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Certification and Incorporation Statement

I hereby certify that the information contained in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, correct and that the organization named above has authorized me as its representative to obligate this organization in a legally binding contractual agreement. I further certify that any ensuing program and activity will be conducted in accordance with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations; application guidelines and instructions; the general provisions and assurances, debarment and suspension certification, lobbying certification requirements, special provisions and assurances, and the schedules submitted. It is understood by the applicant that this application constitutes an offer and, if accepted by the Texas Education Agency or renegotiated to acceptance, will form a binding agreement.

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General Information GS2300 - Negotiation Comments and Confirmation

Part 1: General Comments

General Comments (TEA Use Only)

Part 2: Negotiation Items

This schedule is for TEA to document any required changes and communications to the applicant in the event this application requires negotiation. It will also require applicants to acknowledge that they have made the changes requested.

Applicants: For all negotiation notes below, please make the requested changes in the grant application itself.

- Please do check the "Change Completed" box.
- Please do not enter information in the "Grantee Comments" section, unless you are specifically instructed to do so.

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Program Description PS3013 - Program Plan

A. Statutory/Program Assurances

1. The following assurances apply to this program. In order to meet the requirements of the program, the applicant must comply with these assurances. Selecting all assurances is required.

- The applicant provides assurance that program funds will supplement (increase the level of service), and not supplant (replace) state mandates, State Board of Education rules, and activities previously conducted with state or local funds. The applicant provides assurance that state or local funds may not be decreased or diverted for other purposes merely because of the availability of these funds. The applicant provides assurance that program services and activities to be funded from this IDC will be supplementary to existing services and activities and will not be used for any services or activities required by state law, State Board of Education rules, or local policy.
- The applicant provides assurance that the application does not contain any information that would be protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) from general release to the public.
- The applicant provides assurances to adhere to all the Statutory and TEA Program requirements as noted in the 2026-2028 Interactive Online Learning Grant, Cycle 3 Program Guidelines.
- The applicant provides assurances to adhere to all the Performance Measures, as noted in the 2026-2028 Interactive Online Learning Grant, Cycle 3 Program Guidelines, and shall provide to TEA, upon request, any performance data necessary to assess the success of the program.
- The applicant assures that any Electronic Information Resources (EIR) produced as part of this agreement will comply with the State of Texas Accessibility requirements as specified in 1 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) 206, 1 TAC Chapter 213, Federal Section 508 standards, and the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 level AA.
- The applicant acknowledges that Per Section 22.0834 of the Texas Education Code (TEC), any person offered employment by any entity that contracts with TEA or receives grant funds administered by TEA (i.e., a grantee or subgrantee) is subject to the fingerprinting requirement. TEA is prohibited from awarding grant funds to any entity, including nonprofit organizations, that fails to comply with this requirement. For details, refer to the General and Fiscal Guidelines, Fingerprinting Requirement.
- The applicant provides assurances to select an effective interactive online learning model(s) that meets the statutory requirements listed in General Appropriations Act, House Bill 1, Article III, Rider 72, 89th Legislative Session Regular Session, 2025.
- The applicant provides assurances that program funds will be used to implement with fidelity an effective interactive online learning model(s) in grade 7 Texas history, grade 8 U.S. history and/or high school U.S. history for cross-curricular instruction in English language arts and Texas history and/or U.S. History. The effective interactive online learning model(s) must: a) align with Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for middle school and/or high school U.S. history, Texas history, and English language arts, as applicable; b) include tools to monitor the progress of each individual student; c) include quarterly benchmark assessments that are automatically scored; d) include both audio narration and video components; and e) be offered for use in both English and Spanish.
- The applicant provides assurances that the implemented interactive online learning model(s) must include cross-curricular instruction in social studies and English language arts aligned to the TEKS.
- The applicant provides assurances that the interactive online learning model(s) has been reviewed and determined to comply with the requirements of TEC §28.002(h) and §28.0022.
- The applicant provides assurances that the teachers implementing the interactive online learning model(s) will receive adequate professional development to ensure successful implementation of the program.
- The applicant provides assurances to support student learning in the interactive online learning model(s) to ensure student success.
- The applicant provides assurances to provide the necessary support to help students accelerate in the learning model(s) if they fall behind or are failing in the cross-curricular learning model(s).
- The applicant provides assurances to make a sustainability plan to ensure that the interactive online learning model(s) can continue to be offered after the grant ends.
- The applicant provides assurances to provide a status report by August 1, 2027, and a final report by February 1, 2028.
- The applicant provides assurances that a process will be in place to ensure the interactive online learning model(s) aligns to the TEKS.



