Immigrant Children and Youth

US Department of Education Appropriations

The following is provided in compliance with the US Department of Education Appropriations Act:

Category	Amount
Total funds available for this project	Approximately \$9,058,949
Percentage to be financed with federal funds	100%
Amount of federal funds	Approximately \$9,058,949
Percentage to be financed from nonfederal sources	0%
Amount of nonfederal funds	\$0

Fund Code: 263

Eligible Applicants

LEAs in Texas are eligible to apply for a grant under ESSA Consolidated, Title III, Part A.

Intent and Purpose

Title III, Part A, provides supplemental funds to LEAs who are experiencing substantial increases in immigrant children and youth for activities that provide enhanced instructional opportunities for immigrant children and youth.

Intended Program Beneficiaries

Intended beneficiaries are immigrant children and youth.

General Program Requirements

The requirements are to help ensure that immigrant children and youth attain English proficiency and develop high levels of academic achievement in English by doing the following:

- 1. To assist all immigrant children and youth achieve at high levels in academic subjects so they can meet the same challenging State academic standards that all children are expected to meet;
- To assist teachers (including preschool teachers), principals and other school leaders, State educational agencies, LEAs, and schools in establishing, implementing, and sustaining effective language instruction educational programs designed to assist in teaching immigrant children and youth;
- To assist teachers (including preschool teachers), principals and other school leaders, State educational agencies and LEAs to develop and enhance their capacity to provide effective instructional programs designed to prepare immigrant children and youth to enter all-English instructional settings; and

4. To promote parental, family, and community participation in language instruction educational programs for the parents, families, and communities of immigrant children and youth.

Note: Title III, Part A, Immigrant funds shall be used to supplement and not supplant any other federal, state, or local funds.

For example, if an LEA has been funding educational software with Title III, Part A- ELA funds and now replaces those funds with Title III, Part A-Immigrant funds, then the LEA has supplanted federal funds with other federal funds. To avoid supplanting funds, the LEA would have to demonstrate that Title III, Part A-Immigrant funds are providing services to immigrant children and youth that are above and beyond what is being funded with Title III, Part A-ELA funds.

Allowable Activities and Use of Funds

An LEA receiving Title III, Part A, Immigrant funds must use the funds to do the following:

- 1. Provide family literacy, parent and family outreach, and training activities designed to assist parents to become active participants in the education of their children;
- 2. Provide tutorials, mentoring, and academic or career counseling for immigrant children and youth;
- 3. Provide basic instructional services that are directly attributable to the presence of immigrant children and youth, including the payment of costs providing additional classroom supplies, costs of transportation, or such other costs as are directly attributable to such additional basic instructional services;
- 4. Provide activities, coordinated with community-based organizations, institutions of higher education, private sector entities, or other entities with expertise in working with immigrants, to assist parents of immigrant children and youth by offering comprehensive community services;
- 5. Provide support for personnel, including teachers and paraprofessionals who have been specifically trained or are being trained to provide services to immigrant children and youth;
- 6. Assist in identification and acquisition of curricular materials, educational software, and technologies to be used in the program carried out with Title III, Part A Immigrant funds; and
- 7. Provide other instructional services designed to assist immigrant children and youth to achieve in elementary and secondary schools in the United States, such as programs of introduction to the educational system and civics education.

Field Trips

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Title IV, Part A, Subpart 1—Student Support and Academic Enrichment

US Department of Education Appropriations

The following is provided in compliance with the US Department of Education Appropriations Act:

Category	Amount
Total funds available for this project	Approximately \$93,455,946
Percentage to be financed with federal funds	100%
Amount of federal funds	Approximately \$93,455,946
Percentage to be financed from nonfederal sources	0%
Amount of nonfederal funds	\$0

Fund Code: 289

Eligible Applicants

LEAs in Texas are eligible to apply for a grant under ESSA Consolidated, Title IV, Part A, Subpart 1.

