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WYOMING BRIDGES GRANT APPLICATION

Enclosed is information for this year's Wyoming Bridges grant to fund intervention and remediation supports to academically at-risk students. The electronic WDE539 application is available for download and completion under the data collection list at the WDE website. Also available sample Individual Learning Plans (ILPs). Please know these are samples only. They 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: https://edu.wyoming.gov/dcs/default.html.

This year, applications must be uploaded to the WDE no later than **April 15, 2015**. The last page of the application with assurances and original signatures must be mailed to Dianne Frazer at 2300 Capitol Ave., 2nd Floor, Cheyenne, WY 82002, and must be postmarked no later than April 15, 2015.

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 WDE will notify you by May 1, 2015 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 your final Bridges grant calculations by June 1, 2015. 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 addresses the flexibility provided in new legislation passed under SEA 0068. Until now, a district was required to operate a summer school in order to use Bridges funds for Extended-Day learning. This has changed. Bridges funds can now be used for summer school, Extended-Day, or both. That means, if your district prefers to use all Bridges funds to offer only Extended-Day services, this is allowable. **When completing the application, complete only the sections for programs you plan to offer**. The summer school section is items 2 – 11 (with green headers) and its budget is section 16. The Extended-Day section is items 12 – 15 (highlighted in orange) with its budget in section 17.

All other sections of the application need to be completed. 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 the traditional learning environment and review Attachment B. Consider the possibilities of using technology to assist instruction and learning, and embrace new and exciting opportunities for students. If you have any questions concerning the enclosed materials, contact Dianne Frazer at 777-8676 or dianne.frazer@wyo.gov.

Attachments
Attachment A – Bridges Grant Changes
Attachment B - FAQs for Wyoming Bridges Grant
Program Attachment C – Ideas for Summer Programs
Sample ILP Elementary
Sample ILP Secondary