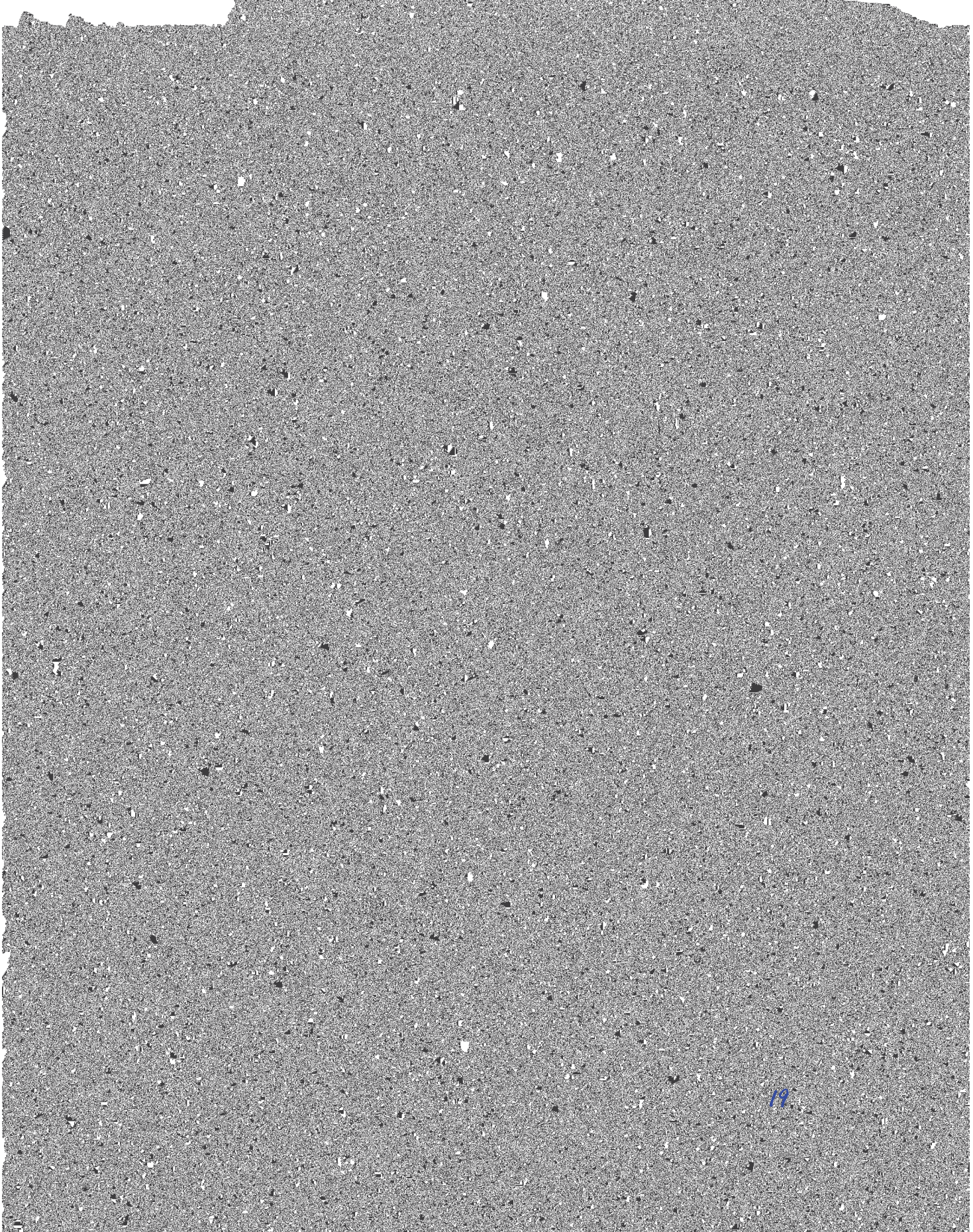


2021-2023 Charter School Program Grant (Subchapter C and D)

COMPETITIVE GRANT Application Due 11:59 p.m. CT April 20, 2021



Program Assurance

The following assurances apply to this grant program. In order to meet the requirements of the grant, the grantee must comply with these assurances. Check each of the following boxes to indicate your compliance.