Intent and Purpose

Title IV, Part A, Subpart 1, Student Support and Academic Enrichment grants are designed to improve the academic achievement of all students by increasing the capacity of LEAs, schools, and communities to (1) provide all students with access to a well-rounded education, (2) improve school conditions for student learning, and (3) improve the use of technology in order to enhance academic outcomes and digital literacy of students.

NEW: Recommended Uses of Funds for School Safety

Texas will receive \$62.1 million in additional federal funding under the Title IV, Part A: Student Support and Academic Enrichment (SSAE) grant program for the 2018-2019 school year. The federal grant has many allowable uses that fall within the broad categories of 1) well-rounded education opportunities, 2) safe and healthy students, and 3) effective use of technology.

TEA has previously awarded Title IV, Part A grants to local educational agencies (LEAs) for many purposes that meet the LEA's identified needs, including school safety. This year, Texas' SSAE funds will increase significantly, from \$36.3 million to \$98.4 million. This \$62.1 million increase in federal grant funds should be prioritized to immediately implement school safety improvements on campuses, including counseling and mental health programs, addressing ways to integrate health and safety practices into school or athletic programs, and disseminating best practices and evaluating program outcomes relating to any LEA activities to promote student safety and violence prevention.

A safe learning environment for all students is crucial to advancing the purposes of the SSAE program. TEA further urges LEAs to submit SSAE applications that prioritize increased spending on allowable school safety training and activities.

Additional information on specific recommended uses of SSAE funds will be forthcoming on the TEA web site.

Intended Program Beneficiaries

Intended program beneficiaries are local education agencies that receive funds under Title I, Part A.

General Program Requirements

Each LEA that receives Title IV, Part A, funds must meet the following program requirements.

- 1. Engage in timely and meaningful consultation with a broad range of stakeholders in the area served by the LEA to identify relevant, evidence-based activities to carry out the goals of the grant program. An LEA must continue to consult with stakeholders to improve the activities it conducts under Title IV, Part A, and coordinate with other related activities.
- 2. For an LEA that receives at least \$30,000, conduct a comprehensive needs assessment prior to submitting its application and subsequent needs assessments at least once every three years. The comprehensive needs assessment must examine the LEA's needs for improvement of each of the following program content areas:
 - Access to, and opportunities for, a well-rounded education for all students
 - School conditions for student learning to create an environment that supports healthy and safe students
 - Access to personalized learning experiences supported by technology and professional development for the effective use of data and technology.
- 3. All LEAs are required to prioritize the distribution of funds to schools served by the LEA based on one or more of the following:
 - Are among the schools with the greatest needs as determined by the LEA
 - Have the highest percentages or numbers of students from low-income families (as counted for purposes of the LEA's Title I, Part A grant)
 - Are identified for comprehensive support and improvement under Title I, Part A
 - Are implementing targeted support and improvement plans under Title I, Part A
 - Are identified as a persistently dangerous public elementary school or secondary school.
- 4. For an LEA that receives at least \$30,000, use no less than 20 percent of funds to develop and implement programs and activities that support access to a well-rounded education and that—
 - are coordinated with other schools and community-based services and programs;

 may be conducted in partnership with an institution of higher education, business, nonprofit organization, community-based organization, or other public or private entity with a demonstrated record of success in implementing activities; and

- may include one or more activities or programs that provide well-rounded educational opportunities to all students.
- 5. For an LEA that receives at least \$30,000, use no less than 20 percent of funds to develop, implement, and evaluate comprehensive programs and activities that—
 - are coordinated with other schools and community-based services and programs;
 - foster safe, healthy, supportive, and drug-free environments that support student academic achievement;
 - promote the involvement of parents in the activity or program;
 - may be conducted in partnership with an institution of higher education, business, nonprofit organization, community-based organization, or other public or private entity with a demonstrated record of success in implementing activities described in this section; and
 - may include one or more activities or programs that foster safe, healthy, and supportive school environments that promote student academic achievement.
- 6. For an LEA that receives at least \$30,000, use some portion of the remaining funds to improve the use of technology to improve the academic achievement, academic growth, and digital literacy of all students, including by meeting the needs of the LEA that are identified in the required comprehensive needs assessment.

