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PURPOSE AND ELIGIBILITY

Purpose: School Improvement Grants, authorized under section 1003(g) of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (Title I or ESEA), are grants, through State educational agencies (SEAs), to local educational agencies (LEAs) for use in Title I schools identified for improvement, corrective action, or restructuring that demonstrate the greatest need for the funds and the strongest commitment to use the funds to provide adequate resources in order to raise substantially the achievement of their students so as to enable the schools to make adequate yearly progress and exit improvement status. Under the final requirements, as amended through the interim final requirements published in the [Federal Register](#) in January 2010 (final requirements, attached as Appendix C), school improvement funds are to be focused on each States Tier I and Tier II schools. Tier I schools are a States persistently lowest-achieving Title I schools in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring and, if a State so chooses, certain Title I eligible elementary schools that are as low achieving as the States other Tier I schools. Tier II schools are a States persistently-lowest achieving secondary schools (attached as Appendix A) that are eligible for, but do not receive, Title I, Part A funds and, if a State so chooses, certain additional Title I eligible secondary schools that are as low achieving as the States other Tier II schools or that have had a graduation rate below 60 percent over a number of years. An LEA may also use school improvement funds in Title I schools in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring that are not identified as persistently lowest-achieving schools and, if a State so chooses, certain additional Title I eligible schools (Tier III schools). In the Tier I and Tier II schools an LEA chooses to serve, the LEA must implement one of four school intervention models: turnaround model, restart model, school closure, or transformation model.

Eligibility: Eligibility for these funds will be based on the Tiered list developed from the WDE's Persistently Lowest-Achieving Schools definition. That list is housed on the WDE website and attached as Appendix C to this application.

The criteria is defined under the WDE's Persistently Lowest-Achieving Schools definition, see Appendix A for that definition.

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Legislation: [American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009](#)
[Public Law 107-110, the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001](#)

Guidance: [LEA and School Improvement](#)
[1003\(g\) Guidance on School Improvement Grants](#)

SCHOOL INTERVENTION MODELS

As stated in the purpose of this grant, Tier I and II schools must implement, fully and effectively, the required activities of one (1) of the following USED School Intervention Models:

Closure Model	Close a school and enroll the students who attended that school in other schools in the LEA that are higher achieving.
Restart Model	Convert a school or close and reopen it under a charter school operator, a charter management organization, or an education management organization that has been selected through a rigorous review process.
Transformation Model	Implement each of the following strategies: (1) replace the principal and take steps to increase teacher and school leader effectiveness; (2) institute comprehensive instructional reforms; (3) increase learning time and create community-oriented schools; and (4) provide operational flexibility and sustained support.
Turnaround Model	Replace the principal and rehire no more than 50 percent of the staff, and grant the principal sufficient operational flexibility (including in staffing, calendars/time, and budgeting) to implement fully a comprehensive approach to substantially improve student outcomes.
General	The definition and requirements are further defined in the attached final requirements (Appendix C) under section I, A, 2

Tier III schools are also required to select one of these intervention models, but may modify the requirements to suit the needs of the schools. If modified, the LEA/School will need to describe the modifications and the reasoning behind the changes.

In planning for which School Intervention Model a LEA/School will implement, the LEA/School will first need to work through the questions found in Appendix D of this application.

Application A separate grant application must be submitted by the district for each school applying for Title I 1003 g School Improvement Funds.

Procedure A comprehensive needs assessment must be conducted by the LEA/School applying for this grant. All data utilized will need to be submitted and in a format that is readable and understandable by WDE Grant Reviewers. Data should be submitted in easy to read tables, either in Word or Excel. Narratives explaining the data and the conclusions reached. If possible, charts and graphs should be used.

All sections must be completed - only exception is that an LEA/School will only need to fill out the Intervention/Action Plan for the School Intervention Model the LEA/School has selected.

Deadline for submission will be 12:00 am (midnight) M.S.T., May 28, 2012. This application will be submitted electronically via the WDE Grants Management System (GMS). Please contact the GMS Coordinator, Randal Butt, at 307-777-8739 to request access and establish a log in for this grant application.

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SELECTION AND PRIORITIZATION

Review Criteria	Please see Appendix E for the rubric used for the evaluation of this grant.
Selection Process	A review panel comprised of WDE staff will review all applications to verify that all required items are addressed and that the requested allocation is appropriate. WDE will make the final decisions concerning appropriate expenditures and budgets. Please note that submission of a grant application is not a guarantee that an LEA will receive a grant award.
Prioritization	<p>Submission of a grant is not a guarantee that a LEA will receive an award funding is limited and the amounts LEAs may request per year are significant, so the WDE may have to prioritize what grants get funded.</p> <p>Priority funding will be given first to Tier I schools and then to Tier II schools. If further priority ranking is still needed, priority will be given to those schools that were identified for Tier I or Tier II based on their graduation rates. If further prioritization is needed, it will be based on the ranking of the schools within each Tiered list (Appendix B of this application).</p> <p>Priority funding will first be given to Tier III schools who are fully implementing all the required activities for one of the School Intervention Models as outlined by the final requirements. After that, priority will be given to those Title I schools in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring status that were not identified in Tier I. Lastly, priority will be based on the ranking of the remaining Title I and Title I eligible schools within the Tier III list (Appendix B of this application).</p>

PROJECT PERIOD AND AWARD OF GRANTS

The Title I School Improvement grants will be awarded for a period of approximately one (1) years starting on June 29, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013 (Continuation funding may be applied for to extend the grant activities for at least one, possibly two additional years). An extension to September 30, 2013 may be requested during the year of the grant period, but a detailed reasoning must be given as to why these funds should be extended to that date. All funds must be drawn. If any funds are not encumbered by June 30, 2013, the LEA will revert any unencumbered funds to the WDE for reallocation unless the LEA has requested an extension to September 30, 2013. All encumbered funds must be drawn down and spent by December 31, 2013.

Since the grant will be awarded June 15, 2012, the time period from the grant award up to the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year may include a pre-implementation phase to ensure full implementation of the School Intervention Model at the start of the 2012-2013 school year.

Grant amounts will not be less than \$50,000 or more than \$2 million per year for each participating school.

Because these School Improvement funds will be used as a Schoolwide Title I program, the participating school is not required to select and provide supplemental services to specific children identified as in need of services. A school operating a schoolwide program does not have to: (1) show that Federal funds used with the school are paying for additional services that would not otherwise be provided; (2) demonstrate that Federal funds are used only for specific target populations; or (3) separately track Federal program funds once they reach the school. A schoolwide program school, however, must use Title I funds only to supplement the amount of funds that would, in the absence of the Title I funds, be made available from non-Federal sources for that school, including funds needed to provide services that are required by law for children with disabilities and children with limited English proficiency. [Section1114(a)(2)]

LEAs will be required to revise and update their grant application and submit a new grant application each year by April 5th during the Grant Renewal. At that time, the LEA/School will update the current application, strategies, timelines, and budgets and submit as a new application for the next years funding. The LEA/School will also be required to upload data and analysis to support whether or not the school has met their goals and/or making progress on their leading indicators. A section will also be built into the application to capture and report required data for the USED as outlined by the final requirements (see Appendix C of this application).

Because PAWS data is not available until July, the LEA will be required to select an additional indicator to measure student achievement. This data should be from a source that is available so the LEA can submit that data by April 5th. LEAs will be asked to submit PAWS data and analysis by October 1.

If the LEA has not completed the necessary updates, data reviews, and reporting, the LEA/School will not be able to submit an application for the next years funds until those requirements have been met. Likewise, if PAWS data has not been uploaded and analyzed by October 1, the LEA/School will not be able to request funds until that data has been submitted.

Data will be reviewed by an independent reviewer hired by the WDE and evaluated as to whether or not the school has met their goals and/or is making progress on their leading indicators. Initial approval to continue with the grant will be given by the reviewer, with the assumption that PAWS data will be uploaded by October 1. The reviewer also can request any clarifications on the data submitted. Upon review of all the data, the reviewer will report their findings to the WDE and give a recommendation as to whether to allow the LEA/school to apply for additional funds, give conditional approval for the LEA/school to apply for additional funds based on meeting goals and/or making progress, or not allow the LEA/school to apply for additional funds based on the LEA/School not meeting their goals and making progress, or for not fully and efficiently implementing the grant as is written.

COMPREHENSIVE NEEDS ASSESSMENT

1. The school presents data from the listed sources (administrators, teachers, students, and parents).

Acceptable		Not Acceptable	
The needs are based on data collected from a variety of sources (administrators, teachers, students, and parents) with tables included.			
€	3 points - All of the listed sources are included in identifying the needs, and data are presented.	€	2 points - Three of the listed sources are included in identifying the needs, and data are presented.
€		€	1 point - Two of the listed sources are included in identifying the needs, and data are presented.
€		€	0 points - Data were collected from a single source, or source information is not presented.
Rationale/Comments:			

2. Data are based on an adequate sampling of individuals and groups.

* All sampling parameters must receive an Acceptable rating.

* If a Parent Focus Group is used in place of Parent Questionnaires, as long as this focus group meets minimal sample size, then the Parent parameter receives a rating of 'b'.

* Sample Frame: Focus Groups - Parents (Table 8)

* Minimum: 1 group of 6 participants

* Minimum: 3 groups of 8 participants (i.e., Grades K-5; Grades 6-8; Grades 9-12)

Acceptable		Not Acceptable	
The perceptual and observational needs assessment data are used based on an adequate sample of individuals and groups. (See Sampling Parameters for Acceptable values.)			
€	3 points - All of the samples sizes are acceptable.	€	2 points - All of the sample sizes are acceptable, except Parent Questionnaires which were replaced with Parent Focus Groups.
€		€	1 point - Some sample sizes are acceptable.
€		€	0 points - No sample size data were evident.
Rationale/Comments:			

3. Multiple data sources are present

* Cognitive Data (Student Performance): PAWS data (see embedded template for this data), MAP data, and data from another rigorous LEA-based assessment are included.

* Preferably, most current detailed data with examination of specific areas of weaknesses and a comparison to previous years' data (example 3 years).

* Cognitive data may also include:

* Classroom and Unit Assessment

* IEP Data Progress Reports

* Attitudinal Data: For an acceptable rating, questionnaires and faculty needs assessment, including summaries, must be presented.

* Behavioral Data:

* A classroom observations summary must be presented for this item to be acceptable.

* At least one of the following items should be included: summary of attendance, graduation, dropout and/or information on suspensions and expulsions.

* Archival Data: Report cards (Parent and Principal), accountability reports (detailed and Subgroup component).

Acceptable		Not Acceptable	
The needs assessment must incorporate these four types of data: cognitive (student performance), attitudinal, behavioral, and archival.			
€	3 points - Student and school level data are provided from all four of the listed types of data, and data are presented.	€	2 points - Student and school level data are provided from three of the listed types of data, and data are presented.
€		€	1 point - Student and school level data are provided from two of the listed types of data, and data are presented.
€		€	0 points - Student and school level data are provided from a single type, or no data are presented.
Rationale/Comments:			

COMPREHENSIVE NEEDS ASSESSMENT

4. Data are accurately interpreted to identify strengths and weaknesses.

* Is the information presented an accurate reflection of the data? Has the school missed pertinent information?

* The STRENGTHS should be derived from the strengths in the Accountability Data. Review all summary sheets to determine the strengths.

* The WEAKNESSES should be derived from the weaknesses in the Accountability Data. Analyze the Reports, Summaries, Subgroup Percent Proficient, DRA, DIBELS, PAWS, PAWS Alt MAP, LEA Assessments (DRA, DIBELS, etc...), attendance, graduation and dropout rates to determine the weaknesses.

Acceptable		Not Acceptable	
The needs assessment data are accurately interpreted to identify strengths and weaknesses.			
€	3 points - All of the strengths and weaknesses are based on an accurate interpretation of the data.	€	2 points - Most of the strengths and weaknesses are based on an accurate interpretation of the data.
€		€	1 point - Few of the strengths and weaknesses are based on an accurate interpretation of the data.
€		€	0 points - Strengths or weaknesses are not based on an accurate interpretation of the data.
Rationale/Comments:			

5. Contributing factors relate to the strengths and weaknesses.

* The contributing factors must be listed.

* Look for things that are most directly related to student learning and that the school has the most control over (not parental involvement, but something like the 'Taught' Curriculum).

* May have multiple factors for one strength/weakness. For example, if the weakness is in the reading comprehension, possible contributing factors may be:

(a) Teacher's lack of effective instructional strategies, such as High Order Thinking Skills.

(b) Lack of effective alignment of taught curriculum to standards and Grade Level Expectations.

(c) Lack of effective instructional leadership.

(d) Lack of effective time management, a schoolwide positive behavior support system, and/or an attendance policy.

(e) Failure to implement effective accommodations and modifications.

Acceptable		Not Acceptable	
The contributing factors related to the strengths and weaknesses are based on an accurate interpretation of the data.			
€	3 points - All contributing factors related to the strengths and weaknesses are based on an accurate interpretation of the data.	€	2 points - Most contributing factors related to the strengths and weaknesses are based on an accurate interpretation of the data.
€		€	1 point - Few contributing factors related to the strengths and weaknesses are based on an accurate interpretation of the data.
€		€	0 points - Contributing factors are not related to the strengths and weaknesses are based on an accurate interpretation of the data.
Rationale/Comments:			

INTERVENTION MODELS

1. Selected Intervention Model (if correctly implemented) directly and positively influence the contributing factors to the weaknesses found.

* If the contributing factors are not identified, this item is to be rated not acceptable.

Acceptable		Not Acceptable	
Interventions directly address contributing factors of strengths and weaknesses.			
€	2 points - Intervention directly addresses contributing factors of strengths and weaknesses.	€	0 points - Intervention does not address contributing factors of strengths and weaknesses.
Rationale/Comments:			

2. Interventions are implemented with available or obtainable fiscal and human resources.

Acceptable		Not Acceptable	
Interventions can be implemented with available or obtainable fiscal and human resources.			
€	2 points - Intervention can be implemented with available or obtainable resources.	€	0 points - The intervention can't be implemented with available or obtainable resources.
Rationale/Comments:			

INTERVENTION MODELS - REQUIRED ELEMENTS (Tier I and II Schools Only)

€ NOT APPLICABLE - Tier III School

1. All Required elements are present.

Acceptable		Not Acceptable	
All required elements as outlined in the final requirements are present for the Intervention Model selected.			
€	2 points - All required elements are present.	€	0 points - One or more required elements are missing.
Rationale/Comments:			

2. If applicable, the LEA has a rigorous review process to select a CSO, CMO, or EMO.

€ NOT APPLICABLE

* The LEA has provided detail as to how they will contact and recruit providers.

* The LEA has provided enough detail to show how they will conduct a rigorous review process of all providers.

* The LEA has taken into consideration an applicant's team, track record, instructional program, model's theory of action and sustainability.

Acceptable		Not Acceptable	
All required elements as outline in the final requirements are present for the Intervention Model selected.			
€	2 Points - LEA has a rigorous review process in place.	€	0 Points - LEA does not have a rigorous review process in place.
Rationale/Comments:			

ACTION PLAN - ACTIVITIES

1. The Action Plan activities are written in a logical, sequential order.

Acceptable		Not Acceptable	
The action plan has a logical sequence of events to reach Desired Outcomes.			
€	3 points - All of the events are in logical order.	€	2 points - Most of the events are in logical order.
€		€	1 point - Few of the events are in logical order.
€		€	0 points - None of the events are in logical order.
Rationale/Comments:			

2. The action plan lists the person(s) responsible for the activities.

* Administrators, teachers, and others share in responsibility.

