

FAQs: Texas High Schools That Work Enhanced Design Network

- 1. Are the campuses within a district that are identified as an Intervention Stage 3 or Stage 4 rating for Career and Technology Education under the TEA Performance-Based Monitoring System the only eligible campuses using this criterion?**

Yes, a campus within a district with an Intervention Stage 3 or Stage 4 rating for Career and Technology Education under the TEA Performance-Based Monitoring System are the campuses identified by TEA to be eligible for this grant.

- 2. The RFA states a requirement of reading 25 books for reaching the goal set forth by HSTW. You mentioned eight books as a way to meet the goal set forth by HSTW. Which is correct?**

The literacy goal in reading for higher student achievement is for the student to read the **equivalent** of 25 books per year. One of the strategies for reaching the HSTW school wide literacy goal for higher achievement is to read eight books across the curriculum in English class.

- 3. If you are a current recipient or a past recipient of a CSR grant, can you still qualify for this grant?**

If a campus is currently a recipient of a CSR grant, the campus is not eligible for this grant. A past recipient of a CSR grant that is not currently receiving funds from the CSR grant and meets the other criteria of eligibility may qualify for the grant.

- 4. How are English courses defined as college-prep courses?**

English IV-level regular classes are considered the higher level classes in Texas at this time.

- 5. For the purpose of the HSTW design, do IPC Science courses count as qualifying Science Classes?**

Yes, at this time the IPC courses may be accepted; however, SREB is working on requiring four college-preparatory science courses.

- 6. How often is a Technical Assistance Visit scheduled? Our school had a TAV visit this past year. Will we have to do another one?**

If a school has had a Technical Assistance Visit within the last one or two years, a discussion will occur between the school HSTW team and the SREB consultant to make a determination as to when the next TAV will be conducted.

- 7. You have stated \$10,000 in kind or matching funds. Which is it?**

The Texas HSTW Enhanced Design Network Grant requires applicants to demonstrate how a minimum of \$10,000 in school district resources, which may include in-kind resources, will be dedicated toward the project.

- 8. In reference to sustainability - will we continue to contract with the consultants in implementing changes after the grant period is over?**

In sustaining the program beyond the life of the project period, many schools continue to contract with SREB. Schools who have contracted with SREB in the past for services regarding the

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implementation of the HSTW design framework, have often continued contracting services after the grant funding has expired. If the schools have eighteen months of support and follow the leadership and goals of the HSTW initiative, they should not require much help.

9. We have three eligible high schools in our district. Do we submit separate applications for each school?

All three high schools can apply if they are on the eligibility list. You will need to submit one application for each campus.

10. When contracting with SREB, can we contract by district for all three schools at a reduced fee, or would each school be required to contract individually?

No, each campus will be required to contract with SREB for services provided by an SREB consultant. However, collaborative professional development can be conducted for all three schools