

Texas Education Agency
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Project Title: Texas SLDS: Enhancing and Expanding Data Usage

Project Description: The Texas Education Agency (TEA) was awarded two federal grants, SLDS 2009 and SLDS 2009 ARRA, as well as a private grant from the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation (MSDF), to overhaul its statewide longitudinal data system. These grants provided the foundation for a dramatically enhanced SLDS, including a statewide, district-facing Operational Data Store (ODS), a rewritten Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS), a Core Collection that is the foundation for further expansion, and the studentGPS® Dashboards that make education data available in the classroom in a timely, actionable format to support student improvement. To date, the studentGPS® Dashboards are supporting over 500,000 students with an additional 400,000 onboarding. In addition, the Center for Digital Government recently recognized our Unique ID application with a Best of Texas award for Best Application Serving the Public. Over 90 early adopter districts and service centers are parallel testing PEIMS, with over 600 districts adopting this fall, and we have demonstrated our ability to combine data collections in the ODS by integrating the Early Childhood Data System (ECDS) into the Core Collection.

However, the SLDS is at a critical juncture. We have completed key functionality and begun delivering much-needed data to educators, but the project still needs to expand adoption of the dashboards to support data-driven instruction in Texas schools, and we need to increase participation in ECDS to make our early learning data more robust. In addition, we need to continue the process of sharing and consolidating data collections in the SLDS, especially when this leads to a more complete student record in the dashboards.

For this grant, TEA is proposing the following projects under two priorities:

- 1) Priority 3: Early Learning
 - ECDS Adoption Support Allocations
 - Collect Additional Early Learning Data
 - New Early Learning Data in studentGPS®
 - New Early Learning Reports in TPEIR
- 2) Priority 6: Instructional Support
 - Expand Organization Data in the ODS
 - Educator Work Groups
 - Analyze studentGPS® Dashboard Metrics
 - Add Foundation High School Program to studentGPS®
 - Assessment Converter Tools
 - TEDS and Metrics Website
 - studentGPS® Adoption Support Allocations