* Position titles of the responsible person(s) must be listed.

Acceptable		Not Acceptable	
The action plan clearly identifies who will be responsible for implementing the activity.			
€	3 points - All activities clearly indicate which staff and/or administrators will be responsible for implementing the activity.	€	2 points - Most activities clearly state which staff and/or administrators will be responsible.
€		€	1 point - Few activities clearly state who will be responsible, or only one person is responsible for all activities.
€		€	0 points - There is no link between the goals and student learning and the directions for school improvement.
Rationale/Comments:			

3. Activities are clearly described.

* Describe what and how the actual activity will be performed by the staff, not a random list. Integrate such areas as literacy and numeracy, professional development, transition, family and community involvement, behavior, and technology.

Acceptable		Not Acceptable	
The action plan clearly states how each activity will be performed.			
€	3 points - It is evident how each activity will be performed.	€	2 points - It is evident how most activities will be performed.
€		€	1 point - There is little evidence of how the activities will be performed.
€		€	0 points - There is no evidence of how the activities will be performed.
Rationale/Comments:			

4. Timelines and dates for activities are specific.

* Broad timelines, such as 'August through May', are not sufficient. Use more specific terms, such as monthly, bimonthly, every 2nd Tuesday of the month, weekly, etc.

Acceptable		Not Acceptable	
A responsible timeline is assigned to each activity.			
€	3 Points - All activities include specific dates.	€	2 Points - Most activities include specific dates.
€		€	1 Point - Few activities include specific dates.
€		€	0 Points - None of the activities include specific dates.
Rationale/Comments:			

ACTION PLAN - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

€ Professional Development is NOT APPLICABLE for the intervention selected (Closure or Restart Model)

1. Professional Development activities describe the purpose, type and who will be involved.

* All personnel (teachers, administrators, counselors, paraprofessionals, and other staff) should be included in appropriate Professional Development opportunities.

The use of 'instructional staff' or 'faculty' in the description is too general to determine which groups of personnel are represented.

* Personnel must be identified by subgroups (teachers, administrators, counselors, paraprofessionals, support staff, etc).

Acceptable		Not Acceptable	
Professional Development identifies the purpose of the activities, how the activities will take place, and who will be involved.			
€	3 points - Purpose, procedures, and participants are specified for all activities.	€	2 points - Purpose, procedures, and participants are specified for most activities.
€		€	1 point - Purpose, procedures, and participants are specified for few activities.
€		€	0 points - Purpose, procedures, and participants are specified for none of the activities.
Rationale/Comments:			

2. Job-embedded Professional Development provides teachers time to consult together about common instructional problems, engage in joint curriculum planning, share knowledge, observe skills, conduct action research, coach one another, and obtain new ideas and approaches from colleagues during the course of the work day.

Job-embedded Professional Development has three major attributes:

* Relevance - Time is created for the PD to occur as part of the normal work routine.

* Feedback - Sustained support and attention through mentoring, dialog, and study groups.

* Transfer of Practice - Self-reflection, action, research, peer coaching or observations, and group problem solving.

Acceptable		Not Acceptable	
Professional Development is job-embedded and occurs at least monthly.			
€	3 points - Weekly/Bi-weekly job-embedded professional development activities are presented.	€	2 points - At least monthly job-embedded professional development activities are presented.
€		€	1 point - Professional development activities on a monthly basis are presented, but they are not job-embedded.
€		€	0 points - Professional development activities are not frequent or job-embedded.
Rationale/Comments:			

3. Follow-up and support are scheduled activities.

* Look for follow-up and support in the activities and formative evaluation columns with an adequate description.

* Example of follow-up/support: Trainers scheduled to return after initial training to provide additional assistance in implementation; principal, instructional coaches, or Distinguished Educator modeling lessons, practice with feedback, mentoring, videotape analysis, and study groups.

Acceptable		Not Acceptable	
Follow-up/support is an actual scheduled activity and is consistent.			
€	3 points - All activities include scheduled follow-up/support.	€	2 points - At least 75% of the activities include scheduled follow-up/support.
€		€	1 point - Less than 75% of the activities include scheduled follow-up/support.
€		€	0 points - Activities do not include scheduled follow-up/support.
Rationale/Comments:			

ACTION PLAN - FAMILY AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

€ Family and Community Involvement is NOT APPLICABLE for the intervention selected (Closure or Restart Model)

1. Family and community involvement activities are clearly linked to the objectives through the strategies.

Acceptable		Not Acceptable	
Family involvement activities are clearly linked to the identified objectives.			
€	3 points - All activities are clearly linked to the identified objectives.	€	2 points - At least 75% of activities are clearly linked to the identified objectives.
€		€	1 point - At least 50% of activities are clearly linked to the identified objectives.
€		€	0 points - Activities are not clearly linked to the identified objectives.
Rationale/Comments:			

2. Activities pertaining to content/training involve family members.

* Are a sufficient number of content/training activities included to involve family members in student learning daily or weekly, or only one time a semester?

Acceptable		Not Acceptable	
Activities that encourage family members to participate in student learning are included.			
€	3 points - Monthly activities that encourage family members to participate in student learning are included.	€	2 points - Quarterly activities that encourage family members to participate in student learning are included.
€		€	1 point - Activities once a semester that encourage family members to participate in student learning are included.
€		€	0 points - No activities encourage family members to participate in student learning.
Rationale/Comments:			

ACTION PLAN - MODIFYING POLICIES AND PRACTICES

€ Modifying Policies and Practices is NOT APPLICABLE for the intervention selected (Closure or Restart Model)

1. The school is committed to modifying existing practices and policies so interventions can be fully and effectively implemented.

* Are the activities selected new and innovative, or are the practices and activities that are already occurring applicable activities?

* School is clearly moving to reform existing policy and practices.

Acceptable		Not Acceptable	
The school is committed to modifying existing practices and policies so interventions can be fully and effectively implemented.			
€	3 points - Activities are new and innovative; school is moving to reform the school.	€	2 points - Most activities are new and innovative; school is moving to reform the school.
€		€	1 point - Few activities are new and innovative; school is moving to reform the school.
€		€	0 points - Activities are not new and innovative; school is not moving to reform the school.
Rationale/Comments:			

ACTION PLAN - FUNDING

1. Monetary resources are allocated and aligned to reach identified objectives.

* Is funding provided for all applicable activities? Details in the action plan should indicate how expenses are to be utilized.

* Are the monies being allocated to school improvement?

* Are the monetary resources allocated to the strategies sufficient to make a difference?

Acceptable		Not Acceptable	
Monetary resources are allocated in a manner that will facilitate achieving the identified objectives.			
€	3 points - Monetary resources are clearly targeted to reach the identified objectives.	€	2 points - Most monetary resources are clearly targeted to reach the identified objectives.
€		€	1 point - Few monetary resources are clearly targeted to reach the identified objectives.
€		€	0 points - Monetary resources are not targeted to reach the identified objectives.
Rationale/Comments:			

2. Sufficient time is allocated to achieve the objectives.

* Determine if time is allocated for professional development (i.e., common planning periods, extended school day for professional development, etc.)

* Identify any changes made to improve time on task (i.e., change of school day schedule, classroom management issues, etc.)

Acceptable		Not Acceptable	
Time is allocated in a manner that will facilitate achieving the objectives.			
€	3 points - Time allocations are clearly targeted to reach the identified objectives.	€	2 points - Most time allocations are targeted to reach the identified objectives.
€		€	1 point - Few time allocations are targeted to reach the identified objectives.
€		€	0 points - Time allocations are not targeted to reach the identified objectives.
Rationale/Comments:			

3. Human resources are allocated to include a variety of people responsible for the activities.

* Share responsibility among teachers, principals, counselors, and parents.

* Utilize internal and external human resources.

* Use teaching staff for coaching and mentoring.

* Collaborate with the state and community personnel and agencies.

Acceptable		Not Acceptable	
Human resources are allocated in a manner that will facilitate the objectives.			
€	3 points - Human resources are clearly targeted to reach the identified objectives.	€	2 points - Most human resources are clearly targeted to reach the identified objectives.
€		€	1 point - Few human resources are clearly targeted to reach the identified objectives.
€		€	0 points - Human resources are not clearly targeted to reach the identified objectives.
Rationale/Comments:			

PROCEDURES FOR EVALUATING INDICATORS OF IMPLEMENTATION

1. The formative (short term) evaluation procedures to monitor and assess the indicators of implementation for all strategies include at least three of the four of the following criteria:

- (a) What data instrument will be used to collect information and what kind of feedback will be given?
- (b) What will be measured or assessed, and how will this information be used?
- (c) Who will conduct the evaluation?
- (d) How often (frequency)?

* In order for sign-in sheets and workshop evaluations to be acceptable, a description of how they will be used to assess the effectiveness and implementation of the activity must be presented.

* These evaluation procedures provide documentation of degree of implementation.

* These evaluation procedures will provide information to determine if the activities are actually implemented in the classroom.

Example:

Classroom observations conducted by the principal and the staff developer will assess the degree of implementation of Higher Order Thinking Skills each quarter and will include feedback, follow-up and support.

Acceptable		Not Acceptable			
Procedures are provided to monitor and assess the indicators of implementation for all strategies set forth in the action plan.					
€	3 points - Clear procedures are provided and assess the level of implementation of indicators for all strategies.	€	2 points - Clear procedures are provided and assess the level of implementation of indicators for most strategies.	€	1 point - Unclear procedures are provided and assess the level of implementation of few activities, or some procedures are unclear.
€		€		€	0 points - Clear procedures are not provided to evaluate the implementation of indicators for strategies.
Rationale/Comments:					

2. The summative (long-term) evaluation procedures seek to determine if the goals and objectives have been attained.

* Will the summative evaluation adequately convey if the school is improving?

* The summative evaluation should include the applicable testing instruments with descriptions of how they will be used to determine if the goals and objectives are attained.

* This evaluation should include a comparison and/or analysis test data but may also include other types of assessment and/or qualitative data.

Acceptable		Not Acceptable			
Valid procedures are provided to examine the degree to which the identified goals and objectives have been attained.					
€	3 points - Valid procedures are provided to examine the degree to which the goals and objectives have been attained.	€	2 points - Procedures are presented to determine whether the goals and objectives have been attained.	€	1 point - Vague or incomplete procedures are presented to determine whether the goals and objectives have been attained.
€		€		€	0 points - Valid procedures are not presented to determine whether the goals and objectives have been attained.
Rationale/Comments:					

IMPLEMENTATION INDICATOR (GOALS)

1. Goals are directly linked to student learning.

* Look at the overall clarity and presentation of the goals.

* If goals are accomplished, will the school improve academically?

Acceptable		Not Acceptable			
The goals are linked to student learning and clearly state the direction of school improvement.					
€	3 points - The goals are clearly linked to student learning and state the direction for school improvement.	€	2 points - The goals are linked to student learning and state the direction for school improvement in a relatively clear manner.	€	1 point - The link between the goals and student learning and school improvement is unclear or weak.
€		€		€	0 points - There is no link between the goals and student learning and the directions for school improvement.
Rationale/Comments:					

2. Goals address the weaknesses with top priority being in Academic Achievement.

* The goals should be derived from data from the following sources: PAWS, MAP, Attendance and/or Dropout Graduation Rate, DRA, DIBELS, Pre-K/Kindergarten Screening Tests, or other standardized teacher - made unit assessments.

* Should limit goals to one (1) or two (2).

* Exception: If the goals are stated in measureable terms, they must use accurate measures to receive a rating no higher than a 'b'.

Acceptable		Not Acceptable			
The goals accurately address the schools weaknesses in Academic Achievement.					
€	3 Points - All weaknesses are clearly addressed.	€	2 Points - Most weaknesses are addressed.	€	1 Point - It indirectly refers to learning for all students.
€		€		€	0 Points - It does not directly or indirectly refer to learning for all students.

DESIRED OUTCOMES (OBJECTIVES)

1. Objectives presented are accurate and verifiable in relation to growth.

Acceptable		Not Acceptable	
The objectives have measureable (verifiable) outcomes.			
€	3 points - All of the objectives can be verified/measured.	€	2 points - Most of the objectives can be verified/measured.
€		€	1 point - Few of the objectives can be verified/measured.
€		€	0 points - None of the objectives can be verified/measured.
Rationale/Comments:			

2. Each objective is clearly linked to a specified goal.

Acceptable		Not Acceptable	
Each objective is clearly linked to a specified goal and clearly states the direction of school improvement.			
€	3 points - All of the samples sizes are acceptable.	€	2 points - All of the sample sizes are acceptable, except Parent Questionnaires which were replaced with Parent Focus Groups.
€		€	1 point - Some sample sizes are acceptable.
€		€	0 points - No sample size data were evident.
Rationale/Comments:			

BUDGET

3. Budget is set, matched to expenditures, sufficient for all activities associated with the intervention model selected, and is for the whole life of the grant cycle.

Acceptable		Not Acceptable	
Budget accurate and fiscally responsible.			
€	3 points - All expenditures are adequately described, allowable, and aligned with the project goals and objectives over the whole grant cycle.	€	2 points - Most expenditures are adequately described, allowable, and aligned with the project goals and objectives over the whole grant cycle.
€		€	1 point - Most expenditures are adequately described, allowable, and aligned with the project goals and objectives.
€		€	0 points - There is little or no alignment of the expenditures with the project activities.
Rationale/Comments:			

Funding or Impact Study

€ Funding or Impact Study is NOT APPLICABLE for the intervention selected (Closure)

1. Timeline for Funding or Impact Study will be completed with sufficient time prior to the end of grant funds to allow for continuation of the intervention and activities implemented.

Acceptable		Not Acceptable	
Funding or Impact Study can be completed with sufficient time to allow for continuation of intervention and activities implemented.			
€	2 points - Study can be completed with sufficient time.	€	0 points - The Study can't be completed with sufficient time.
Rationale/Comments:			

2. Funding or impact study is to be implemented with available or obtainable fiscal and human resources.

Acceptable		Not Acceptable	
Funding or Impact study can be implemented with available or obtainable fiscal and human resources.			
€	2 Points - Study can be implemented with available or obtainable resources.	€	0 Points - The Study can't be implemented with available or obtainable resources.
Rationale/Comments:			

A. LEA Information

LEA Name*: NCES ID Number*:

Name and Title of LEA Contact for Grant Application:

Last Name*: First Name*: Middle Initial:

Address1*: Telephone Number*:

Address2:

City*: Zip* +4:

Email Address*:

B. School Information

School Name*: NCES ID Number*:

School Principal - Last Name *: First Name*: Middle Initial:

Address1*: Telephone Number*:

Address2:

City*: Zip* +4:

Email Address*:

Grade Span*: Poverty Rate*: Current Graduation Rate*:

Title I Status

- Title I Schoolwide School
- Title I Targeted Assistance School
- Title I Eligible School (please describe how you are eligible)

School Improvement Status:

- N/A Made AYP
- Warning Year - missed AYP, but not yet on School Improvement
- Year 1
- Year 2
- Year 3
- Year 4
- Year 5
- Year 6 and higher

Tier:

- Tier I
- Tier II
- Tier III

WAI VER REQUEST

The Wyoming Department of Education has requested the below waivers of requirements applicable to the Title I 1003 g School Improvement Application. It is assumed that an LEA completing this application will implement all of the requested waivers. If an LEA does not wish to implement one of these waivers, it must indicate which one of those waivers it does not intend to implement and why.

