

**Title IV, Part A -
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program (SSAEP) Grants**

Improve students' academic achievement by increasing the capacity of states, local educational agencies, schools, and local communities to--

1. provide access to, and opportunities for a **well-rounded education** for all students (minimum of 20% of LEA funds)
2. improve school conditions for student learning in order to create a **healthy and safe school environment** (minimum of 20% of LEA funds); and
3. Improve access to personalized learning experiences supported **by technology and professional development for the effective use of data and technology** (no minimum required, **but no more than 15% may be used for infrastructure**).

Well-Rounded Education:

Courses, activities, and programming in subjects such as English, reading or language arts, writing, science, technology, engineering, mathematics, foreign languages, civics and government, economics, arts, history, geography, computer science, music, career and technical education, health, physical education, and any other subject, as determined by the State or local educational agency, with the purpose of providing all students access to an enriched curriculum and educational experience.

The Texas Legislature defines the required curriculum as a **foundation curriculum** that includes English language arts; mathematics; science; and social studies, consisting of Texas, United States, and world history, government, economics, with emphasis on the free enterprise system and its benefits, and geography; and an **enrichment curriculum** that consists of languages other than English; health, with emphasis on the importance of proper nutrition and exercise; physical education; fine arts; career and technology education; technology applications; religious literature, including the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) and New Testament, and its impact on history and literature; and personal financial literacy.

- Use music and the arts to support student success – Integrated Arts
- Provide college and career guidance/counseling
- Improve student engagement and instruction in STEM
- Raise student achievement through accelerated learning programs
- Promote American history, civics, economics, geography, and government
- Provide foreign language instruction
- Promote volunteerism
- Integrate multiple disciplines

Accelerated learning programs—programs and/or exams that provide opportunities for students to earn postsecondary credit while in high school

Examples: dual credit, concurrent enrollment, Early College High Schools, AP and AP exams

STEM-focused specialty school - a school, or dedicated program within a school that engages students in rigorous, relevant, and integrated learning experiences focused on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, including computer science, which includes authentic schoolwide research.

Programs/Activities should support and encourage the inclusion of all students, particularly female students, minority students, English learners, children with disabilities, and low-income students who are often underrepresented and underserved in STEM, arts, music, high-quality programs, accelerated learning programs, and after school/before school programs.

Healthy and Safe Schools:

- Foster safe, healthy, and drug-free environments that support student achievement
- Promote involvement of parents
- Provide drug and violence prevention activities, including PD and mental health activities
- Integrate health and safety practices into school/athletic programs
- Support a healthy and active lifestyle
- Prevent bullying and harassment
- Reduce exclusionary discipline practices

Effective Use of Technology:

- Improve the use of technology to increase academic achievement, academic growth, and digital literacy of all students
- Provide tools, devices, content, and resources
- Build technological capacity and infrastructure
- Implement strategies to deliver rigorous academic courses and content
- Carry out blended learning projects
- Provide professional development in the use of technology
- Provide students in rural, remote, and underserved areas with resources to take advantage of digital learning experiences

What does this mean for districts?

- If district receives:
 - More than \$30,000 – Needs assessment required & three program requirements must be met
 - Less than \$30,000 – One of the three program requirements must be met
- LEA Plans--included in consolidated application
- Community input on needs assessment
- **Supplement not Supplant concerns**
- Equitable services requirements apply
- Administrative costs—capped at 2%