- 1. The applicant provides assurance that program funds will supplement (increase the level of service), and not supplant (replace) state mandates, State Board of Education rules, and activities previously conducted with state or local funds. The applicant provides assurance that state or local funds may not be decreased or diverted for other purposes merely because of the availability of these funds. The applicant provides assurance that program services and activities to be funded from this grant will be supplementary to existing services and activities and will not be used for any services or activities required by state law, State Board of Education rules, or local policy.
- 2. The applicant provides assurance that the application does not contain any information that would be protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) from general release to the public.
- 3. The applicant provides assurance to adhere to all Statutory Requirements, TEA Program Requirements, and Performance Measures, as noted in the 2021–2023 Charter School Program Grant (Subchapter C and D) Program Guidelines, and shall provide the Texas Education Agency, upon request, any performance data necessary to assess the success of the grant program.
- 4. The applicant provides assurance that their financial accounting system adheres to the following requirements:
 - a. accommodates the minimum 15-digit account code mandated by the FASRG;
 - b. generates information needed for PEIMS reporting; and
 - c. ensures adequate accountability of state and federal funds.
 If the applicant’s financial accounting system is not approved by TEA, the applicant assures that it will budget and acquire an acceptable accounting system and training with these grant funds. Additionally, the applicant will be required to submit proof of an acceptable accounting system prior to receiving continued and/or additional funding.
- 5. The applicant provides assurance that it will maintain clear documentation and data for the school and students served by this grant program, will comply with any reporting and evaluation requirements that may be established by the TEA, and will submit the reports in the format and manner requested by TEA’s Division of Financial Compliance. Grantees will be required to cooperate with the team that has been contracted to evaluate the use of the grant funds.
- 6. The applicant provides assurance that it has on file a certificate of occupancy or the equivalent, for the instructional facility. At any time, should the TEA Charter School Administration Division request a copy, the applicant will provide such copy immediately.
- 7. According to Title IV, Part C of ESSA, to receive federal grant funds of any type, including U. S. Department of Education funds, the charter school must meet the following definition. By signing Attachment #1 and submitting the application, the authorized official of the public charter school certifies that each of the statements in the definition is true and that the school is in compliance with this definition. A charter school is not eligible to receive any federal funds at any time, formula or discretionary, from TEA if it does not comply with this definition.
- 8. **Open enrollment charter school operating on behalf of a high-quality campus approved by the commissioner of education:** The applicant provides assurance that the existing charter, as approved by the applicable state authorizer (the State Board of Education or the commissioner of education), and the Application for High-Quality Campus Designation, under which the new charter school campus was approved by the commissioner of education, are incorporated by reference into this grant application and address statutory requirements in compliance with PL 114-95, Title IV, Part C, ESSA.

Program Assurance, continued.

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9. Charters established under TEC Chapter 12, Subchapter C: The applicant provides assurance that the campus charter school will:
- Maintain documentation which clearly demonstrates the supplementary nature of these funds;
 - be established according to and in compliance with TEC, Chapter 12, Subchapter C, Sections 12.051-12.065;
 - be designated as a campus charter in the Texas Education Agency (TEA) organizational database, AskTED, prior to operating as a campus charter for the 2021-2022 or 2022-2023 school year; and
 - be permitted to govern autonomously, as evidenced by the day-to-day decision makers at the campus charter school and their input with regard to the school's curriculum, calendar, budget, and daily operations. This autonomy will be above and beyond the degree of flexibility and autonomy afforded to traditional campuses within the district.
10. Charters established under TEC Chapter 12, Subchapter C, must also comply with the following: As per Title V, Part B, Subpart 1, Section 5204(f)(4)(B), a LEA may not deduct funds for administrative fees or expenses from a subgrant awarded to an eligible applicant, unless the eligible applicant enters voluntarily into a mutually agreed upon arrangement for administrative services with the relevant LEA. Absent such approval, the LEA shall distribute all subgrant funds to the eligible applicant without delay.
11. Charters established under TEC Chapter 12, Subchapter C, for the purpose of replicating an existing high-quality charter school, must also comply with the following: The applicant provides assurance that the school district will:
- participate in the Texas Authorizer Leadership Academy (TALA) program;
 - review and adopt the Texas Education Agency's model Chapter 12, Subchapter C authorizer policies and charter application (Model District Authorizing Policy and Model Local Campus Partner Application can be found at <https://txpartnerships.org/tools/>);
 - annually publish its authorizer policies;
 - submit its updated authorizer policies and charter application to TEA, along with the exact web address where this information is posted on the district's website, by October 1, 2021;
 - work with a high-quality charter management organization (CMO) or create an innovation management organization (IMO) that will have its own independent board, separate and apart from the school district's board of trustees, to oversee management of the originating campus and its replication; and
 - work with a high-quality charter management organization (CMO) or create an innovation management organization (IMO) that will have an Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer (CEO) who is responsible for management of the originating campus and its replication.

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4. Describe how the eligible applicant will solicit and consider input from parents and other members of the community on the implementation and operation of the proposed charter school campus.

[Empty response box for question 4]

5. Describe the eligible applicant's planned activities and expenditures of grant funds to open and prepare for the operation of the proposed charter school or high-quality charter school campus, and how the eligible applicant will maintain financial sustainability after the end of the grant period.