Does the applicant wish to utilize these waivers if granted to the WDE? Yes No

Provide a brief description of your school, your attendance area, and your community: (1865 of 2000 maximum characters used)

The Cooperative High School is a Title I alternative high school located in Rawlins, Wyoming that serves the most at-risk students of Carbon County School District #1. COOP employs a full time teachers for English, Math, Social Studies, a 3/4 time counselor and a full time secretary. Of our 16 students, 14 are girls. Approximately 1/3 of our students come to us reading below grade level and 2/3 function below grade level in math. Rawlins is a blue collar town whose largest economic sectors include the Wyoming State Penitentiary, ranching, Union Pacific Railroad, and the Gas/Oil Energy Fields within Carbon County. Special challenges associated with Rawlins include, based upon the Youth Risk Behavior Survey and the Prevention Needs Assessment surveys consist of the following: above average use of alcohol and tobacco, above average rate of teenage pregnancies, above average drop-out rate for high school age youth, and above average incidents of domestic issues. Unique challenges faced by the Cooperative High School consist of the following: a) operating within a 70 foot by 40 foot room (that is all the space COOP has to function), b) the daily borrowing of rooms from the Higher Education Center in order to conduct learning interventions and hold necessary meetings, c) the lack of office space for the principal and counselor, and d) the lack of space necessary for science experiments to be conducted. Another special challenge is COOP's requirement to meet graduation rate based upon the same NCLB parameters as a traditional high school. Being an alternative high school, a good number of our students require an extra semester or so to graduate - which is allowed under Federal Law. However, these students upon graduating count against COOP as drop-outs since they did not complete their high school diploma within the 4 years allowed by NCLB.

List your school and LEA mission statement how do they align? (558 of 2000 maximum characters used)

The school's mission statement is to empower our students in becoming productive citizens of society by providing a quality education in a nurturing environment and the unconditional acceptance, support, and encouragement needed for them to realize and fulfill their potential. This mission statement was drafted by working collaboratively with parents and students. The process involved the need to begin where our students are and then deciding where we wanted them to be and what they could accomplish upon completion of a Cooperative High School diploma.

Describe how the comprehensive needs assessment was conducted in an inclusive manner so it reaches all members of the school community (including regular education, special education, gifted and talented, migrant, students with limited English proficiency, etc. as well as low-achieving students), paying particular attention to the needs of educationally disadvantaged children: (1090 of 2000 maximum characters used)

The needs assessment is an ongoing process of looking at graduation rate, attendance, Individual Education Plans, MAP, PAWS, and ACT, data. There is a great need in Rawlins for an alternative setting where educationally disadvantaged students need assistance. We are constantly communicating with parents and guardians about their child's progress. Through student led conferences we communicate with parents about their child's progress and also witness their child taking ownership for his/her accomplishments. The staff is heavily involved in Professional Learning Communities and work toward setting common goals thought courses and curriculum measures. We accommodate for every student we can and create a personal learning/graduation profile for them. The principal and secretary conduct interviews with students that attend the traditional high school and determine what the needs are for those students. Enrollment is going to increase because of the need for students to graduate on time, with their 4-year cohort, and also the need for alternative ed. that our community requires.

Summarize (using data) the actual results of your needs assessment: (1948 of 2000 maximum characters used)

Every year COOP assess its need by looking at a variety of data. These sources include PAWS, MAP, and ACT. Also graduate rate, mobility, and surveys. These include district surveys. We aggregate all our data to get the big picture of COOP. Currently we are low in graduation rate. Our demographic data indicated there is a problem with students completing high school with their 4 year cohort. Students participating in PAWS assessments in 2011 took 4 different exams. Five 10th grade students took math in 2011. Three of them scored in the basic range and two scored in the proficient range. Areas of great need in math for these five students is developing the connection between conceptual understanding and computational proficiency, specifying locations and describing spatial relationships using coordinate geometry and other representational systems, and developing and evaluating inferences and predictions that are based on data. The same is true for the eight students in 11th grade. The PAWS reading portion of the exam for 2011 also showed areas of need based on performance levels and instructional needs. Of the same five 10th grade students, two of the scored basic and three of them scored proficient. Areas of instructional needs include expository texts in informational relationships, learning to read to understand how the information in the text fits into broader topics and issues; as well as narrative text theme, reading to understand the theme of a story and how the author develops it. The same is also true for the 11th grade students but they also need assistance in functional texts, relevance and importance, reading to determine the relevance and importance of functional information. MAP assessments also indicate areas of needs in math and reading. In fall 2011, 15 students took the MAP assessment and 26% of the students scored above grade level in math and 46% of the students scored above grade level in reading.

Summarize the strengths and weaknesses of the current program for improving the education of low-achieving students:

Strengths: (1841 of 2000 maximum characters used)

The biggest strength of the current program, for students, is the implementation and practice of Discovery. This is an intense program where students learn the rules and guidelines of the school, as well as their role in it. Students also learn communication skills, when speaking with their instructors, parents, and peers. Part of the Discovery Program is students have to write an autobiography about their life. In this they learn who they are and what they have accomplished in their life, and then they get to dream of the future and what they want to accomplish. Another strength of our alternative school is the teacher to student ratio. We currently have 1 teacher for 5 students. There is ample opportunity for students to receive the assistance they need to be successful in their courses. We also have a 3/4 time counselor for our students. She conducts career profiles for each student and sets current and post high school goals for students. She also evaluates their ACT scores and works with students to improve their test taking and study skills. Another strength of our alternative school is our credit requirement compared to the traditional high school. We require the four main core areas in math, English, science and social studies. Along with these requirements we have the students take 1 elective course. Our courses are Hathaway approved and students meet the lower tiers of the Hathaway scholarship. Our staff has been trained in ACT research, readiness, and results in preparation for the Explore, Plan and ACT exams this coming school year. Teachers will implement ACT released items into their bell ringers and also core challenge math course. We will continue to work with ACT research and evaluate our current students and their scores, as well as ways to implement ACT data into our teaching and curriculum.

Weaknesses: (651 of 2000 maximum characters used)

Weaknesses we have at COOP include our low math and reading scores as well as graduation rate. In surveying the parents of current students, one survey indicated that she would like to know that her child is being monitored while he is on the computer. Central office and board members were also surveyed and their comments indicated that "more celebration and communication around events that involve coop school students and staff- I believe that the community may not be familiar with it" and to "Graduate more." Another comment of a weakness is, "serve more students so we don't have as many dropouts." This was great input from everyone involved.

As a result of the comprehensive needs assessment, what are the specific priority need areas for the school? (Please list in priority order 1, 2, 3, etc.) (1204 of 2000 maximum characters used)

1. Reading-Based on MAP, PAWS, and ACT we need to focus on reading and literacy at Cooperative High School. We have more than 50% of our students that do not read at grade level, based on MAP data, and 40% of sophomores scored basic in their performance level on PAWS. For the junior class at COOP in 2011, 55% scored in the basic and below basic performance level. It is my judgment that reading and literacy is a high learning priority for our student needs. 2. Math-For the sophomore class in 2011, PAWS results indicate that 60% of them scored in the basic performance level. For the juniors, 75% of them scored in the basic and below basic performance levels. MAP data indicates the same results, in that 75% of students tested were below grade level. 3. Engagement-Our graduation rate is 35% and engagement level of students indicate we have too many students dropping out. We have to communicate our mission and vision to all stakeholders and relate to them what our expectations are for the following year. It is my intent to help every student increase their learning and gain the necessary skills they need to graduate with a high school diploma and then attend college or enter the workforce.

What School Intervention Model will the school implement based on the comprehensive needs assessment? (This should be directly related to the priority need areas listed above): (1970 of 2000 maximum characters used)

We will implement complete transformation model because we are identified as a tier 1 school. We have changed principal and he will be attending Discovery training during the summer of 2012, as well as other principalship conferences during the 2012-2013 school year. Reading-Staff at COOP will form Professional Learning Community (PLC) with the language arts and social studies teacher. These individuals will discuss and then formulate a plan of implementation on how to incorporate literacy into each course at COOP. This PLC will meet twice a month to discuss progress of students and where students need assistance. Each meeting will have a scripted agenda and will be time bound. During the meeting we will formulate intervention pyramids to assist students based on their need and placement in the model. Math-Data shows that 75% of our students perform below grade level in math. To counteract this we are going to use the same PLC model as we will in reading in that we will have the math and science instructor work together in a PLC

and formulate a pyramid of interventions to assist students with their needs. This pyramid will focus on algebra and geometry skills using tutoring sessions with students and higher order learning such as problem solving. For part of the tutoring portion in math, students will have access to Khan Academy, a free on-line video-based tutorial program where students will have access to several learning tools. Engagement-This group of people will meet twice a month as well to discuss student celebrations based on academic achievements and pro-social behaviors. We will continue to have awards for individuals but also have school-wide incentives for good attendance and credits earned. This committee will also discuss different kinds of activities we can sponsor for students to participate in around the community. I would also like to invite students to participate with this committee and receive their valuable input.

Please explain how the LEA has the capacity to use these School Improvement Funds to provide adequate resources and related support to the school in order to implement, fully and effectively, the required activities of the school intervention model it has selected: (623 of 2000 maximum characters used)

We will use School Improvement Funds by offering incentives for staff and students to increase our graduation rate. School Improvement Funds will be used to send staff members to professional development conferences on improving instructional strategies and catering to struggling students. Educational incentives for students include instructional devices such as iPods/iPads when they earn certain amount of credits, increase their test scores, and graduate altogether. Other small incentives include open campus lunch, field trips to various educational locations in surrounding areas and states, book series and others.

Explain how implementing this model will meet the needs of all the students in your school: (1013 of 2000 maximum characters used)

This model will meet the needs of all our students because we have identified our areas of need, gathered valuable data from major stakeholders, and created a plan based on our priorities to meet the needs of each student. When the new school year begins in August we will have learning profiles for students to fill out and also show them their test scores (MAP, PAWS, ACT). We will also show them how many credits they need in order to graduate. Students will have access to their own data and will learn to diagram it and use it as part of their ownership in their learning. This model is going to be very simple and communicated to parents, students, and teachers. Communication is the key in this model, in that everyone is on the same page as far as teaching in the classroom and learning by the students. My intent in this model is that parents, teachers, and students understand their role in education and everyone works together to meet the end goal of graduation and higher order learning taking place.

Please give a summary of input from relevant stakeholder group regarding the selection and implementation of a School Intervention Model (agendas, minutes, and sign-in sheets should be available from the LEA for review if needed): (1701 of 2000 maximum characters used)

Parent survey data shows that 5 out of 17 parents surveyed are overall supportive of the Cooperative High School. In the survey these 5 parents indicated they approve of the Cooperative High School because it provides a second chance for their child. They also like the fact that we offer more individual based learning where their child can work at his/her own pace. Parents surveyed also feel that there is good communication between school and household; as well that the leadership and teaching is adequate for their child's needs. I also surveyed the central office administration as well as school board members and asked them if they will support the new principal in offering rewards/incentives to staff and students for improved test scores on MAP, PAWS, and ACT. I received 5 responses out of 10 surveyed and gathered valuable data. Reported data indicates 4 individuals support the principal in offering educational incentives to students having high ACT, MAP, and PAWS scores. All five individuals that took the survey support the principal in offering educational incentives to students to credits earned. Some responses to the greatest strength of COOP include "gives a second chance for students to graduate." "A chance for kids to learn in a smaller environment when they don't fit into the high school structure." Responses to the greatest area of needed improvement include, "Serve more students so we don't have as many dropouts." "Community and staff support." "More space and equipment." Here is a copy of the link to the survey that I sent to central office administration and school board members: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PNYN75X> Please feel free to view the survey created in SurveyMonkey.

Based on the reason(s) that this building is applying, you should upload 2011 PAWS data, Graduation Rate Data, or both

2011 PAWS Data Upload

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2011 Graduation Rate Data Upload

Files Uploaded: [Graduation_Rate COOP 2011-20120525102553-0401000hmortensen.xls](#)

LEA CAPACITY

If the LEA has Tier I schools and is applying to serve schools in other Tiers or only one Tier I school, the LEA must explain, in detail, why it lacks the capacity to serve each Tier I school.

If an LEA has one or more Tier I, Tier II, and Tier III Schools	In order to get 1003 g SI Funds, the LEA must commit to serve Each Tier I school it has capacity to serve; at a minimum, at least one Tier I school OR at least one Tier II school
Tier I and Tier II schools, but no Tier III schools	Each Tier I school it has capacity to serve; at a minimum, at least one Tier I school OR at least one Tier II school
Tier I and III schools, but no Tier II schools	Each Tier I school it has capacity to serve; at a minimum, at least one Tier I school
Tier II and Tier III schools, but no Tier I schools	The LEA has the option to commit to serve as many Tier II and Tier III schools as it wishes
Tier I Schools only	Each Tier I school it has capacity to serve
Tier II Schools only	The LEA has the option to commit to serve as many Tier II schools as it wishes
Tier III Schools only	The LEA has the option to commit to serve as many Tier III schools as it wishes

Does your LEA have any Tier I Schools?

Yes

No

Does your LEA have capacity to serve Tier I Schools?

Yes

No

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Program List/Funding: (including during- and after-school programs)	Currently Using	No. of Years	Proposed Program	Deleted Program
Response to Intervention - IDEA and/or Title I Funds	<input type="checkbox"/> b	<input type="text" value="7"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> €	<input type="checkbox"/> €
Professional Learning Communities	<input type="checkbox"/> b	<input type="text" value="2"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> €	<input type="checkbox"/> €
Bridges Grant (either Extended Day or Year)	<input type="checkbox"/> b	<input type="text" value="4"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> €	<input type="checkbox"/> €
Pre-School Program(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> b	<input type="text" value="7"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> €	<input type="checkbox"/> €
Title I School Improvement Funds	<input type="checkbox"/> b	<input type="text" value="5"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> €	<input type="checkbox"/> €
Title I-D, Subpart A	<input type="checkbox"/> €	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> €	<input type="checkbox"/> €
Title II-A Teacher/Leader Quality Partnership	<input type="checkbox"/> b	<input type="text" value="5"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> €	<input type="checkbox"/> €
Title II-B - Math/Science Partnership	<input type="checkbox"/> €	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> €	<input type="checkbox"/> €
Title II-D Enhancing Education Through Technology Grant	<input type="checkbox"/> €	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> €	<input type="checkbox"/> b
Title III Services to English Language Learners	<input type="checkbox"/> b	<input type="text" value="5"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> €	<input type="checkbox"/> €
McKinney-Vento Homeless Grant	<input type="checkbox"/> €	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> €	<input type="checkbox"/> €
GEAR-UP	<input type="checkbox"/> €	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> €	<input type="checkbox"/> €
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List Supplemental Educational Services provided for your students (Title I schools in SI 2 and above): (396 of 2000 maximum characters used)

Letters go out to parents each fall that explain what SES services are available to eligible students. Funds are set aside in our Title IA grant to pay for SES service providers, approved by WDE. Pre approved SES service providers are given a contact for services for our district and then provide students with individualized tutoring and interventions in the areas they are performing poorly in.

List the Distance Learning (i.e., web-based, satellite) courses provided for your students: (40 of 2000 maximum characters used)

COOP does not utilize this at this time.

