



## Cycle 7 – School Action Fund (SAF) Overview

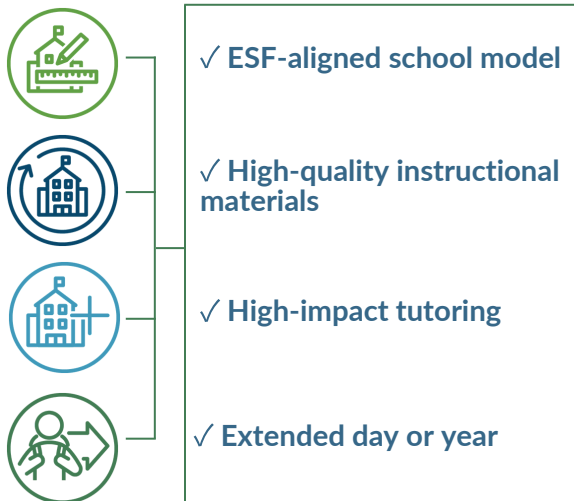
School Actions are designed to provide more of the schools that families want, need, and deserve in their communities.

Districts have a menu of options that span a continuum of impact on school leadership and staff, students, and school models. Each action has core requirements and can be tailored to match district/school needs.

The SAF application window is November 7 - December 22, 2022.

Apply via Learning Acceleration Support Opportunities (LASO)

Regardless of School Action type, all School Actions include the following components:



You can read more about this on the next page.

ACTION TYPE	DESCRIPTION	MODELS
Restart	Transform existing schools by installing new leadership and staff and implementing a rigorous turnaround model.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACE Planning/ Implementation</li> <li>• Turnaround Partnership</li> <li>• Resource</li> </ul>
New School	Create a new school designed to fill a gap in the community. New schools typically phase in new grades slowly over time or open in a new building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District-Managed</li> <li>• Texas Partnership</li> </ul>
Redesign	Support a school leader to develop and implement a new, innovative model that meets the needs of their community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rural Collaborative Planning/ Implementation</li> <li>• Rural P-20</li> <li>• Blended Learning</li> </ul>
Reassign	Close a low performing school and support the thoughtful transfer of students into existing A or B schools.	

The SAF grant provides technical assistance and training to plan and implement one of these four School Actions through a variety of evidence-based school models.

SAF grantees will receive between **\$400,000 to \$1.2M** in total funding to help support their planning and implementation years.

## Universal Components Across All Actions

### 01 EFFECTIVE SCHOOL FRAMEWORK (ESF) ALIGNMENT

The ESF framework provides a clear vision for what districts and schools across the state do to ensure an excellent education for all Texas students. The framework identifies 5 levers essential for successful school outcomes - Strong School Leadership and Planning, Strategic Staffing, Positive School Culture, High-Quality Instructional Materials and Assessments and Effective Instruction.

### 02 HIGH QUALITY INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS (HQIM) SUPPORTED BY RESEARCH BASED INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES (RBIS)

With embedded assessments and diagnostic tools: High Quality Instructional Materials are curricular resources that:

- Ensure full coverage of Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS)
- Are aligned to evidence-based best practices in relevant content area
- Support all learners, including students with disabilities, English Learners, and students identified as gifted and talented
- Enables frequent progress monitoring through embedded and aligned assessments
- Include implementation supports for teachers



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### 03 HIGH IMPACT TUTORING

The Texas High Impact Tutoring program is intended to provide a “full service” option for districts seeking tutoring support, to directly contract with a provider who can deliver trained and vetted tutors, a platform with embedded high quality curriculum, and strong tutoring sessions aligned with research-based principles of high impact tutoring.

### 04 EXTENDED DAY OR YEAR

The Additional Days School Year (ADSY) initiative provides funding for districts to add up to 30 instructional days to any of their elementary schools.