An LEA may not use more than 15 percent of the portion of funds identified for the effective use of technology to purchase technology infrastructure, including the purchase of—

- devices, equipment, and software applications to address readiness shortfalls;
- blended learning technology software and platforms;
- digital instructional resources;
- initial professional development activities; and
- one-time information technology purchases.

Purchases for technology infrastructure may not include significant construction or the renovation of facilities. The remaining 85% of the funds for this may be used for professional development in the use of technology and data.

7. Annually submit a report regarding how funds for the Title IV, Part A, Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program, are being used to meet the distribution requirements above.

Allowable Activities and Use of Funds

Activities and Use of Funds

Each LEA must be able to respond appropriately to and maintain documentation for each of the following questions to determine whether an expenditure would be allowable:

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1. How is the expenditure reasonable and necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of the program?

- 2. What need, as identified in the comprehensive needs assessment, does the expenditure address? Explain how the expenditure addresses this need.
- 3. How will the expenditure be evaluated to measure a positive impact on student achievement?
- 4. How is the expenditure supplemental to other nonfederal programs?

The Title IV, Part A, statute specifically authorizes the following types of activities in each of the three program content areas.

Well-Rounded Education

- 1. College and career guidance and counseling programs such as postsecondary education and career awareness and exploration activities, training counselors to effectively use labor market information in assisting students with postsecondary education and career planning, and financial literacy and federal financial aid awareness activities
- 2. Programs and activities that use music and the arts as tools to support student success through the promotion of constructive student engagement, problem solving, and conflict resolution
- 3. Programming and activities to improve instruction and student engagement in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) subject areas, including computer science. Such activities may include the following:
 - Increasing access to high-quality STEM courses for students who are members of groups, such as female students, minority students, English language learners, students with disabilities, and economically disadvantaged students, who are underrepresented in STEM fields
 - Supporting the participation of low-income students in nonprofit competitions related to STEM subjects such as robotics, science research, invention, mathematics, computer science, and technology competitions
 - Providing hands-on learning and exposure to STEM subjects and supporting the use of field-based or service learning to enhance the students' understanding of STEM subjects
 - Supporting the creation and enhancement of STEM-focused specialty schools
 - Facilitating collaboration among school, after-school program, and informal program personnel to improve the integration of programming and instruction in STEM subject areas
 - Integrating other academic subjects, including the arts, into STEM programs to increase participation in STEM courses and activities, improve attainment of

skills related to STEM, and promote a well-rounded education

- 4. Efforts to raise student academic achievement through accelerated learning programs. Accelerated learning programs are define as programs that offer postsecondary-level courses accepted for credit at institutions of higher education (including dual credit or concurrent enrollment programs and Early College High Schools) or postsecondary-level instruction and examinations that are accepted for credit at institutions of higher education (including Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate programs). Examples of accelerated learning program activities include—
 - Reimbursing low-income students to cover part or all of the costs of accelerated learning exam fees if the students are enrolled in accelerated learning course(s) and plan to take corresponding exam(s), including exams taken by low-income students during the 2016-2017 school year
 - Increasing the availability of, and enrollment in, accelerated learning courses and exams, dual or concurrent credit programs, and Early College High School courses
- 5. Activities to promote the development, implementation, and strengthening of programs to teach traditional U.S. history, civics, economics, geography, or government education
- 6. Instruction, programs, or activities in languages other than English or environmental education
- 7. Programs and activities that promote volunteerism and community involvement
- 8. Programs and activities that support educational programs that integrate multiple disciplines, such as programs that combine arts and mathematics
- 9. Other activities and programs to support student access to, and success in, a variety of well-rounded education experiences.