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Program Description PS3014 - Program Narrative

Please include complete responses for each question below.

A. Summary of Program

1. (a) Provide an overview of the program to be implemented with grant funds. (b) Include the overall mission and specific needs of the organization. (c) Describe how the program will address the mission and needs.

Mission: At Por Vida Academy, our mission is to educate young adults (grade 9-12) by providing them with the knowledge, self-respect, and life skills necessary for long-term success. What makes Por Vida Academy unique is its intentional focus on students who require a nontraditional pathway to graduation. The Academy serves young adults balancing real-world responsibilities (such as full-time employment or caring for children) through a flexible four-hour instructional day model. This schedule allows students to continue meeting family and financial obligations while earning their high school diploma in a supportive, student-centered environment designed specifically for their needs.

Needs: While serving this population is central to our mission, it also presents significant challenges in meeting students where they are academically and keeping them engaged in the classroom. These barriers are reflected in our 2025–2026 data, which shows lower performance when compared to the state across Math, Science, ELA, and Social Studies, with ELA nearly six times lower than the state average. More than 76% of students miss over 10% of the school year, and our dropout rate is eight times higher statewide. This reality creates campus-wide learning gaps, which we seek to address with grant funding.

2. Please continue the response here if needed. Please enter N/A if the additional space is not needed.

Overview: With these funds, we will implement Newsela, delivered through Nearpod, with our 10th- and 11th-grade students to strengthen reading comprehension, academic vocabulary, and Social Studies content knowledge in preparation for high school coursework and the U.S. History EOC. Lessons embedded in Nearpod will allow teachers to provide real-time feedback and differentiated instruction across whole-group, small-group, and individualized settings. To support targeted intervention, we will purchase interactive panels for small-group tutoring and personalized learning. We will also provide Chromebooks to students who are economically disadvantaged or lack home access to technology, ensuring continued engagement with curriculum beyond their four-hour instructional day.

Addressing Mission/Needs: Hence, with grant funding, we will directly support our mission by providing students with knowledge through flexible, technology-enabled instruction. Additionally, by strengthening literacy and Social Studies skills, expanding access to devices, and delivering targeted small-group support, we will address campus-wide learning needs while honoring our students' real-world responsibilities.

B. Goals, Objectives and Strategies

1. (a) Describe the major goals/objectives of the proposed program. (b) Describe the activities/strategies that will be implemented to meet those goals/objectives.

GOALS/OBJECTIVES: The goals of this program are to increase student comprehension of U.S. History content, strengthen critical thinking and evidence-based writing skills, and improve academic performance across Social Studies and cross-curricular ELA. Additional objectives include providing real-time progress monitoring, delivering targeted instructional support, and differentiating instruction to meet the needs of at-risk students (i.e. chronically absent, economically disadvantaged, English Learners, etc.)

ACTIVITIES/STRATEGIES: To support student achievement within Por Vida Academy's four-hour instructional day, the program will implement the following activities:

- Deliver Newsela Social Studies lessons through Nearpod, providing leveled historical texts embedded into live instruction.
- Facilitate whole-group instruction followed by targeted small-group sessions focused on reading comprehension, academic vocabulary, and historical analysis.
- Use Nearpod's interactive features (checks for understanding, open-ended responses, and polls) to monitor engagement and provide real-time feedback.
- Incorporate short written responses and discussion-based activities using Newsela articles to strengthen critical thinking while reinforcing cross-curricular ELA skills.
- Review student performance data regularly to regroup learners, personalize instruction, and deliver targeted academic interventions.