School Partnerships (Type the name of each partner in the space provided)

University	<input type="text"/>
Technical Institute	<input type="text"/>
Feeder School(s)	<input type="text"/>
Community	<input type="text"/>
Business/Industry	<input type="text"/>
Private Grants	<input type="text"/>
Other	<input type="text"/>

Please give a detailed explanation as to how the strategies selected will utilize the existing programs, funding sources, and partnerships listed above: (639 of 5000 maximum characters used)

Since the COOP High School is also a Title I Schoolwide school, it will also utilize the requirements set forth by Title I Guidance such as; Parent involvement meetings, access to interventions, access to SES services and PD that pertains to intervention strategies. The COOP will also utilize Title Funds to purchase intervention supplies and materials on an as needed basis. COOP will utilize IIA funding for its core content area teachers to attend additional trainings that will keep them in a Highly Qualified status as well as provide them with opportunities to gain knowledge that will help them with classroom delivery of instruction.

Will these funding sources and partnerships be available when the funding for this grant has ended? (87 of 2000 maximum characters used)

Yes, Title Funding and Bridges will be available when the SI grant timeline has closed.

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For each school receiving 1003 g School Improvement Funds, the LEA will need to send the following data to the WDE. Only the sections with an asterisk are required to be reported on this page. Other data on this page is currently collected by WDE in other data collections and does not need to be reported here.

Metric	Currently Collected	New Requirement
School Data		
LEA Name	X	
NCES ID #	X	
School Name	X	
NCES ID #	X	
*Please select Intervention Used: <input type="text" value="6"/>		X
Which AYP Targets Met and Missed	X	
School Improvement Status	X	
*Enter Number of Minutes within School Year: <input type="text"/>		X
Student Outcome/Academic Progress Data		
Percentage of students at or above each proficiency level on State assessments in reading/language arts and mathematics (e.g., Basic, Proficient, Advanced), by grade and by student subgroup	X	
Student participation rate on State assessments in reading/language arts and in mathematics, by student subgroup	X	
*Upload average scale scores on State assessments in reading/language arts and in mathematics, by grade, for the all students group, for each achievement quartile, and for each subgroup <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Browse..."/>		X
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Percentage of limited English proficient students who attain English language proficiency	X	
Graduation rate	X	
Dropout rate	X	
Student attendance rate	X	
*Enter number and percentage of students completing advanced coursework (e.g., AP/IB), early-college high schools, or dual enrollment classes: (500 Character Maximum) <input type="text"/>		X (HS Only)
*Enter college enrollment rates: <input type="text"/>		X (HS Only)
Student Connection and School Climate		
Discipline incidents	X	
Truants	X	
Talent		
*Upload distribution of teachers by performance level on LEA's teacher evaluation system <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Browse..."/>		X
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*Enter teacher attendance rate: <input type="text"/>		X

This page should not be completed at this time. Districts will be notified when data is required.

Each school receiving 1003g School Improvement Funds will be required to upload data and analysis to support whether or not the school has met their goals and/or is making progress on their leading indicators.

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Each school receiving 1003g School Improvement Funds will need to submit PAWS data and analysis to support whether or not the school has met their goals and/or is making progress on their leading indicators by October 1, 2013.

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A school in Tier I or Tier II must select one of the school intervention models and implement, fully and effectively, the required activities for that model. Select the intervention model that will be used:



School Closure Model



School Restart Model



School Turnaround Model



School Transformation Model

A Tier III school must also select one of the intervention models, but may modify the required activities for that model. Schools in Tier III must give an explanation as to the reasoning to the modification. Priority funding will be given to Tier III schools who fully implement all the required activities for one of the school intervention models.

Full implementation must occur in the 2012-2013 school year

Please Note: An LEA's budget for each year may not exceed \$2,000,000.

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Please select and provide a description of any activities your district will implement. This page is optional.

J-2. What are examples of SIG-related activities that may be carried out in the 2011-2012 school year in preparation for full implementation in the 2012-2013 school year?

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- Family and Community Engagement: Hold community meetings to review school performance, discuss the school intervention model to be implemented, and develop school improvement plans in line with the intervention model selected; survey students and parents to gauge needs of students, families, and the community; communicate with parents and the community about school status, improvement plans, choice options, and local service providers for health, nutrition, or social services through press releases, newsletters, newspaper announcements, parent outreach coordinators, hotlines, and direct mail; assist families in transitioning to new schools if their current school is FY 2010 Guidance implementing the closure model by providing counseling or holding meetings specifically regarding their choices; or hold open houses or orientation activities specifically for students attending a new school if their prior school is implementing the closure model.
- Rigorous Review of External Providers: Conduct the required rigorous review process to select a charter school operator, a CMO, or an EMO and contract with that entity (see C-5); or properly recruit, screen, and select any external providers that may be necessary to assist in planning for the implementation of an intervention model (see H- 19a).
- Staffing: Recruit and hire the incoming principal, leadership team, instructional staff, and administrative support; or evaluate the strengths and areas of need of current staff.
- Instructional Programs: Provide remediation and enrichment to students in schools that will implement an intervention model at the start of the 2012-2013 school year through programs with evidence of raising achievement; identify and purchase instructional materials that are research-based, aligned with State academic standards, and have data-based evidence of raising student achievement; or compensate staff for instructional planning, such as examining student data, developing a curriculum that is aligned to State standards and aligned vertically from one grade level to another, collaborating within and across disciplines, and devising student assessments.
- Professional Development and Support: Train staff on the implementation of new or revised instructional programs and policies that are aligned with the schools comprehensive instructional plan and the schools intervention model; provide instructional support for returning staff members, such as classroom coaching, structured common planning time, mentoring, consultation with outside experts, and observations of classroom practice, that is aligned with the school's comprehensive instructional plan and the school's intervention model; or train staff on the new evaluation system and locally adopted competencies.
- Preparation for Accountability Measures: Develop and pilot a data system for use in SIG-funded schools; analyze data on leading baseline indicators; or develop and adopt interim assessments for use in SIG-funded schools. As discussed in F-4, in general, SIG funds may not be used to supplant non-Federal funds, but only to supplement non-Federal funding provided to SIG schools. In particular, an LEA must continue to provide all non-Federal funds that would have been provided to the school in the absence of SIG funds. This requirement applies to all funding related to full implementation, including preimplementation activities. (New for FY 2010 Guidance)

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				Estimated Cost for Capital		
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Implementation Indicator/Goal (must include student achievement on PAWS (both reading/language arts and math) in order to monitor the schools progress):

(1970 of 2000 maximum characters used)

We will implement complete transformation model because we are identified as a tier 1 school. We have changed principal and he will be attending Discovery training during the summer of 2012, as well as other principalship conferences during the 2012-2013 school year. Reading-Staff at COOP will form Professional Learning Community (PLC) with the language arts and social studies teacher. These individuals will discuss and then formulate a plan of implementation on how to incorporate literacy into each course at COOP. This PLC will meet twice a month to discuss progress of students and where students need assistance. Each meeting will have a scripted agenda and will be time bound. During the meeting we will formulate intervention pyramids to assist students based on their need and placement in the model. Math-Data shows that 75% of our students perform below grade level in math. To counteract this we are going to use the same PLC model as we will in reading in that we will have the math and science instructor work together in a PLC and formulate a pyramid of interventions to assist students with their needs. This pyramid will focus on algebra and geometry skills using tutoring sessions with students and higher order learning such as problem solving. For part of the tutoring portion in math, students will have access to Khan Academy, a free on-line video-based tutorial program where students will have access to several learning tools. Engagement-This group of people will meet twice a month as well to discuss student celebrations based on academic achievements and pro-social behaviors. We will continue to have awards for individuals but also have school-wide incentives for good attendance and credits earned. This committee will also discuss different kinds of activities we can sponsor for students to participate in around the community. I would also like to invite students to participate with this committee and receive their valuable input.

Desired Outcomes (Objectives):

(46 of 2000 maximum characters used)

Increase of 10% proficiency in reading and math

Procedures for Evaluating Implementation Indicators:

(53 of 2000 maximum characters used)

Students and staff will analyze PAWS, MAP and ACT data

INTERVENTIONS: SCHOOL TRANSFORMATION MODEL - Activities/Action Plan

Activities and Action Plan: Pre-Implementation during 2011-2012 school year (June 15, 2012 to start of 12-13 school year)

Full Implementation must occur in the 2012-2013 school year.

Teachers and Leaders

Please list any and all activities/cost associated with principal replacement, implementation of a new staff evaluation system, identify/reward staff, and implementation of recruitment/placement/retention strategies.

Enter Activity Description (268 of 1000 maximum characters used)

District administration followed through with a board approved transfer of the COOP principal and the RHS vice principal in order to meet requirements of this model. The new principal will attend conferences related to student achievement and School Improvement Title I

Person Responsible	Start Date	Key Milestones and Dates	Completion Date	SY 2012-2013	SY 2013-2014	SY 2014-2015
Ryan Searle	02/23/2012	Board approval of new principal	05/30/2013	1,000	1	1
				Estimated Cost for Non-Capital		
				Estimated Cost for Capital		

Enter Activity Description (245 of 1000 maximum characters used)

The district purchased a new evaluation system in fall of 2011. *This was purchased with general fund monies. It is utilized by all district principals for staff evaluation. The COOP will implement its own process for evaluating its model program

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Ryan Searle	09/01/2011	Evaluation plan was sent to Carol Illian in April 2011 for approval.	06/01/2012	1	1	1
				Estimated Cost for Non-Capital		
				Estimated Cost for Capital		

Enter Activity Description (999 of 1000 maximum characters used)

Staff at Cooperative High School will take part in Discovery Training June 25-28, 2012. This training is vital to our program in that teachers will learn how to work with unique students in assisting them to gain the best education possible. With the turnover this year in our staff, it will be a crucial training for us in that we will learn common language between us. It is also my wish to send staff members to developmental trainings in Response to Intervention (RTI) and transition to ACT. The need for intervention in our alternative setting is at the forefront, as well as tracking student academic and behavior progress. Our students also take a set of exams, issued by ACT, and the EXPLORE and PLAN test as freshman and sophomores. Selected staff members will who serve on the SIG team will also attend semi annual SIG seminars as they come available. This will promote a better understanding of the SIG process and offer new methods of instructions to help serve under achieving students.

Person Responsible	Start Date	Key Milestones and Dates	Completion Date	SY 2012-2013	SY 2013-2014	SY 2014-2015
Ryan Searle	08/01/2012	Discovery training on June 25-29 in Rawlins.	06/29/2012	30,000	1	1
				Estimated Cost for Non-Capital		
				Estimated Cost for Capital		
Total Cost By Year				31,001	3	3
Total Cost By Year Capital				0	0	0

Instructional and Support Strategies

Please list any and all activities/cost associated with the selection/implementation of an student needs based instruction model, providing job-embedded professional development designed to build the capacity/support of school staff, and to ensure continued use of data to inform/differentiate instruction.

Enter Activity Description (593 of 1000 maximum characters used)

The COOP will implement incentive program based on attendance, credits earned, math and reading scores, completion of all requirements for graduation. This includes access to virtual school for credit recovery and attendance accommodations. Incentives include purchases of tech, educational field trips, and service clubs. Students will have access to their test data and will analyze it for greater understanding of their needs and in turn use it in communicating with their instructors and parents. A major focus for our students will be to prepare them to enter college and/or the work force.

Person Responsible	Start Date	Key Milestones and Dates	Completion Date	SY 2012-2013	SY 2013-2014	SY 2014-2015
Ryan Searle	08/01/2012	ongoing	06/01/2015	55,000	55,000	55,000
				Estimated Cost for Non-Capital		
				Estimated Cost for Capital		

Enter Activity Description (293 of 1000 maximum characters used)

COOP will provide a highly qualified reading interventionist for students. The instructor, who was the most qualified candidate, has agreed to complete additional coursework to enhance their abilities to serve high needs students at this setting as well as to meet the COOP and district goals.

Person Responsible	Start Date	Key Milestones and Dates	Completion Date	SY 2012-2013	SY 2013-2014	SY 2014-2015
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Estimated Cost for Non-Capital

Ryan Searle	08/01/2012	Ongoing all year.	06/01/2015	32,500	33,500	34,500
				Estimated Cost for Capital		

Enter Activity Description (475 of 1000 maximum characters used)

COOP will provide support for college and career readiness through community and parental support. This will include attendance at college fairs, exploration of careers, help with college applications, financial aid, attending workshops on PSAT's as well as incentives to students that are college bound such as technical support. COOP will help families focus on student academics for the future and explain what it means to be educated for a globally competitive job market.

Person Responsible	Start Date	Key Milestones and Dates	Completion Date	SY 2012-2013	SY 2013-2014	SY 2014-2015
				Estimated Cost for Non-Capital		
Ryan Searle	05/01/2013	Graduation Day	05/01/2015	5,000	5,000	5,000
				Estimated Cost for Capital		

Enter Activity Description ([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

It is the goal of COOP to expose our students to as many opportunities for them to seek higher education as we possibly can. We also plan to venture out of visit some local employment factories and agencies, such as Sinclair, local and state hospitals, oil/gas, and railroad, companies. COOP will use funds to support transportation, meals, and fees associated with travel.

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				Estimated Cost for Non-Capital		
Ryan Searle	09/01/2012	Attendance at local employment factories and feedback from students	06/01/2015	500	0	0
				Estimated Cost for Capital		
Total Cost By Year				93,000	93,500	94,500
Total Cost By Year Capital				0	0	0

Time and Support

Please list any and all activities/cost associated with increased learning time for staff and students, providing an ongoing mechanism for community/family engagement, and social-emotional/community-oriented services/support.

Enter Activity Description (588 of 1000 maximum characters used)

Students will have access to the districts' virtual academy and COOP will continue with parent Discovery meetings and student-led conferences. Another component we will include are Graduating Acceleration Sessions each Tuesday night and also every Friday. COOP does not have school on Friday, therefore we will offer six hours to students to students on each Friday to come to school and receive additional instruction from a certified teacher. We will pay a teacher to be here during the GAS time. Students may also attend GAS on Tuesday evenings until 6:00 for increased learning time.

Person Responsible	Start Date	Key Milestones and Dates	Completion Date	SY 2012-2013	SY 2013-2014	SY 2014-2015
				Estimated Cost for Non-Capital		
Ryan Searle	08/12/2013	ongoing meeting dates throughout the year	06/01/2015	500	500	500
				Estimated Cost for Capital		

Enter Activity Description (998 of 1000 maximum characters used)

We plan to have parents in our building on a weekly basis. We are going to open the school year with a community/family night at the COOP. This will include informational teaching time from the principal and teachers as to what COOP offers students and what we expect from them. This opening event will also include a barbecue and other fun activities for students' siblings. I want to include parents in our Graduating Acceleration Sessions on a weekly basis where they come in and act as a mentor/tutor for our students. Our building also houses the GED program for the district and could serve parents in this regard as they come and get a positive outlook on their child's education. I will accomplish task by first seeking for volunteers and then possibly making it a requirement for some parents to attend our weekly increased learning sessions. All parents are required to attend Parent Discovery the first two weeks of school. We will hold these sessions during evening hours to accommodate

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				Estimated Cost for Non-Capital		
Ryan Searle	08/12/2013	ongoing meeting dates throughout the year	06/01/2015	0	0	0
				Estimated Cost for Capital		

Enter Activity Description (927 of 1000 maximum characters used)

A curriculum is being developed for parent courses, not only to complete their graduation requirements, but to offer options for increased education and parenting skills. Our building also houses the GED program for the district and could serve parents in this regard as they come and get a positive outlook on their child's education. All parents are required to attend Parent Discovery the first two weeks of school. We will hold these sessions during evening hours to accommodate. The COOP is also looking at the researched based program "solid foundation" as a potential parent involvement program that would be led by the district parent coordinator who has already implemented the program in other schools within the district. The COOP is making plans to use the parent coordinator as a facilitator for the GED, Parent Discovery, and Solid Foundation compact nights in order to promote community growth within the school.

