
MEMORANDUM No. 2014-024

TO: School District Superintendents
District Summer School Coordinators

FROM: Dianne Frazer, Education Consultant
Standards & Accountability Division

DATE: February 24, 2014

SUBJECT: Wyoming Bridges Grant Applications

WYOMING BRIDGES GRANT APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD AND COMPLETION

Applications due to WDE by April 11, 2014

Enclosed is information for this year's Wyoming Bridges grant to fund inter-vention and remediation supports to academically at-risk students. The electronic WDE539 application is available for download and completion under the data collection list on the Department's website. Also available to download are sample Individual Learning Plans (ILPs) for your use.

Please know these are samples only, may not include all subjects you plan to offer, and are to be used simply as guidelines for your convenience. Find the ILPs and WDE539 form at: <http://edu.wyoming.gov/DataInformationandReporting/DataCollectionSuite.aspx>. This year, applications are to be uploaded to the Department via the DCS which requires a Fusion user name and password as well as the WDE539 roles. Please upload no later than April 11, 2014.

We request that you have someone available during the two weeks after the application submission deadline who can answer questions which may arise concerning your application. The Department will notify you by May 1, 2014 of grant eligibility and preliminary grant awards.

The Bridges grant award is based on the percentage of a district's at-risk proxy count using each

district's average teacher pay. These estimates are based on data submitted by districts during spring data collection through the WDE684. After the funding model is formally updated with adjustments made by districts through the WDE684, we will send you final Bridges grant calculations by June 1, 2014. If WDE684 data is missing or deemed to be inaccurate, the district's grant award will be calculated to be \$0.00.

Please note this year's application again includes a description of extended day programs if your district plans to use Bridges funds for this purpose. These sections are highlighted in orange on the application. Programs are encouraged to consider collaborating with other programs and funding sources such as 21 CCLC to provide services.

We remind you that the Wyoming Bridges grant encourages you to make available learning that is different from your traditional school year. We ask you to embed enriched learning opportunities for the students who will be attending your summer school or extended day programs.

Please take this opportunity to think beyond a traditional learning environment including using technology to assist instruction and learning and to embrace new and exciting opportunities for students. There are abundant resources available to districts to accomplish things not before considered, and I encourage you to embrace this occasion. Please take time to review Attachment B – Ideas for Summer Programs. This year we have added a section titled “Best Practice Ideas from the Field” that includes ideas shared by districts.

If you have any questions concerning the enclosed materials please feel free to call Dianne Frazer at 777-8676 or email: dianne.frazer@wyo.gov. If you have technical questions about accessing or uploading the application, please contact Liz Foster at 777-7009 or email: liz.foster@wyo.gov.

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Attachments:

Attachment A – FAQs for Wyoming Bridges Grant Program

Attachment B – Ideas for Summer Programs

Sample ILP Elementary

Sample ILP Secondary