2. Please continue the response here if needed. Please enter N/A if the additional space is not needed.

- Provide Chromebook checkout for students who lack home access to technology, allowing continued participation in assignments beyond the four-hour school day.
 - Utilize interactive panels to support individualized tutoring and small-group instruction for students demonstrating academic gaps.
- These activities ensure students receive structured, engaging instruction during limited classroom time while expanding learning opportunities outside of school for those balancing work and family responsibilities.



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C. Performance and Evaluation Measures

1. (a) Describe the performance measures identified for this program which are related to student outcomes and are consistent with the purpose of the program. (b) Include the tools used to measure performance, as well as (c) the processes that will be used to ensure the effectiveness of project objectives and strategies.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES: The program seeks to improve student engagement, ELA performance, and social studies performance. These metrics will be measured for performance using the following:

- ELA – Performance will be measured through Nearpod response accuracy, Newsela article completion, and short constructed writing activities, with a targeted 5% increase in Meets and Masters performance levels.
- Social studies – Performance will be measured through Newsela article comprehension data, Nearpod checks for understanding, TEKS-aligned written responses, and classroom assessments. The program aims for a minimum 5% increase in Meets and Masters performance.
- Engagement - Student engagement will be measured through Nearpod participation rates, assignment completion, and a targeted reduction in chronic absenteeism, reflecting improved connection to instruction within Por Vida Academy's four-hour school day.

TOOLS: The tools that will be used as part of this performance measuring process include, but are not limited to:

- PEIMS attendance and enrollment data to track reductions in chronic absenteeism and dropout rates.
- STAAR EOC results (ELA and U.S. History) to measure progress toward a minimum 5% increase in Meets and Masters performance levels.

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- Newsela Social Studies article-level performance data (quiz scores, reading completion, Lexile-adjusted comprehension results, and standards-aligned responses) will be used to measure student understanding of historical content, academic vocabulary growth, and indirect ELA skill development.
- Nearpod will be used to measure real-time engagement metrics including participation rates, checks-for-understanding, open-ended responses, and lesson completion.

C) To ENSURE program EFFECTIVENESS, the charter will: (1) regularly review student performance data to identify learning gaps and areas requiring additional support; (2) use real-time platform data to adjust instruction, enabling teachers to provide targeted interventions and appropriate scaffolding; (3) utilize interactive panels to support individualized and small-group tutoring, allowing educators to deliver focused, personalized instruction; and (4) engage teachers in ongoing professional development centered on data analysis, responsive instructional practices, and lesson alignment to address evolving academic needs across content areas.



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D. Qualifications and Experience for Key Personnel

1. Outline the (a) required qualifications and experience for primary project personnel and (b) any external consultants projected to be involved in the implementation and delivery of the program. (c) Include whether the position is existing or proposed.

PRIMARY PROJECT PERSONNEL for this program include: 1) Program Director; 2) Teachers; and 3) Chief Financial Officer.

QUALIFICATIONS/EXPERIENCE for these positions are as follows:

Program Director

- Qualifications: Bachelor's Degree in Education or a related field.
- Experience: Five years of experience in the education sector, with expertise in project management, leadership, and online learning.

Teachers

- Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Education or a related field and a valid teaching certification.
- Experience: While one year of teaching experience is preferred, teachers must demonstrate knowledge of effective instructional practices and mentorship.

Chief Financial Officer

- Qualifications: Bachelor's Degree in Accounting, Finance, Business Administration, or a related field.
- Experience: 5-10 years of experience in financial management, with at least 3-5 years in the public education sector

EXTERNAL CONSULTANTS involved in PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION include: 1) TEKS-Aligned Online Learning Platform Vendor; and 2) Professional Development Trainers who will deliver targeted training.

Their roles in implementation of the program are as follows:

TEKS-Aligned Online Learning Platform Vendor

- Role: Provide a platform to address ELA and Social Studies academic deficiencies.

Professional Development Trainers

- Role: Ensure teachers and instructional aides can implement the online learning platform effectively.