Person Responsible	Start Date	Key Milestones and Dates	Completion Date	SY 2012-2013	SY 2013-2014	SY 2014-2015
Estimated Cost for Non-Capital						
Ryan Searle	09/01/2012	Development of GED curriculum, Implementation of Solid Foundation and Parent Discovery.	06/01/2015	1,000	2,000	2,000
Estimated Cost for Capital						
Total Cost By Year				1,500	2,500	2,500
Total Cost By Year Capital				0	0	0

Governance

Please list any and all activities/cost associated with providing operating flexibility and to ensure ongoing technical assistance.

Enter Activity Description (256 of 1000 maximum characters used)

The COOP will continue to use the districts' tech support model. Based on student enrollment data this fall, COOP will provide new students with a laptop out of general district funds. The money will not come from SIG funds, but from the general tech fund.

Person Responsible	Start Date	Key Milestones and Dates	Completion Date	SY 2011-2012	SY 2012-2013	SY 2013-2014
Estimated Cost for Non-Capital						
Ryan Searle	08/01/2012	Fall Enrollment	09/01/2013	0	8,000	1,000
Estimated Cost for Capital						

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Estimated Cost for Non-Capital						
Ryan Searle	08/01/2012	ongoing	06/30/2013	2,006	0	0
Estimated Cost for Capital						
Total Cost By Year				2,006	8,000	1,000
Total Cost By Year Capital				0	0	0

LEA-Level Activities

Please list all LEA-Level activities/costs.

Enter Activity Description (257 of 1000 maximum characters used)

The LEA provides in house professional development regarding reading, writing, and math interventions. Included in this is training in common core standards and professional learning communities. The COOP uses Title I school-wide funds for these activities.

Person Responsible	Start Date	Key Milestones and Dates	Completion Date	SY 2012-2013	SY 2013-2014	SY 2014-2015
Estimated Cost for Non-Capital						
Nancy Torstenbo	07/01/2012	Ongoing pd	06/01/2015	0	0	0
Estimated Cost for Capital						

Total Cost By Year 0 0 0 Total Cost By Year Capital 0 0 0

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Enter Activity Description (317 of 1000 maximum characters used)

Sending letters home to parents and other stakeholders that include COOP status, HQ status and AYP. Letter regarding parent meeting dates such as Discovery and student-led conferences. Letters will also be sent home to parents on a monthly basis to inform them of upcoming events and other important dates/information

Person Responsible	Start Date	Key Milestones and Dates	Completion Date	SY 2012-2013	SY 2013-2014	SY 2014-2015
Estimated Cost for Non-Capital						
Ryan Searle	08/01/2012	15 days before first day of school, ongoing on web	12/30/2012	1,000		
Estimated Cost for Capital						

Enter Activity Description (0 of 1000 maximum characters used)

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				Estimated Cost for Non-Capital			
				Estimated Cost for Capital			
				Total Cost By Year	1,000	0	0
				Total Cost By Year Capital	0	0	0

		SY 2012-2013	SY 2013-2014	SY 2014-2015
Define Allocation by Year				
(A) Total Allocation by Year		128507	0	0
(B) Capital Outlay Costs		0	0	0
(C) Allowable Direct Costs		128507	0	0
(D) Indirect Cost Rate %				
(E) Maximum Indirect Cost		0	0	0
(F) Total Activities Above by Year		128,507	104,003	98,003
(G) Budgeted Indirect Cost				
(H) Total Budget (F+G)				
Allocation Remaining (A-H)				

Total Allocation Available	128507
SY 2012-2013	128,507
SY 2013-2014	0
SY 2014-2015	0
Allocation Remaining	0

Specific Intervention Questions

Please give a detailed explanation of the process the LEA/School will use to review and select a new principal:

([count] of 2000 maximum characters used)

The district based their decision on years of experience, interview quality, principal qualifications.

Please give a detailed explanation of the process the LEA/School will use to implement a new evaluation system:

([count] of 2000 maximum characters used)

Starting spring of 2013 COOP will survey parents and stakeholders to gain important feedback, as well as evaluate current programs with teachers and staff, based on state assessments and progress monitoring.

How will the LEA /School ensure that it is developed with input from staff?

([count] of 2000 maximum characters used)

Staff surveys and weekly PLC meetings.

How will the LEA/School ensure the use of student growth as significant factor for this new evaluation system?

([count] of 2000 maximum characters used)

During our weekly PLC meetings we will discuss student data from MAP, PAWS, and ACT in relation to progress in each course. Teachers will also use ACT released items as bellringer activities and math core challenge questions. Effectiveness will be determined by building principal through weekly meetings and student/staff surveys.

What strategies will the LEA/School use to recruit, place and retain staff?

(140 of 2000 maximum characters used)

The district offers sign on bonuses, tuition reimbursement. The COOP offers flexible hours for staff professional development opportunities.

Please give a detailed explanation of the process the LEA/School will use to select and implement an instructional model based on student needs:

(352 of 2000 maximum characters used)

We will focus on math, reading and engagement levels based on MAP, PAWS, and ACT data in that we will form PLC's to analyze scores and figure out how to assist student needs. During PLC's we will also form intervention pyramids for learning and behavioral purposes. Data will be analyzed on a weekly basis to also include attendance and credits earned.

Please give a detailed explanation as to how the LEA/School will evaluate job-embedded professional development to ensure that it is supporting and building the capacity of staff:

(257 of 2000 maximum characters used)

We will attend all pre-arranged professional development opportunities by the district, attend Discovery training, and also other professional development opportunities. We will conduct surveys of the PD training and also discuss highlights in school PLC's.

How will the school ensure use of data to inform and differentiate instruction?

(360 of 2000 maximum characters used)

One way we will ensure use of data will be to allow students to have access to their test scores and discuss them with the content teacher. The teacher will then use this data to individualize instruction based on need. We will also set up an inter-school competition based on attendance and grade level to offer incentives for students to attend and graduate.

How will the school increase learning time for staff and students?

(165 of 2000 maximum characters used)

We will offer Graduation Acceleration Sessions one evening per week and also every Friday as well as allowing students to work on courses through our virtual program.

How will the school ensure ongoing community and family engagement is provided?

(171 of 2000 maximum characters used)

We will send home parent newsletters each month, parent Discovery meetings, and updates and events on COOP website. We will also have student-led conferences twice a year.

How will the LEA ensure sufficient operating flexibility to implement reform?

(286 of 2000 maximum characters used)

The district will continue to support the 4-day schedule and allow for evening GAS sessions. The LEA operates on a different classroom structure that allows for increased flexibility. With the virtual school, COOP will be able to offer more instructional strategies during school hours.

How will the LEA ensure on-going technical assistance to this school? What will that technical assistance look like?

(180 of 2000 maximum characters used)

We will use the districts' technical support system that is already in place as well as utilizing district intervention paras and other resources from the Title I school-wide plan.

How will the LEA grant operating flexibility to the new school leader?

(101 of 2000 maximum characters used)

The district has pre-approved the new principal to work an additional 10 days during the school year.

How will you consult with stakeholders concerning the implementation of this model?

(93 of 2000 maximum characters used)

Fall letters to parents and posts on the website and continued surveys to major stakeholders.

How will the LEA/School continue with the intervention and activities implemented after funding has ended, incorporating results/data from a funding or impact study?

(229 of 2000 maximum characters used)

After the funding has ended, the district will itemize what programs could be funded out of federal funds as allowable as well as meet with school board and administrators on where to budget intervention items from general funds.

For Tier III Schools how have you modified this School Intervention Model?

(3 of 2000 maximum characters used)

N/A

Please give a detailed explanation as to the reasoning behind the modification of this model:

(114 of 2000 maximum characters used)

The district was able to utilize the principal transfer opportunity for the benefit of the student progress model.

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Please describe activities. (2,500 Character Maximum)

The COOP will utilize parent meetings to discuss what it means to be an "improvement" identified school. Parents will receive pre-printed materials that are created and geared toward helping parents understand the intervention model process and how data is analyzed that bring us to this model selection. The COOP will update website to be utilized by the community to access needed resources such as health providers, county support groups and tutoring services.

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Please describe activities. (2,500 Character Maximum)

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Activity Description	Salaries	Benefits	Purchased Services	Supplies & Materials	Capital Outlay	Title_I_SI - 1003g Funds	Row
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Pre-Implementation Activities - This section should only be reported for the first year:
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Activity Description	100 - Salaries	200 - Benefits	300 - Purchased Services	400 - Supplies & Materials	500 - Capital Outlay	Total Title_I_SI - 1003g Funds	Delete Row
49-Parent / Family Involvement <input type="text" value="6"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="1000"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$1,000"/>	<input type="text" value="€"/>
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Determining Maximum Indirect Cost allowed

(A) Total Allocation Available for Budgeting	<input type="text" value="\$128,507"/>	(F) Total budgeted above	<input type="text" value="\$128,507"/>
(B) Capital Outlay Costs	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	(G) Budgeted Indirect Cost	<input type="text" value="0"/>
(C) Allowable Direct Costs (A-B)	<input type="text" value="\$128,507"/>	(H) Total Budget (F+G)	<input type="text" value="\$128,507"/>
(D) Indirect Cost Rate %	<input type="text" value="0.0000"/>		
(E) Maximum Indirect Cost (C*(D/1+D))	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>		

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Teachers and Leaders:
Based upon activities specified for this school, budget details for this section should sum to \$3

Activity Description	100 - Salaries	200 - Benefits	300 - Purchased Services	400 - Supplies & Materials	500 - Capital Outlay	Total Title_I_SI-1003g Funds	Delete Row
	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	€
	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	€
	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	€
Sub Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Create Additional Entries

Instructional and Support Strategies:
Based upon activities specified for this school, budget details for this section should sum to \$93,500

Activity Description	100 - Salaries	200 - Benefits	300 - Purchased Services	400 - Supplies & Materials	500 - Capital Outlay	Total Title_I_SI-1003g Funds	Delete Row
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	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	€
	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	€
Sub Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Create Additional Entries

Time and Support:
Based upon activities specified for this school, budget details for this section should sum to \$2,500

Activity Description	100 - Salaries	200 - Benefits	300 - Purchased Services	400 - Supplies & Materials	500 - Capital Outlay	Total Title_I_SI-1003g Funds	Delete Row
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	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	€
	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	€
Sub Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Create Additional Entries

Governance:
Based upon activities specified for this school, budget details for this section should sum to \$8,000

Activity Description	100 - Salaries	200 - Benefits	300 - Purchased Services	400 - Supplies & Materials	500 - Capital Outlay	Total Title_I_SI-1003g Funds	Delete Row
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	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	€
	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	€
Sub Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Create Additional Entries

LEA-Level Activities:
Based upon activities specified for this school, budget details for this section should sum to \$0

Activity Description	100 - Salaries	200 - Benefits	300 - Purchased Services	400 - Supplies & Materials	500 - Capital Outlay	Total Title_I_SI-1003g Funds	Delete Row
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Sub Total		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Create Additional Entries

Pre-Implementation Activities - This section should only be reported for the first year:
Based upon activities specified for this school, budget details for this section should sum to \$0

Activity Description	100 - Salaries	200 - Benefits	300 - Purchased Services	400 - Supplies & Materials	500 - Capital Outlay	Total Title_I_SI - 1003g Funds	Delete Row
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6	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	e
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Sub Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Create Additional Entries

***** TOTALS *****	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Determining Maximum Indirect Cost allowed

(A) Total Allocation Available for Budgeting	\$0	(F) Total budgeted above	\$0
(B) Capital Outlay Costs	\$0	(G) Budgeted Indirect Cost	0
(C) Allowable Direct Costs (A-B)	\$0	(H) Total Budget (F+G)	\$0
(D) Indirect Cost Rate %	0.0000		
(E) Maximum Indirect Cost (C*(D/1+D))	\$0		

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Teachers and Leaders:
Based upon activities specified for this school, budget details for this section should sum to \$3

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Create Additional Entries

Instructional and Support Strategies:
Based upon activities specified for this school, budget details for this section should sum to \$94,500

Activity Description	100 - Salaries	200 - Benefits	300 - Purchased Services	400 - Supplies & Materials	500 - Capital Outlay	Total Title_I_SI-1003g Funds	Delete Row
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Create Additional Entries

Time and Support:
Based upon activities specified for this school, budget details for this section should sum to \$2,500

Activity Description	100 - Salaries	200 - Benefits	300 - Purchased Services	400 - Supplies & Materials	500 - Capital Outlay	Total Title_I_SI-1003g Funds	Delete Row
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Create Additional Entries

Governance:
Based upon activities specified for this school, budget details for this section should sum to \$1,000

Activity Description	100 - Salaries	200 - Benefits	300 - Purchased Services	400 - Supplies & Materials	500 - Capital Outlay	Total Title_I_SI-1003g Funds	Delete Row
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Create Additional Entries

LEA-Level Activities:
Based upon activities specified for this school, budget details for this section should sum to \$0

Activity Description	100 - Salaries	200 - Benefits	300 - Purchased Services	400 - Supplies & Materials	500 - Capital Outlay	Total Title_I_SI-1003g Funds	Delete Row
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Sub Total		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Create Additional Entries

Pre-Implementation Activities - This section should only be reported for the first year:
Based upon activities specified for this school, budget details for this section should sum to \$0

Activity Description	100 - Salaries	200 - Benefits	300 - Purchased Services	400 - Supplies & Materials	500 - Capital Outlay	Total Title_I_SI - 1003g Funds	Delete Row
6	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	e
6	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	e
6	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	e
Sub Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Create Additional Entries

***** TOTALS *****	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Determining Maximum Indirect Cost allowed

(A) Total Allocation Available for Budgeting	\$0	(F) Total budgeted above	\$0
(B) Capital Outlay Costs	\$0	(G) Budgeted Indirect Cost	0
(C) Allowable Direct Costs (A-B)	\$0	(H) Total Budget (F+G)	\$0
(D) Indirect Cost Rate %	0.0000		
(E) Maximum Indirect Cost (C*(D/1+D))	\$0		

Calculate Totals

Code	Activity Description	100 - Salaries	200 - Benefits	300 - Purchased Services	400 - Supplies & Materials	500 - Capital Outlay	TOTAL
20	Coordination of Services						
36	Instruction (Public)	25,500	7,500				33,000 25.68 %
49	Parent / Family Involvement			2,500			2,500 1.95 %
60	Public School Choice						
81	Summer School Activities						
90	ELL Activities						
91	Extended Day Activities			55,000			55,000 42.80 %
94	School and Community Support			5,000			5,000 3.89 %
82	Support Services						
96	Staff Development			33,007			33,007 25.68 %
135	Pre-Implt-Family and Community Engagement						
136	Pre-Implt-Rigorous Review of External Providers						
137	Pre-Implt-Staffing						
138	Pre-Implt-Instructional Programs						
139	Pre-Implt-Professional Development and Support						
140	Pre-Implt-Preparation for Accountability Measures						
Total Direct Costs		25,500 19.84 %	7,500 5.84 %	95,507 74.32 %			128,507 100.00 %
Approved Indirect Cost X 0%							
Total Budget							128,507

Defining and Identifying Wyoming's Tier I, II and III Schools

In an effort to blend State and Federal requirements and to create a unified comprehensive system for assisting persistently lowest-achieving schools, Wyoming has one definition and method of identifying Tier I, II, and III schools for School Improvement Grants and also for Race to the Top and State Fiscal Stabilization funding.