Funds will be used to prepare for and begin implementation of the following strategies and practices: extensive, daily differentiated, data-driven small-group and standards-aligned instruction and intervention; rigorous, frequent, standards-aligned assessments to identify student needs and build cumulative rigor; progress feedback to help students achieve at higher levels; rigorous, evidence-based curricula to support academic excellence; Tier 1—High-Quality Classroom Instruction, Screening, and Group Interventions; Tier 2—Targeted Interventions; Tier 3—Intensive Interventions and Comprehensive Evaluation.

During the planning phase, grant funds will support key personnel such as the Instructional Specialist, the SPED/ELL Case Manager, the Director of Training, and the Community Engagement Manager; as well as the implementation of the PLA Comprehensive Educational Analysis that will identify key scholar achievement and teacher professional development focused needs for Jacquet MS. During the implementation phase, grant funds will support the implementation of data-driven, small-group instruction incl. the dev. and imp. of the Student Data Warehouse; data-driven supp. edu. programs to

6. Describe how the eligible applicant will support the use of effective parent, family, and community engagement strategies to operate the proposed charter school campus.

[Empty response box for question 6]

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7. Describe the eligible applicant's plan for meeting the transportation needs of the students at the proposed charter school campus.

Jacquet MS will contract with Fort Worth ISD to meet the needs of each student, ensuring the safety of our students is maintained on school buses and other school-sanctioned transportation vehicles. Our transportation plan will be designed with our families in mind, engaging their input to understand the current logistical challenges they may face and refining our transportation plan accordingly. Special consideration will also be given to the unique needs of scholars who may be experiencing homelessness or transience. Agreed-upon transportation services shall be provided each day that Jacquet MS is in regular session. Additionally, to support college campus and other educational enrichment field trips for our high school scholars, we will ensure sufficient safe transportation is provided as needed.

8. Describe and justify any requests for waivers of any Federal statutory or regulatory provisions that the eligible applicant believes are necessary for the successful operation of the charter school, and a description of any state or local rules, generally applicable to public schools, that the applicant proposes to be waived or otherwise not apply to the school.

We do not plan to request any waivers at this stage.

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In addition to the eight requirements listed above, campus charters established under TEC, Subchapter C, Campus Charter Schools, must also address each of the following requirements (numbers 9-13):

9. Describe the educational program* at the proposed charter school campus, including: a. how the program will enable all students to meet challenging state student academic achievement standards; b. the grade levels or ages of children to be served; and c. the curriculum and instructional practices to be used. *If the district has partnered with an entity to replicate a high-quality charter school model, the description of the educational program should include the name of the high-quality charter school that is being replicated, along with additional pertinent information to demonstrate that the charter school meets the definition of a high-quality charter school.

The PLA instructional model is evidence-based, designed by highly successful educators, and focuses on instruction that is personalized and data-driven. Small-group instruction is a central vehicle for providing mastery-based academic scaffolding, creating a uniquely rigorous and personalized learning experience for every child. This approach, as demonstrated by PLA's track record of transforming six F-rated schools to A-rated and moving three schools from D-rated to B-rated, has proven very effective for turning around the academic performance of students who have attended chronically underperforming schools. The PLA instructional model employs the following best practices: Extensive, daily differentiated, data-driven small-group and standards-aligned instruction and intervention; rigorous, frequent, standards-aligned assessments to identify student needs and build cumulative rigor; progress feedback to help students achieve at higher levels; rigorous, evidence-based curricula to support academic excellence; and a strong framework of Tier II and Tier III interventions, as necessary.

SEE ADDITIONAL TEXT IN ADDENDUM 8 OF ATTACHMENT 2.

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10. Describe how the district authorizer will monitor the proposed charter school campus in recruiting, enrolling, retaining, and meeting the needs of all students, including children with disabilities and English learners.

11. Describe the manner in which an annual independent financial audit of the campus is to be conducted. The campus charter must have a plan for an audit that is separate and apart from the district's annual financial audit.

12. Describe the manner in which the campus will provide information necessary for the school district in which it is located to participate, as required by TEC, Chapter 12, Subchapter C, or by SBOE rule, in public education information systems (PEIMS).

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Equitable Access and Participation

Check the appropriate box below to indicate whether any barriers exist to equitable access and participation for any groups that receive services funded by this grant.

- The applicant assures that no barriers exist to equitable access and participation for any groups receiving services funded by this grant.
- Barriers exist to equitable access and participation for the following groups receiving services funded by this grant, as described below.

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Appendix I: Negotiation and Amendment (leaves blank when completing initial application for funding)

An amendment must be submitted when the program plan or budget is altered for the reasons described in the "When to Amend the Application" document posted on the [Administering a Grant](#)