2. Please continue the response here if needed. Please enter N/A if the additional space is not needed.

Whether these positions EXIST or are PROPOSED, can be seen below:

- Project Director – Existing
- Teachers – Existing
- Chief Financial Officer – Existing
- TEKS-Aligned Platform – Proposed
- Professional Development Trainers – Proposed



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E. Budget Narrative

1. Describe, in detail, (a) how the proposed budget will meet the needs and goals of the program, including staffing, professional development, supplies and materials, contracts, etc. (b) If applicable, include a high-level snapshot of funds currently allocated to similar programs. Include a short narrative describing how adjustments will be made in the future to meet needs.

To ensure Por Vida Academy's BUDGET MEETS the NEEDS of the program, the charter has created a comprehensive budget that addresses each of our requirements (e.g., staffing, professional development, etc.). Below are the allocations for each line item, along with their intended uses:

- 6100 (\$20,400): Project Director stipend, substitute pay/extra duty pay to allow teachers to attend professional development sessions, and employee benefits.
- 6200 (\$81,200): Professional development trainers to ensure teachers can effectively implement the online learning program, as well as the cost of the online learning platform.
- 6300 (\$36,817): Laptops/tablets, charging stations, and supplies to meet the needs of students who are struggling and for checkout purposes beyond the regular school day.
- 6400 (\$15,000): Will be used to purchase interactive panels to support Newsela Social Studies delivered through Nearpod. Panels will be used for whole-group instruction, small-group intervention, and individualized tutoring within Por Vida Academy's instructional day.
- Indirect (\$6,583): Will be used to cover overhead costs associated with implementing the grant program (i.e., scheduling trainings, sourcing vendors, creating RFPs as needed, submitting grant reports, etc.)

2. Please continue the response here if needed. Please enter N/A if the additional space is not needed.

A HIGH-LEVEL SNAPSHOT of the charter's funds currently allocated to initiatives that will aid in the delivery of this grant program includes:

- Instructional Materials Allotment (IMA) – Used to purchase digital and print instructional resources.
- Title I Funds – Supports professional development and instructional interventions for economically disadvantaged students.
- Special Education (SPED) Funding – Used for assistive technology and specialized instructional support for students with disabilities.
- Title III Funds – Supports bilingual education and digital resources for English Language Learners (ELLs).

In the future, adjustments will be made based on the on-going evaluation of the program's effectiveness. This will include reallocating funds to areas that require additional support, such as increasing the budget for PD if more training is needed, online subscriptions or purchasing additional devices if student enrollment grows. Regular feedback from teachers and administrators will be used to refine the budget and ensure that it continues to meet the evolving needs of the program.



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F. Request for Grant Funds

List all of the allowable grant-related activities for which you are requesting grant funds. Include the amounts budgeted for each activity. Group similar activities and costs together under the appropriate heading. If awarded, you will be required to budget your planned expenditures in the budget schedules provided by eGrants during negotiations.

1. Payroll Costs-Include a description of the cost(s) and a dollar amount. If you will not be budgeting in this class/object code, please enter "N/A" or "\$0."

Grant funds will support a Project Director stipend to oversee grant coordination, implementation support, monitoring of program effectiveness, and reporting requirements. Also, substitute pay/extra duty pay to allow teachers to attend professional development sessions, and employee benefits.
 Total Cost: \$20,400

2. Professional and Contracted Services-Include a description of the cost(s) and a dollar amount. If you will not be budgeting in this class/object code, please enter "N/A" or "\$0."

Funds will support professional development and digital instructional services necessary to implement the interactive online learning model. Costs include Newsela and Nearpod access, onboarding and implementation training, and instructional integration support.
 Total Cost: \$81,200

3. Supplies and Materials-Include a description of the cost(s) and a dollar amount. If you will not be budgeting in this class/object code, please enter "N/A" or "\$0."

Funds will be used to purchase laptops/tablets, charging stations, and supplies.
 Total Cost: \$36,817

4. Other Operating Costs-Include a description of the cost(s) and a dollar amount. If you will not be budgeting in this class/object code, please enter "N/A" or "\$0."