In the December 2009 School Improvement Grants Application for funding under Section 1003(g) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA):

School Improvement Grants, authorized under section 1003(g) of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (Title I or ESEA), are grants, through State educational agencies (SEAs), to local educational agencies (LEAs) for use in Title I schools identified for improvement, corrective action, or restructuring that demonstrate the greatest need for the funds and the strongest commitment to use the funds to provide adequate resources in order to raise substantially the achievement of their students so as to enable the schools to make adequate yearly progress and exit improvement status.

Selecting schools eligible for funding requires that the SEA identify three levels of need described as Tier I, II, and III schools, the basis for identification of those schools is as follows:

Identifying Tier I Schools

Tier I schools consist of the following:

Any Title I school in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring that -

1. Is among the lowest-achieving five percent of Title I schools in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring or the lowest-achieving five Title I schools in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring in the State, whichever number of schools is greater, based on the ranking of the 'all students' group in reading and math on the School Academic Achievement and Progress Ranking of all Wyoming Schools; or
2. Is a high school that has had a graduation rate as defined in 34 C.F.R. 200.19(b) that is less than 60 percent two out of the last three years. (2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010)

Identifying Tier II Schools

Tier II schools consist of the following:

Any secondary school that is eligible for, but does not receive, Title I funds that -

1. Is among lowest-achieving five percent of secondary schools or the lowest-achieving five secondary schools in the State that are eligible for, but do not receive, Title I funds, whichever number of schools is greater, based on the ranking of the 'all students' group in reading and math on the School Academic Achievement and Progress Ranking of all Wyoming Schools; or
2. Is a high school that has had a graduation rate as defined in 34 C.F.R. 200.19(b) that is less than 60 percent two out of the last three years. (2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010)

Identifying Tier III Schools

Tier III schools consist of the following:

Is any Title I school in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring; or

1. Is a Title I eligible school among the lowest quintile (20%) of performance based on the ranking of the 'all students' group in reading and math on the School Academic Achievement and Progress Ranking of all Wyoming Schools; and
2. Does not meet the requirements to be a Tier I or Tier II school.

Ranking of School Methodology

Data used is from the 2006-2007, 2007-2008, and 2008-2009 school years. Calculation of a valid comparative metric for Wyoming schools' Academic Achievement (performance) on PAWS (Wyoming's state assessment) for each subject tested:

1. **Statewide Percent Proficient by Grade:** The statewide percentage of students testing proficient in each grade. All students tested in Wyoming public schools are included.
2. **Weighted Average Statewide Percent Proficient:** As testing for each grade level is independent of testing at other grade levels, the enrollment-by-grade makeup of each school must be taken into account to create a performance measure that will be valid for performance comparison of all Wyoming schools. To accomplish this need, the Statewide Percent Proficient by Grade values for each grade served by a school are averaged, weighted by the percentage of students enrolled in each grade served.
 - a. **Examples**
 - i. Suppose that Statewide Percent Proficient by Grade is 50% for fourth grade and 60% for fifth grade.
 - ii. **Example 1:** A school serves on the fourth and fifth grades with enrollment of 50 fourth grade students and 50 fifth grade students.
 1. Half (50%) the students are enrolled in fourth grade, and half are enrolled in fifth grade.
 2. With equal enrollment weighting (half the 100 total students are in each grade), the weighted average target likewise becomes the halfway point between the fourth grade and fifth grade Statewide Percent Proficient by Grade values (50% and 60% respectively). This halfway point, the Weighted Average Statewide Percent Proficient is then 55%.
 - a. Mathematically, this 55% weighted average is calculated as [(50 fourth grade students * 50% Statewide Percent Proficient by Grade for fourth grade) + (50 fifth grade student * 60% Statewide Percent Proficient by Grade for fifth grade)] divided by 100 students total enrolled in the school.
 - iii. **Example 2:** A school serves only the fourth grade, with a total enrollment of 100 fourth grade students.
 1. With all 100 students enrolled in fourth grade, the Statewide Percent Proficient by Grade for fourth grade of 50% becomes the Weighted Average Statewide Percent Proficient for the school.
3. **Relative Proficiency Performance:** The comparative final metric, this is the difference between the percent of students proficient in a school and the Weighted Average Statewide Percent Proficient applicable to the school's particular enrollment-by-grade makeup.
 - a. Relative Proficiency Performance values are calculated as positive or negative percentages. The higher a positive percentage, the better a school's performance on current year testing. The lower a negative percentage, the more a school is in need of improvement.
 - b. Relative Proficiency Performance values are then ranked. The higher the percentage, the lower the ranking, and the better the performance. The lower the percentage, the higher the ranking, and the more improvement is needed.

Calculation of a valid comparative metric for Wyoming schools' Progress in performance on PAWS (Wyoming's state assessment) for each subject tested:

1. As described within Wyoming's Academic Achievement metric overview, the Relative Proficiency Performance values are calculated by subject and school year for each Wyoming school.
2. **Performance Trend Value:** A three year performance trend value (linear regression slope) is then calculated for each school.
 - a. A positive Performance Trend Value indicates that a school has a positive three year performance trend (performance is increasing). Likewise, a negative value indicates a decreasing performance trend. The higher the Performance Trend Value, the larger the relative three year performance gain trend, and vice-versa.
 - b. Performance Trend Value figures are then ranked. The higher the figure the lower the ranking, and the better the performance. The lower the figure, the higher the ranking, and the more improvement is needed.

Overall ranking of schools then takes place as follows:

1. **School Academic Achievement and Progress Ranking:** The average of the four calculated Academic Achievement and Progress rankings:
 - a. Math Academic Achievement Ranking
 - b. Reading Academic Achievement Ranking
 - c. Math Progress Ranking
 - d. Reading Progress Ranking
2. Methodology remains the same across the four component rankings and the final School Academic Achievement and Progress Ranking in that the higher the ranking, the lower the performance and the greater the need for improvement.

Wyoming's Identified Tier I, II, and III Schools

District	NCES Agency ID #	School	NCES School ID #	Tier I	Tier II	Tier III	Grad Rate	Newly Eligible
Albany #1	5600730	Velma Linford Elementary	00014			X		
		Whiting High School	00066		X			
Big Horn #3	5603170	Greybull Middle School	00378			X		X
Big Horn #4	5601090	Riverside High School	00036			X		X
Campbell #1	5601470	Rawhide Elementary	00071			X		X
		Lakeview Elementary	00070			X		X
		Meadowlark Elementary	00069			X		X
Carbon #1	5601030	Cooperative High School	00147	X				
		Rawlins Middle School	00028			X		
		Pershing Elementary	00033	X				
		Mountain View Elementary	00032			X		X
Converse #1	5602140	Douglas Primary School	00128			X		
		Douglas Intermediate School	00352			X		
		Moss Agate Elementary	00130			X		X
Converse #2	5602150	Glenrock High School	00137		X			
Crook #1	5602370	Hulett School	00407			X	X	
Fremont #1	5602870	Pathfinder High School	00154	X				
		North Elementary	00199			X		

Wyoming's Identified Tier I, II, and III Schools

District	NCES Agency ID #	School	NCES School ID #	Tier I	Tier II	Tier III	Grad Rate	Newly Eligible
Fremont #14	5604450	Wyoming Indian Elementary School	00226	X				
		Wyoming Indian Middle School	00386			X		
		Wyoming Indian High School	00441			X		X
Fremont #21	5602820	Ft. Washakie Charter High School	00354	X				
		Ft. Washakie Elementary	00498			X		X
		Ft. Washakie Middle School	00370			X		X
Fremont #24	5605700	Shoshoni Junior High School	00510			X		X
		Shoshoni High School	00323		X			X
Fremont #25	5605220	Aspen Park Elementary	00292			X		X
Fremont #38	5600960	Arapahoe Elementary	00162			X		
		Arapaho Charter High School	00367	X			X	
Johnson #1	5603770	Meadowlark Elementary	00380			X		X
		Buffalo High School	00187			X		X
Laramie #1	5601980	Cole Elementary	00102			X		X
		Johnson Junior High School	00094			X		
Laramie #2	5604120	Burns Elementary	00504			X		X
		Pine Bluffs Jr & Sr High School	00210			X		X
Lincoln #1	5604030	Kemmerer Alternative School	00358		X		X	
Lincoln #2	5604060	Swift Creek High School	00193		X		X	

Wyoming's Identified Tier I, II, and III Schools

District	NCES Agency ID #	School	NCES School ID #	Tier I	Tier II	Tier III	Grad Rate	Newly Eligible
Natrona #1	5604510	Mountain View Elementary School	00248			X		
		Bar Nunn Elementary	00445			X		X
		Cottonwood Elementary	00377			X		X
		C Y Junior High School	00232			X		X
		Evansville Elementary	00237			X		X
		Frontier Middle School	00374			X		
Niobrara #1	5604230	Lusk Middle School	00215			X		X
		Lusk Elementary	00219			X		X
Platte#1	5605090	Chugwater Junior High School	00509			X		X
		Chugwater High School	00391		X		X	
Platte #2	5603180	Guernsey-Sunrise Junior High	00499			X		X
Sheridan #2	5605695	Ft. Mackenzie	00189	X			X	
Sublette #9	5601260	Big Piney Elementary	00043			X		X
		La Barge Elementary	00044			X		X
Sweetwater #1	5605302	Lincoln Elementary	00299			X		X
		Rock Springs East Junior High	00295			X		X
		Desert View Elementary	00298			X		
		Westridge Elementary	00422			X		X

Wyoming's Identified Tier I, II, and III Schools

District	NCES Agency ID #	School	NCES School ID #	Tier I	Tier II	Tier III	Grad Rate	Newly Eligible
Sweetwater #2	5605762	Expedition Academy	00164		X			
		Truman Elementary	00425			X		X
		Lincoln Middle School	00399			X		X
Teton #1	5605830	Jackson Elementary	00313			X		
		Summit High School	00512		X			
Uinta #1	5602760	North Evanston Elementary	00433			X		
		Aspen Elementary	00462			X		
Uinta #4	5604500	Mountain View Middle School	00388			X		
Weston #1	5604830	Newcastle Middle School	00264			X		X

- I. SEA Priorities in Awarding School Improvement Grants:
- A. Defining key terms. To award School Improvement Grants to its LEAs, consistent with section 1003(g)(6) of the ESEA, an SEA must define three tiers of schools, in accordance with the requirements in paragraph 1, to enable the SEA to select those LEAs with the greatest need for such funds. From among the LEAs in greatest need, the SEA must select, in accordance with paragraph 2, those LEAs that demonstrate the strongest commitment to ensuring that the funds are used to provide adequate resources to enable the lowest-achieving schools to meet the accountability requirements in this notice. Accordingly, an SEA must use the following definitions to define key terms:
1. Greatest need. An LEA with the greatest need for a School Improvement Grant must have one or more schools in at least one of the following tiers:
 - (a) Tier I schools:
 - (i) A Tier I school is a Title I school in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring that is identified by the SEA under paragraph (a)(1) of the definition of 'persistently lowest-achieving schools.'
 - (ii) At its option, an SEA may also identify as a Tier I school an elementary school that is eligible for Title I, Part A funds that --
 - (A)
 - (1) Has not made adequate yearly progress for at least two consecutive years; or
 - (2) Is in the State's lowest quintile of performance based on proficiency rates on the State's assessments under section 1111(b)(3) of the ESEA in reading/language arts and mathematics combined; and
 - (B) is no higher achieving than the highest-achieving school identified by the SEA under paragraph (a)(1)(i) of the definition 'persistently lowest-achieving schools'.
 - (b) Tier II schools:
 - (i) A Tier II school is a secondary school that is eligible for, but does not receive, Title I, Part A funds and is identified by the SEA under paragraph (a)(2) of the definition of 'persistently lowest-achieving schools'.
 - (ii) At its option, an SEA may also identify as a Tier II school a secondary school that is eligible for Title I, Part A funds that --
 - (A)
 - (1) Has not made adequate yearly progress for at least two consecutive years; or
 - (2) Is in the State's lowest quintile of performance based on proficiency rates on the State's assessments under section 1111(b)(3) of the ESEA in reading/language arts and mathematics combined; and
 - (B)
 - (1) Is no higher achieving than the highest-achieving school identified by the SEA under paragraph (a)(2)(i) of the definition of 'persistently lowest-achieving schools'; or
 - (2) Is a high school that has had a graduation rate as defined in 34 CFR 200.19(b) that is less than 60 percent over a number of years.
 - (c) Tier III schools:
 - (i) A Tier III school is a Title I school in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring that is not a Tier I school.
 - (ii) At its option, an SEA may also identify as a Tier III school a school that is eligible for Title I, Part A funds that --
 - (A)
 - (1) Has not made adequate yearly progress for at least two years; or
 - (2) Is in the State's lowest quintile of performance based on proficiency rates on the State's assessments under section 1111(b)(3) of the ESEA in reading/language arts and mathematics combined; and
 - (B) Does not meet the requirements to be a Tier I or Tier II school.
 - (iii) An SEA may establish additional criteria to use in setting priorities among LEA applications for funding and to encourage LEAs to differentiate among Tier III schools in their use of school improvement funds.
 2. Strongest Commitment. An LEA with the strongest commitment is an LEA that agrees to implement, and demonstrates the capacity to implement fully and effectively, one of the following rigorous interventions in each Tier I and Tier II school that the LEA commits to serve.
 - (a) Turnaround model:
 - (1) A turnaround model is one in which an LEA must --
 - (i) Replace the principal and grant the principal sufficient operational flexibility (including in staffing, calendars/time, and budgeting) to implement fully a comprehensive approach in order to substantially improve student achievement outcomes and increase high school graduation rates;