Regarding Special Rule 4107(b):

Under the special rule in section 4107(b) of the ESEA, an LEA may use FY 2017 funds to cover part or all of the fees for the AP, IB, or other accelerated learning examinations taken by low-income students in the 2016-2017 school year. For SEAs, section 4104(c) allows the use of FY 2017 funds not reserved for LEA subgrants or State administrative costs to reimburse the costs of accelerated learning examinations for low-income students in 2016-2017. Accordingly, LEAs may use FY 2017 funds to cover these fees for both the 2016-17 and the 2017-18 school years.

Safe and Healthy Students

- Evidence-based drug and violence prevention activities and programs, including—
 - Programs to educate students against the use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, smokeless tobacco products, and e-cigarettes

 Professional development and training for school and specialized instructional support personnel and interested community members in prevention, education, early identification, intervention mentoring, recovery support services and, where appropriate, rehabilitation referral, related to drug and violence prevention

2. School-based mental health services, including—

- early identification of mental health symptoms, drug use, and violence, and appropriate referrals to direct individual or group counseling services, which may be provided by school-based mental health services providers;
- school-based mental health services partnership programs conducted in partnership with a public or private mental health entity or health care entity that provide comprehensive school-based mental health services and supports and staff development for school and community personnel working in the school; and
- evidence-based trauma-informed practices that are coordinated with early intervening services provided under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and provided by mental and behavioral professionals who are qualified, certified, or licensed to practice within their area of expertise.

3. Programs or activities that—

- integrate health and safety practices into school or athletic programs;
- support a healthy, active lifestyle, including nutritional education and regular, structured physical education activities and programs, that may address chronic disease management with instruction led by school nurses, nurse practitioners, or others to help maintain the well-being of students;
- help prevent bullying and harassment;
- improve instructional practices for developing relationship-building skills, such as effective communication, and improve safety through the recognition and prevention of coercion, violence, or abuse, including teen and dating violence, stalking, domestic abuse, and sexual violence and harassment;
- provide mentoring and school counseling to all students, including children who
 are at risk of academic failure, dropping out of school, involvement in criminal or
 delinquent activities, or drug use and abuse;
- establish or improve school dropout and re-entry programs; or
- establish learning environments and enhance students' effective learning skills
 that are essential for school readiness and academic success, such as by providing
 integrated systems of student and family supports.

4. High-quality training for school personnel, including specialized instructional support personnel, related to—

- suicide prevention;
- effective and trauma-informed practices in classroom management;
- crisis management and conflict resolution techniques;
- human trafficking;
- school-based violence prevention strategies;
- drug abuse prevention, including educating children facing substance abuse at home;
 and
- bullying and harassment prevention.
- 5. Child sexual abuse awareness and prevention programs or activities, such as programs or activities designed to provide age- and developmentally-appropriate instruction for students in child sexual abuse awareness and prevention, including how to recognize child sexual abuse and how to safely report child sexual abuse; and information to parents and guardians of students about child sexual abuse awareness and prevention, including how to recognize child sexual abuse and how to discuss child sexual abuse with a child.
- 6. Designing and implementing a locally-tailored plan to reduce exclusionary discipline practices in elementary and secondary schools, is consistent with best practices and includes evidence-based strategies, and is aligned with the long-term goal of prison reduction through opportunities, mentoring, intervention, support, and other education services.
- 7. Implementation of school-wide positive behavioral interventions and supports, including through coordination with similar activities carried out under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), in order to improve academic outcomes and school conditions for student learning.
- 8. Designating a site resource coordinator at a school or LEA to provide a variety of services such as—
 - establishing partnerships within the community to provide resources and support for schools;
 - ensuring that all service and community partners are aligned with the academic expectations of a community school in order to improve student success; and
 - strengthening relationships between schools and communities.