- (ii) Using locally adopted competencies to measure the effectiveness of staff who can work within the turnaround environment to meet the needs of students.
 - (A) Screen all existing staff and rehire no more than 50 percent; and
 - (B) Select new staff;
 - (iii) Implement such strategies as financial incentives, increased opportunities for promotion and career growth, and more flexible work conditions that are designed to recruit, place, and retain staff with the skills necessary to meet the needs of the students in the turnaround school;
 - (iv) Provide staff ongoing, high-quality, job-embedded professional development that is aligned with the school's comprehensive instructional program and designed with school staff to ensure that they are equipped to facilitate effective teaching and learning and have the capacity to successfully implement school reform strategies;
 - (v) Adopt a new governance structure, which may include, but is not limited to, requiring the school to report to a new 'turnaround office' in the LEA or SEA, hire a 'turnaround leader' who reports directly to the Superintendent or Chief Academic Officer, or enter into a multi-year contract with the LEA or SEA to obtain added flexibility in exchange for greater accountability;
 - (vi) Use data to identify and implement an instructional program that is research-based and vertically aligned from one grade to the next as well as aligned with State academic standards;
 - (vii) Promote the continuous use of student data (such as from formative, interim, and summative assessments) to inform and differentiate instruction in order to meet the academic needs of individual students;
 - (viii) Establish schedules and implement strategies that provide increased learning time (as defined in this notice); and
 - (ix) Provide appropriate social-emotional and community-oriented services and supports for students.
- (2) A turnaround model may also implement other strategies such as --
- (i) Any of the required and permissible activities under the transformation model; or
 - (ii) A new school model (e.g., themed, dual language academy).
- (b) **Restart model:** A restart model is one in which an LEA converts a school or closes and reopens a school under a charter school operator, a charter management organization (CMO), or an education management organization (EMO) that has been selected through a rigorous review process. (A CMO is a non-profit organization that operates or manages charter schools by centralizing or sharing certain functions and resources among schools. An EMO is a for-profit or non-profit organization that provides 'whole-school operation' services to an LEA.) A restart model must enroll, within the grades it serves, any former student who wishes to attend the school.
- (c) **School closure:** School closure occurs when an LEA closes a school and enrolls the students who attended that school in other schools in the LEA that are higher achieving. These other schools should be within reasonable proximity to the closed school and may include, but are not limited to, charter schools or new schools for which achievement data are not yet available.
- (d) **Transformation model:** A transformational model is one in which an LEA implements each of the following strategies:
- (1) Developing and increasing teacher and school leader effectiveness.
 - (i) Required activities. The LEA must --
 - (A) Replace the principal who led the school prior to commencement of the transformation model;
 - (B) Use rigorous, transparent, and equitable evaluation systems for teachers and principals that --
 - (1) Take into account data on student growth (as defined in this notice) as a significant factor as well as other factors such as multiple observation-based assessments of performance and ongoing collections of professional practice reflective of student achievement and increased high school graduations rates; and
 - (2) Are designed and developed with teacher and principal involvement;
 - (C) Identify and reward school leaders, teachers, and other staff who, in implementing this model, have increased student achievement and high school graduation rates and identify and remove those who, after ample opportunities have been provided for them to improve their professional practice, have not done so;
 - (D) Provide staff ongoing, high-quality, job-embedded professional development (e.g., regarding subject-specific pedagogy, instruction that reflects a deeper understanding of the community served by the school, or differentiated instruction) that is aligned with the school's comprehensive instructional program and designed with school staff to ensure they are equipped to facilitate effective teaching and learning and have the capacity to successfully implement school reform strategies; and
 - (E) Implement such strategies as financial incentives, increased opportunities for promotion and career growth, and more flexible work conditions that are designed to recruit, place, and retain staff with the skills necessary to meet the needs of the students in a transformation school.
 - (ii) **Permissible activities:** An LEA may also implement other strategies to develop teachers' and school leaders' effectiveness, such as --
 - (A) Providing additional compensation to attract and retain staff with the skills necessary to meet the needs of the students in a transformation school;
 - (B) Instituting a system for measuring changes in instructional practices resulting from professional development; or
 - (C) Ensuring that the school is not required to accept a teacher without the mutual consent of the teacher and principal, regardless of the teacher's seniority.

- (2) Comprehensive instructional reform strategies.
 - (i) Required activities. The LEA must --
 - (A) Use data to identify and implement an instructional program that is research-based and vertically aligned from one grade to the next as well as aligned with state academic standards; and
 - (B) Promote the continuous use of student data (such as from formative, interim, and summative assessments) to inform and differentiate instruction in order to meet the academic needs of individual students.
 - (ii) Permissible Activities: An LEA may also implement comprehensive instructional reform strategies, such as --
 - (A) Conducting periodic reviews to ensure that the curriculum is being implemented with fidelity, is having the intended impact on student achievement, and is modified if ineffective;
 - (B) implementing a schoolwide 'response-to-intervention' model;
 - (C) Providing additional supports and professional development to teachers and principals in order to implement effective strategies to support students with disabilities in the least restrictive environment and to ensure that limited English proficient students acquire language skills to master academic content;
 - (D) Using and integrating technology-based supports and interventions as part of the instructional program; and
 - (E) In secondary schools --
 - (1) Increasing rigor by offering opportunities for students to enroll in advanced coursework (such as Advanced Placement; International Baccalaureate; or science, technology, engineering, and mathematics courses, especially those that incorporate rigorous and relevant project-, inquiry-, or design-based contextual learning opportunities), early-college high schools, dual enrollment programs, or thematic learning academies that prepare students for college and careers, including by providing appropriate supports designed to ensure that low-achieving students can take advantage of these programs and coursework;
 - (2) Improving student transition from middle to high school through summer transition programs or freshman academies;
 - (3) Increasing graduation rates through, for example, credit-recovery programs, re-engagement strategies, smaller learning communities, competency-based instruction and performance-based assessments, and acceleration of basic reading and mathematics skills; or
 - (4) Establishing early-warning systems to identify students who may be at risk of failing to achieve to high standards or graduate.
- (3) Increasing learning time and creating community-oriented schools.
 - (i) Required activities: The LEA must --
 - (A) Establish schedules and strategies that provide increased learning time (as defined in this notice); and
 - (B) Provide ongoing mechanisms for family and community engagement.
 - (ii) Permissible activities: An LEA may also implement other strategies that extend learning time and create community-oriented schools, such as --
 - (A) Partnering with parents and parent organizations, faith- and community-based organizations, health clinics, other State or local agencies, and others to create safe school environments that meet students' social, emotional, and health needs;
 - (B) Extending or restructuring the school day so as to add time for such strategies as advisory periods that build relationships between students, faculty, and other school staff;
 - (C) Implementing approaches to improve school climate and discipline, such as implementing a system of positive behavioral supports or taking steps to eliminate bullying and student harassment; or
 - (D) Expanding the school program to offer full-day kindergarten or pre-kindergarten.

- (4) Providing operational flexibility and sustained support.
 - (i) Required activities: The LEA must --
 - (A) Give the school sufficient operational flexibility (such as staffing, calendars/time, and budgeting) to implement fully a comprehensive approach to substantially improve student achievement outcomes and increase high school graduation rates; and
 - (B) Ensure that the school receives ongoing, intensive technical assistance and related support from the LEA, the SEA, or a designated external lead partner organization (such as a school turnaround organization or an EMO).
 - (ii) Permissible Activities: The LEA may also implement other strategies for providing operational flexibility and intensive support, such as --
 - (A) Allowing the school to be run under a new governance arrangement, such as turnaround division within the LEA or SEA; or
 - (B) Implementing a per-pupil school-based budget formula that is weighted based on student needs.

3. Definitions.

Increased learning time means using a longer school day, week, or year schedule to significantly increase the total number of school hours to include additional time for (a) instruction in core academic subjects including English, reading or language arts, mathematics, science, foreign languages, civics and government, economics, arts, history, and geography; (b) instruction in other subjects and enrichment activities that contribute to a well-rounded education, including, for example, physical education, service learning, and experiential work-based learning opportunities that are provided by partnering, as appropriate, with other organizations; and (c) teachers to collaborate, plan, and engage in professional development within and across grades and subjects. 1

Persistently lowest-achieving schools means, as determined by the State --

- (a)
 - (1) Any Title I school in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring that --
 - (i) Is among the lowest-achieving five percent of Title I schools in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring or the lowest-achieving five Title I schools in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring in the State, whichever number of schools is greater; or
 - (ii) Is a high school that has had a graduation rate as defined in 34 CFR 200.19(b) that is less than 60 percent over a number of years; and
 - (2) Any secondary school that is eligible for, but does not receive, Title I funds that --
 - (i) Is among the lowest-achieving five percent of secondary schools or the lowest-achieving five secondary schools in the State that are eligible for, but do not receive Title I funds, whichever number of schools is greater; or
 - (ii) Is a high school that has had a graduation rate as defined in 34 CFR 200.19(b) that is less than 60 percent over a number of years.
- (b) To identify the lowest-achieving schools, a State must take into account both --
 - (i) The academic achievement of the 'all students' group in a school in terms of proficiency on the State's assessments under section 1111(b)(3) of the ESEA in reading/language arts and mathematics combined; and
 - (ii) The school's lack of progress on those assessments over a number of years in the 'all students' group.

Student growth means the change in achievement for an individual student between two or more points in time. For grades in which the State administers summative assessments in reading/language arts and mathematics, student growth data must be based on a student's score on the State's assessment under section 1111(b)(3) of the ESEA. A State may also include other measures that are rigorous and comparable across classrooms.

4. Evidence of strongest commitment.

- (a) In determining the strength of an LEA's commitment to ensuring that school improvement funds are used to provide adequate resources to enable Tier I and Tier II schools to improve student achievement substantially, an SEA must consider, at a minimum, the extent to which the LEA's application demonstrates that the LEA has taken, or will take, action to --
- (i) Analyze the needs of its schools and select an intervention for each school;
 - (ii) Design and implement interventions consistent with these requirements;
 - (iii) Recruit, screen, and select external providers, if applicable, to ensure their quality;
 - (iv) Align other resources with the interventions
 - (v) Modify its practices or policies, if necessary, to enable it to implement the interventions fully and effectively, and
 - (vi) Sustain the reforms after the funding period ends.
- (b) The SEA must consider the LEA's capacity to implement the interventions and may approve the LEA to serve only those Tier I and Tier II schools for which the SEA determines that the LEA can implement fully and effectively one of the interventions.

B. Providing flexibility.

1. An SEA may award school improvement funds to an LEA for a Tier I or Tier II school that has implemented, in whole or in part, an intervention that meets requirements under section I.A.2(a), 2(b), or 2(d) of these requirements within the last two years so that the LEA and school can continue or complete the intervention being implemented in that school.
2. An SEA may seek a waiver from the Secretary of the requirements in section 1116(b) of the ESEA in order to permit a Tier I or Tier II Title I participating school implementing an intervention that meets the requirements under section I.A.2(a) or 2(b) of these requirements in an LEA that receives a School Improvement Grant to 'start over' in the school improvement timeline. Even though a school implementing a waiver would no longer be in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring, it may receive school improvement funds.
3. An SEA may seek a waiver from the Secretary to enable a Tier I or Tier II Title I participating school that is ineligible to operate a Title I schoolwide program and is operating a Title I targeted assistance program to operate a schoolwide program in order to implement an intervention that meets the requirements under section I.A.2(a), 2(b), or 2(d) of these requirements.
4. An SEA may seek a waiver from the Secretary to extend the period of availability of school improvement funds beyond September 30, 2011 so as to make those funds available to the SEA and its LEAs for up to three years.
5. If an SEA does not seek a waiver under section I.B.2, 3, or 4, an LEA may seek a waiver.

http://www.mathematica-mpr.com/publications/redirect_PubsDB.asp?strSite=http://epa.sagepub.com/cgi/content/abstract/29/4/296 Research supports the effectiveness of well-designed programs that expand learning time by a minimum of 300 hours per school year. (see Frazier, Julie A.; Morrison, Fredrick J. 'The Influence of Extended-year Schooling on Growth of Achievement and Perceived Competence in Early Elementary School.' Child Development. Vol. 69 (2), April 1998, pp.495-497 and research done by Mass2020). Extended learning into before- and after-school hours can be difficult to implement effectively, but is permissible under this definition with encouragement to closely integrate and coordinate academic work between in school and out of school. (See James-Burdumy, Susanne; Dynarski, Mark; Deke, John. 'When Elementary Schools Stay Open Late: Results from the National Evaluation of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program.' Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis, Vol. 29 (4), December 2007, Document No. PP07-121.) http://www.mathematica-mpr.com/publications/redirect_PubsDB.asp?strSite=http://epa.sagepub.com/cgi/content/abstract/29/4/296http://www.mathematica-mpr.com/publications/redirect_PubsDB.asp?strSite=http://epa.sagepub.com/cgi/content/abstract/29/4/296http://www.mathematica-mpr.com/publications/redirect_PubsDB.asp?strSite=http://epa.sagepub.com/cgi/content/abstract/29/4/296http://www.mathematica-mpr.com/publications/redirect_PubsDB.asp?strSite=http://epa.sagepub.com/cgi/content/abstract/29/4/296http://www.mathematica-mpr.com/publications/redirect_PubsDB.asp?strSite=http://epa.sagepub.com/cgi/content/abstract/29/4/296

II. Awarding School Improvement Grants to LEAs:

A. LEA requirements.

1. An LEA may apply for a School Improvement Grant if it receives Title I, Part A funds and has one or more schools that qualify under the State's definition of a Tier I, Tier II, or Tier III school.
2. In its application, in addition to other information that the SEA may require --
 - (a) The LEA must --
 - (i) Identify the Tier I, Tier II, and Tier III schools it commits to serve;
 - (ii) Identify the intervention it will implement in each Tier I and Tier II school it commits to serve;
 - (iii) Demonstrate that it has the capacity to use the school improvement funds to provide adequate resources and related support to each Tier I and Tier II school it commits to serve in order to implement fully and effectively one of the four interventions identified in section I.A.2 of these requirements;
 - (iv) Provide evidence of its strong commitment to use school improvement funds to implement the four interventions by addressing the factors in section I.A.4(a) of these requirements;
 - (v) Include a timeline delineating the steps the LEA will take to implement the selected intervention in each Tier I and Tier II school identified in the LEA's application; and
 - (vi) Include a budget indicating how it will allocate school improvement funds among the Tier I, Tier II, and Tier III schools it commits to serve.
 - (b) If an LEA has nine or more Tier I and Tier II schools, the LEA may not implement the transformation model in more than 50 percent of those schools.
3. The LEA must serve each Tier I school unless the LEA demonstrates that it lacks sufficient capacity (which may be due, in part, to serving Tier II schools) to undertake one of these rigorous interventions in each Tier I school, in which case the LEA must indicate the Tier I schools that it can effectively serve. An LEA may not serve with school improvement funds awarded under section 1003(g) of the ESEA a Tier I or Tier II school in which it does not implement one of the four interventions identified in section I.A.2 of these requirements.
4. The LEA's budget for each Tier I and Tier II school it commits to serve must be of sufficient size and scope to ensure that the LEA can implement one of the rigorous interventions identified in section I.A.2 of these requirements. The LEA's budget must cover the period of availability of the school improvement funds, taking into account any waivers extending the period of availability received by the SEA or LEA.
5. The LEA's budget for each Tier III school it commits to serve must include the services it will provide the school, particularly if the school meets additional criteria established by the SEA.
6. An LEA that commits to serve one or more Tier I, Tier II, or Tier III schools that do not receive Title I, Part A funds must ensure that each such school it serves receives all of the State and local funds it would have received in the absence of the school improvement funds.
7. An LEA which one or more Tier I Schools are located and that does not apply to serve at least one of these schools may not apply for a grant to serve only Tier III schools.
8.
 - (a) To monitor each Tier I and Tier II school that receives school improvement funds, an LEA must --
 - (i) Establish annual goals for student achievement on the State's assessments in both reading/language arts and mathematics; and
 - (ii) Measure progress on the leading indicators in section III of these requirements.
 - (b) The LEA must also meet the requirements with respect to adequate yearly progress in section 1111(b)(2) of the ESEA.
9. If an LEA implements a restart model, it must hold the charter school operator, CMO, or EMO accountable for meeting the final requirements.

B. SEA requirements.

1. To receive a School Improvement Grant, an SEA must submit an application to the Department at such time, and containing such information, as the Secretary shall reasonably require.
2.
 - (a) An SEA must review and approve, consistent with these requirements, an application for a School Improvement Grant that it receives from an LEA.
 - (b) Before approving an LEA's application, the SEA must ensure that the application meets these requirements, particularly with respect to --
 - (i) Whether the LEA has agreed to implement one of the four interventions identified in section I.A.2 of these requirements in each Tier I and Tier II school included in its application;
 - (ii) The extent to which the LEA's application shows the LEA's strong commitment to use school improvement funds to implement the four interventions by addressing the factors in section I.A.4(a) of these requirements;
 - (iii) Whether the LEA has the capacity to implement the selected intervention fully and effectively in each Tier I and Tier II school identified in its application; and
Whether the LEA has submitted a budget that includes sufficient funds to implement the selected intervention fully and effectively in each Tier I and Tier II school it identifies in its application and whether the budget covers the period of availability of the funds, taking into account any waiver extending the period of availability received by either the SEA or the LEA.
 - (iv) Tier II school it identifies in its application and whether the budget covers the period of availability of the funds, taking into account any waiver extending the period of availability received by either the SEA or the LEA.
 - (c) An SEA may, consistent with State law, take over an LEA or specific Tier I or Tier II schools in order to implement the interventions in these requirements.
 - (d) An SEA may not require an LEA to implement a particular model in one or more schools unless the SEA has taken over the LEA or school.
 - (e) To the extent that a Tier I or Tier II school implementing a restart model becomes a charter school LEA, an SEA must hold the charter school LEA accountable, or ensure that the charter school authorizer holds it accountable, for complying with these requirements.
3. An SEA must post on its website, within 30 days of awarding School Improvement Grants to LEAs, all final LEA applications as well as a summary of those grants that includes the following information:
 - (a) Name and National Center for Statistics (NCES) identification number of each LEA awarded a grant.
 - (b) Amount of each LEA's grant.
 - (c) Name and NCES identification number of each school to be served.
 - (d) Type of intervention to be implemented in each Tier I and Tier II school.
4. If an SEA does not have sufficient school improvement funds to award, for up to three years, a grant to each LEA that submits an approved application, the SEA must give priority to LEAs that apply to serve Tier I or Tier II schools.
5. An SEA must award a School Improvement Grant to an LEA in an amount that is of sufficient size and scope to support the activities required under section 1116 of the ESEA and these requirements. The LEA's total grant may not be less than \$50,000 or more than \$2,000,000 per year for each Tier I, Tier II, and Tier III school that the LEA commits to serve.
6. If an SEA does not have sufficient school improvement funds to allocate to each LEA with a Tier I or Tier II school an amount sufficient to enable the school to implement fully and effectively the specified intervention throughout the period of availability, including any extension afforded through a waiver, the SEA may take into account the distribution of Tier I and Tier II schools among such LEAs in the State to ensure that Tier I and Tier II schools throughout the State can be served.
7. An SEA must award funds to serve each Tier I and Tier II school that its LEAs commit to serve, and that the SEA determines its LEAs have the capacity to serve, prior to awarding funds to its LEAs to serve any Tier III schools. If an SEA has awarded school improvement funds to its LEAs for each Tier I and Tier II school that its LEAs commit to serve in accordance with these requirements, the SEA may then, consistent with section II.B.9 award remaining school improvement funds to its LEAs for the Tier III schools that its LEAs commit to serve.
8. In awarding School Improvement Grants, an SEA must apportion its school improvement funds in order to make grants to LEAs, as applicable, that are renewable for the length of the period of availability for the funds, taking into account any waivers that may have been requested and received by the SEA or an individual LEA to extend the period of availability.

9. (a) If not every Tier I school in a State is served with FY 2009 school improvement funds, an SEA must carry over 25 percent of its FY 2009 funds, combine those funds with FY 2010 school improvement funds, and award those funds to eligible LEAs consistent with these requirements. This requirement does not apply in a State that does not have sufficient school improvement funds to serve all the Tier I schools in the state.
- (b) If each Tier I school in a State is served with FY 2009 school improvement funds, an SEA may reserve up to 25 percent of its FY 2009 allocation and award those funds in combination with its FY 2010 funds consistent with these requirements.
10. In identifying Tier I and Tier II schools in a State for purposes of allocating funds appropriated for School Improvement Grants under section 1003(g) of the ESEA for any year subsequent to FY 2009, an SEA must exclude from consideration any school that was previously identified as a Tier I or Tier II school and in which an LEA is implementing one of the four interventions identified in these requirements using funds made available under section 1003(g) of the ESEA.
11. An SEA that is participating in the 'differentiated accountability pilot' must ensure that its LEAs use school improvement funds available under section 1003(g) of the ESEA in a Tier I or Tier II school consistent with these requirements.
12. Before submitting its application for a School Improvement Grant to the Department, the SEA must consult with its Committee of Practitioners established under section 1903(b) of the ESEA regarding the rules and policies contained therein and may consult with other stakeholders that have an interest in its application.

C. Renewable for additional one-year periods.

- (a) If an SEA or an individual LEA requests and receives a waiver of the period of availability of school improvement funds, an SEA --
 - (i) Must renew the School Improvement Grant for each affected LEA for additional one-year periods commensurate with the period of availability if the LEA demonstrates that its Tier I and Tier II schools are meeting the requirements in section II.A.8 and that its Tier III schools are meeting the goals established by the LEA and approved by the SEA; and
 - (ii) May renew an LEA's School Improvement Grant if the SEA determines that the LEA is making progress toward meeting the requirements in section II.A.8 of the goals established by the LEA.
- (b) If an SEA does not renew an LEA's School Improvement Grant because the LEA's participating schools are not meeting the requirements in section II.A.8 or the goals established by the LEA, the SEA may reallocate those funds to other eligible LEAs, consistent with these requirements.

D. State reservation for administration, evaluation, and technical assistance.

An SEA may reserve from the school improvement funds it receives under section 1003(g) of the ESEA in any given year no more than five percent for administration, evaluation, and technical assistance expenses. An SEA must describe in its application for a School Improvement Grant how the SEA will use these funds.

E. A State Whose School Improvement Grant Exceeds the Amount the State May Award to Eligible LEAs.

In some States in which a limited number of Title I schools are identified for improvement, corrective action, or restructuring, the SEA may be able to make School Improvement Grants, renewable for additional years commensurate with the period of availability of the funds, to each LEA with a Tier I, Tier II, or Tier III school without using the State's full allocation under section 1003(g) of the ESEA. An SEA in this situation may reserve no more than five percent of its FY 2009 allocation of school improvement funds for administration, evaluation, and technical assistance expenses under section 1003(g)(8) of the ESEA. The SEA may retain sufficient school improvement funds to serve, for succeeding years, each Tier I, II, and III school that generates funds for an eligible LEA. The Secretary may reallocate to other States any remaining school improvement funds from States with surplus funds.

III. Reporting and Evaluation:

A. Reporting metrics.

To inform and evaluate the effectiveness of the interventions identified in these requirements, the Secretary will collect data on the metrics in the following chart. The Department already collects most of these data through EDFacts and will collect data on two metrics through SFSF reporting. Accordingly, an SEA must only report the following new data with respect to school improvement funds:

1. A list of the LEAs, including their NCES identification numbers, that received a School Improvement Grant under section 1003(g) of the ESEA and the amount of the grant.
2. For each LEA that received a School Improvement Grant, a list of the schools that were served, their NCES identification numbers, and the amount of funds or value of services each school received.
3. For any Tier I or Tier II school, school-level data on the metrics designated on the following chart as 'SIG' (School Improvement Grant):

Metric	Source	Achievement Indicators	Leading Indicators
SCHOOL DATA			
Which intervention the school used (i.e., turnaround, restart, closure, or transformation)	NEW SIG		
AYP Status	EDFacts	X	
Which AYP targets the school met and missed	EDFacts	X	
School Improvement status	EDFacts	X	
Number of minutes within the school year	NEW SIG		X
STUDENT OUTCOME/ACADEMIC PROGRESS DATA			
Percentage of students at or above each proficiency level on State assessments in reading/language arts and mathematics (e.g., Proficient, Advanced), by grade and by student subgroup	EDFacts	X	
Student participation rate on State assessments in reading/language arts and in mathematics, by student subgroup	EDFacts		X
Average scale scores on State assessments in reading/language arts and in mathematics, by grade, for the 'all students' group, for each achievement quartile, and for each subgroup.	NEW SIG	X	
Percentage of limited English proficient students who attain English language proficiency	EDFacts	X	
Graduation rate	EDFacts	X	
Dropout rate	EDFacts		X
Student attendance rate	EDFacts		X
Number and percentage of students completing advanced coursework (e.g., AP/IB), early-college high schools, or dual enrollment classes	NEW SIG HS only		X
College enrollment rates	NEW SFSF Phase II HS only	X	
STUDENT CONNECTION AND SCHOOL CLIMATE			
Discipline Incidents	EDFacts		X
Truants	EDFacts		X
TALENT			
Distribution of teachers by performance level on LEA's teacher evaluation system	NEW SFSF Phase II		X
Teacher attendance rate	NEW SIG		X

4. An SEA must report these metrics for the school year prior to implementing the intervention, if the data are available, to serve as a baseline, and for each year thereafter for which the SEA allocates school improvement funds under section 1003(g) of the ESEA. With respect to a school that is closed, the SEA need report only the identity of the school and the intervention taken -- i.e., school closure.

B. Evaluation.

An LEA that receives a School Improvement Grant must participate in any evaluation of that grant conducted by the Secretary.

In planning for which School Intervention Model a LEA/School will implement, the LEA/School will first need to work through the questions below. These questions are to be used to help the LEA/School determine what School Intervention Model would be best for the school. These questions can also be used to help an LEA determine if they have the capacity to serve one or more Tier I or Tier II schools.

The Turnaround Model

1. How will the LEA select a new leader for the school, and what experience, training, and skills will the new leader be expected to possess?
2. How will the LEA assign effective teachers and leaders to the lowest achieving schools?
3. How will the LEA begin to develop a pipeline of effective teachers and leaders to work in turnaround schools?
4. How will staff replacement be executed? what is the process for determining which staff remains in the school and for selecting replacements?
5. How will the language in collective bargaining agreements be negotiated to ensure the most talented teachers and leaders remain in the school?
6. What supports will be provided to staff being assigned to other schools?
7. What are the budgetary implications of retaining surplus staff within the LEA if that is necessary?
8. What is the LEAs own capacity to execute and support a turnaround? What organizations are available to assist with the implementation of the turnaround model?
9. What changes in decision-making policies and mechanisms (including greater school-level flexibility in budgeting, staffing, and scheduling) must accompany the infusion of human capital?
10. What changes in operational practice must accompany the infusion of human capital, and how will these changes be brought about and sustained?

The Restart Model

1. Are there qualified CSO, CMO, or EMOs willing to partner with the LEA to start a new school (or convert an existing school) in this location?
2. Will qualified community groups initiate a homegrown charter school? The LEA is best served by developing relationships with community groups to prepare them for operating charter schools.
3. Based on supply and capacity, which option is most likely to result in acceptable student growth for the student population to be served? homegrown charter school, CMO, or EMO?
4. How can statutory, policy, and collective bargaining language relevant to the school be negotiated to allow for closure of the school and restart?
5. How will support be provided to staff that are reassigned to other schools as a result of the restart?
6. What are the budgetary implications of retaining surplus staff within the LEA if that is necessary?
7. What is the LEAs own capacity to support the charter school with access to contractually specified district services and access to available funding?
8. How will the SEA assist with the restart?
9. What performance expectations will be contractually specified for the charter school, CMO, or EMO?
10. Is the LEA (or other authorizer) prepared to terminate the contract if performance expectations are not met?

The Transformation Model

1. How will the LEA select a new leader for the school, and what experience, training, and skills will the new leader be expected to possess?
2. How will the LEA enable the new leader to make strategic staff replacements?
3. What is the LEAs own capacity to support the transformation, including the implementation of required, recommended, and diagnostically determined strategies?
4. What changes in decision making policies and mechanisms (including greater school-level flexibility in budgeting, staffing, and scheduling) must accompany the transformation?
5. What changes in operational practice must accompany the transformation, and how will these changes be brought about and sustained?

School Closure Model

1. What are the metrics to identify schools to be closed?
2. What steps are in place to make certain closure decisions are based on tangible data and readily transparent to the local community?
3. How will the students and their families be supported by the LEA through the re-enrollment process?
4. Which higher-achieving schools have the capacity to receive students from the schools being considered for closure?
5. How will the receiving schools be staffed with quality staff to accommodate the increase in students?
6. How will current staff be reassigned? what is the process for determining which staff members are dismissed and which staff members are reassigned?
7. Does the statutory, policy, and collective bargaining context relevant to the school allow for removal of current staff?
8. What supports will be provided to recipient schools if current staff members are reassigned?
9. What safety and security considerations might be anticipated for students of the school to be closed and the receiving school(s)?
10. What are the budgetary implications of retaining surplus staff within the LEA if that is necessary?
11. How will the LEA track student progress in the recipient schools?
12. What is the impact of school closure to the schools neighborhood, enrollment area, or community?
13. How does school closure fit within the LEAs overall reform efforts?

The recipient hereby assures that:

By checking this box and saving the page, the applicant hereby certifies that he/she has read, understood and will comply with the assurances listed below.


1. For schools in School Improvement, I hereby certify that this plan was developed with the assistance of a LEA Coach and/or District Support and Coordination Team Member, as applicable, in collaboration with the School Improvement Team.
2. I hereby certify that this plan was designed to improve student achievement with input from all stakeholders.
3. I assure that the school-level personnel, including subgroup representatives responsible for implementation of the interventions outlined in this application, have collaborated in the completion of this application.
4. I hereby certify that this plan has all of the following components:
 - . Evidence of the use of a comprehensive needs assessment, which should include all necessary data analysis;
 - . An action plan to implement one of the School Intervention Models as outline by the final regulations (Appendix B of this application);
 - . Annual goals (implementation indicators);
 - . Scientifically based research methods, strategies, and activities that guide curriculum content, instruction, and assessment;
 - . Professional Development components aligned with assessed needs and School Intervention Model selected for implementation;
 - . Family and community involvement activities aligned with assessed needs and School Intervention Model selected for implementation;
 - . Evaluation strategies that include methods to measure progress of implementation;
 - . Coordination of fiscal resources and analysis of school budget (possible redirection of funds); and
 - . An action plan with timelines and specific activities for implementing the above criteria.
5. I certify that the LEA will use its School Improvement Grant to implement fully and effectively an intervention in each Tier I and Tier II school that the LEA commits to serve consistent with the US Department of Education (USED) final requirements as outlined for 1003 g funds;
6. I certify that the LEA will establish annual goals for student achievement on the Proficiency Assessment of Wyoming Students (PAWS) in both reading/language arts and mathematics and measure progress on the leading indicators in section III of the USED final requirements as outlined for 1003 g funds in order to monitor each Tier I and Tier II school that it serves with school improvement funds (approved by the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE)) to hold accountable its Tier III schools that receive school improvement funds;
7. I certify that if the LEA implements a restart model in a Tier I or Tier II school, include in its contract or agreement terms and provisions to hold the charter operator, charter management organization, or educational management organization accountable for complying with the USED final requirements outlined for 1003 g funds;
8. I certify to report to the WDE the school-level data required under section III of the USED final requirements outline for 1003 g funds;
9. I further certify that the information contained in this assurance is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

The assurances were fully agreed to on this date:

The application has been approved.

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