Effective Use of Technology

1. Providing educators, school leaders, and administrators with the professional learning tools, devices, content, and resources to—

- use data and technology to improve instruction;
- personalize learning to improve student academic achievement;
- discover, adapt, and share relevant high-quality educational resources;
- use technology effectively in the classroom, including by administering computer-based assessments and blended learning strategies; and
- implement and support school- and district-wide approaches for using technology to inform instruction, support teacher collaboration, and personalize learning
- 2. Building technological capacity and infrastructure, which may include procuring content and ensuring content quality and purchasing devices, equipment, and software applications in order to address readiness shortfalls
- 3. Developing or using effective or innovative strategies for the delivery of specialized or rigorous academic courses and curricula through the use of technology, including digital learning technologies and assistive technology
- 4. Carrying out blended learning projects, which must include planning activities or ongoing professional development designed to support the implementation and academic success of the project aimed at teachers, principals, other school leaders or personnel. Planning activities may include—
 - development of new instructional models, including blended learning technology software and platforms;
 - purchase of digital instructional resources;
 - initial professional development activities; and
 - one-time information technology purchases, except that such expenditures may not include expenditures related to significant construction or renovation of facilities
- Providing professional development in the use of technology to enable teachers and instructional leaders to increase student achievement in STEM subjects, including computer science
- 6. Providing students in rural, remote, and underserved areas with the resources to take advantage of high-quality digital learning experiences, digital resources, and access to online courses taught by effective educators

Regarding Special Rule:

In 4109 (4)(b), an LEA may not use more than 15% of the funds identified to support the effective use of technology for the purchase of technology infrastructure, which includes constructing facilities, and the renovation and repair of a facility.

Field Trips

Field trips may be funded under the grant program. A field trip may be funded under the following conditions:

- is identified in the Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA);
- is included in the Campus Improvement Plan (CIP);
- is allocable, reasonable, and necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of the grant program;
- includes an instructional activity or activities that cannot be conducted through interactive activities in the classroom or on campus;
- will result in a positive impact on student achievement;
- includes instruction that addresses the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS); and
- includes an evaluation of the field trip that measures the impact on student achievement.

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In general, refer to the Budgeting Cost Guidance Handbook on the <u>Administering a Grant</u> page for unallowable costs.

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Title V, Part A —Funding Transferability for State and Local Educational Agencies

LEAs are eligible to apply for flexibility under ESSA, Title V, Part A, Section 5102.

Intent and Purpose

The purpose of Title V, Part A, Section 5102, is to allow you flexibility to target federal funds to federal programs and activities that most effectively address your unique needs.

Intended Program Beneficiaries

Intended beneficiaries are all LEAs. You may not transfer any funds from:

- Title I, Part A
- Title I, Part C
- Title I, Part D
- Title III, Part A
- Title V. Part B

General Program Requirements

You may transfer all or any lesser amount of funds to the following:

- Title I, Part A
- Title I, Part C
- Title I, Part D
- Title II, Part A
- Title III, Part A (ELA and Immigrant)
- Title IV, Part A
- Title V, Part B

From the following programs:

- Title II. Part A
- Title IV, Part A

Transferred funds are subject to the rules and requirements applicable to the funds under the provision to which the funds are transferred. If you transfer funds from a program that provides for the participation of students, teachers, or other educational personnel from private nonprofit schools, you must conduct private school consultation in accordance with section 8501.

Funds are not physically transferred on the SAS between fund codes or budget columns. Funds maintain their original fund code, class/object code, and other required accounting code structure following generally accepted accounting principles. Only the allowable uses of the funds are redirected to allowable alternative uses.

Allowable Activities and Use of Funds

Funding Transferability is program flexibility available to eligible LEAs. There is no funding provided under this flexibility.

You must notify TEA of your intention to implement the flexibility offered through Funding Transferability by submitting the appropriate schedule in either the original ESSA Consolidated Application for Federal Funding or through an amendment. Statute requires that you notify the state of your intention to transfer the use of funds through Funding Transferability at least 30 days before the transfer takes place. Therefore, the effective date for the transfer is 30 days after the stamp-in date of the application or amendment containing this completed schedule.

Funds remain in their original fund source and are reported as expenditures under the original fund source. It is only the use of the funds that is redirected. For example, if an LEA uses Funding Transferability to redirect the use of 50% of its Title II, Part A, funds into its Title I, Part A, program, the funds are still budgeted and reported under Title II, Part A, but the allowable uses of those funds are the same as the allowable uses under Title I, Part A.

You may transfer the use of up to a total of 100% of the non-administrative funds allocated under the following:

- Title II. Part A
- Title IV, Part A

For one fiscal year to allowable uses under the following programs:

- Title I. Part A
- Title I. Part C
- Title I, Part D
- Title II, Part A
- Title III, Part A (ELA and Immigrant)
- Title IV. Part A
- Title V, Part B

Note: Funds may be transferred into the above-mentioned programs but not from the above-mentioned programs except for Title II, Part A and Title IV, Part A.

Reminder: Before an LEA may transfer funds from a program subject to equitable services requirements, it must engage in timely and meaningful consultation with appropriate private school officials. The LEA must provide private school students and teachers equitable service under the program(s) to which, and from which, the funds are transferred, based on the total amount of funds available to each program after the transfer. An LEA must consult with the private school officials prior to any transfer, however, the final decision about whether to transfer funds remains with the LEA.

Title V, Part B, Subpart 1—Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP)

Intent and Purpose

The purpose of REAP, Section 5211, is to address the unique needs of rural school districts that frequently (1) lack the personnel and resources needed to compete effectively for federal competitive grants and (2) receive formula grant allocations in amounts too small to be effective in meeting their intended purposes.

Intended Program Beneficiaries

Intended beneficiaries are LEAs that meet the following: (1) the total number of students in average daily attendance at all of the schools it serves is fewer than 600 or each county in which a school served by the LEA is located has a total population density of fewer than 10 persons per square mile and (2) all campuses it serves are designated with a School Locale Code of 41, 42, or 43 as determined by the USDE's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES).

General Program Requirements

If you are eligible, you may redirect all or lesser amount of formula funds to the following applicable formula funds:

- Title I, Part A
- Title II, Part A
- Title III, Part A (ELA and Immigrant)
- Title IV, Part A
- Title IV, Part B

From the following applicable formula funds:

- Title II. Part A
- Title IV, Part A

Funds transferred are subject to each of the rules and requirements applicable to the funds under the provision to which the funds are transferred.

Funds are not physically transferred on the SAS between fund codes or budget columns. Funds maintain their original fund code, class/object code, and other required accounting code structure following generally accepted accounting principles. Only the allowable uses of the funds are redirected to allowable alternative uses.

Allowable Activities and Use of Funds

Alternative Fund Use Authority or REAP-Flex is program flexibility available to eligible LEAs. There is no funding provided under this flexibility.

Funds remain in their original fund source and are reported as expenditures under the original fund source. It is only the use of the funds that is redirected. For example, if an LEA uses REAP-Flex to redirect the use of 100% of its Title II, Part A, funds into its Title I, Part A, program, the funds are still budgeted and reported under Title II, Part A, but the allowable uses of those funds are the same as the allowable uses under Title I, Part A.

If you are eligible, you may redirect the use of any or all funds received under the following:

- Title II, Part A
- Title IV, Part A

to carry out local activities authorized under P.L. 114-95 for the following programs:

- Title I, Part A
- Title II, Part A
- Title III, Part A (ELA and Immigrant)
- Title IV, Part A
- Title IV. Part B

Applicable funds redirected for alternative uses must be operated under the rules, regulations, and guidelines of the program to which they are being redirected.

Note: Funds may be redirected into the above-mentioned programs but not from the above-mentioned programs except for Title II, Part A and Title IV, Part A.

Note: Title V, Part B allows for dual eligibility between Title V, Part B, Subpart 1 – Small Rural Schools Achievement (SRSA) Program and Title V, Part B, Subpart 2 – Rural and Low Income Schools (RLIS) Program. LEAs that are dual eligible and elect to apply for RLIS and not SRSA are still eligible for REAP-Flex.