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5. Capital Outlay-Include a description of the cost(s) and a dollar amount. If you will not be budgeting in this class/object code, please enter "N/A" or "\$0."

Will be used to purchase interactive panels to support Newsela Social Studies delivered through Nearpod. Panels will be used for whole-group instruction, small-group intervention, and individualized tutoring within Por Vida Academy's instructional day.
 Total Cost: \$15,000

6. Total Grant Award Requested-Be sure to include the sum of the amounts in all class/object codes and any administrative costs in this total. Only a dollar amount will be accepted for this answer. Maximum amount allowed is \$300,000.

\$160,000



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G. Additional TEA Program Requirements

1. Applicants must (a) specify how they will select and support teachers and other support staff to implement the interactive online learning grant. (b) Describe how the LEA will ensure teacher commitment.

Because Por Vida Academy serves students in grades 9–12, the program will SELECT all 10th and 11th grade teachers for implementation of the interactive online learning model. While the U.S. History assessment occurs in 11th grade, beginning enhanced instruction in 10th grade provides students with an additional year of targeted academic support to build foundational literacy, content knowledge, and critical thinking skills before testing. This two-year approach allows for early intervention, sustained growth, and stronger readiness by the time students reach their assessed year. Selecting all 10th- and 11th-grade teachers ensures a consistent, campus-wide instructional strategy focused on improving Social Studies outcomes and overall student success.

To ensure educators are fully SUPPORTED throughout implementation, the Charter will provide ongoing professional development aligned to blended learning, connect teachers with experienced peers to share best practices, and conduct regular classroom walkthroughs to monitor fidelity and provide timely feedback. Teachers will also collaborate through PLCs to review platform data, monitor student progress, and plan targeted interventions, while receiving coaching and technical support to strengthen lesson delivery, student engagement, and effective use of instructional analytics. This comprehensive support structure will help ensure both effective implementation and sustained COMMITMENT to the program.

2. Describe how the LEA will ensure successful cross-curricular implementation of the program in each of the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years.

To support implementation in Year 1 (2026–2027), 10th- and 11th-grade teachers will participate in professional development focused on integrating reading comprehension, academic vocabulary, short constructed responses, and analytical thinking into Social Studies instruction using Newsela Social Studies, delivered through Nearpod. Campus PLCs will bring together participating teachers to review Nearpod lesson reports and Newsela article performance data, identify literacy and content gaps, and collaboratively plan instruction that strengthens informational text analysis, historical reasoning, and evidence-based writing. By the end of Year 1, at least 70% of participating students are expected to demonstrate measurable growth in reading comprehension and written responses within Social Studies coursework.

In Year 2 (2027–2028), teachers will refine instruction using Newsela data, Nearpod engagement metrics, and classroom assessments to expand small-group intervention, structured writing, and academic discussion. PLCs will continue using data to guide targeted supports, with a goal of increasing the percentage of students achieving Meets Grade Level or above in Social Studies by at least 5%.

Through sustained professional development, PLC collaboration, and consistent use of Newsela through Nearpod, the program will strengthen instruction within Por Vida Academy's four-hour school day and drive continued gains in engagement, literacy, and Social Studies achievement.



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H. Statutory Requirements

1. LEAs must select (not develop) and implement an effective interactive online learning model(s) in grade 7 Texas history, grade 8 U.S. history and/or high school U.S. history for cross-curricular instruction in English language arts and Texas history and/or U.S. history that is aligned to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). (a) Identify the interactive online learning application(s) that will be implemented and (b) provide a description of the program(s).

A) The interactive ONLINE LEARNING applications to be IMPLEMENTED are Newsela Social Studies, delivered through Nearpod.
B) Newsela Social Studies provides TEKS-aligned digital instruction delivered through Nearpod that integrates direct teaching, interactive presentations, primary source analysis, academic vocabulary development, and embedded formative assessments to strengthen student understanding of historical events, geographic concepts, economics, and civic literacy. Lessons include multimedia supports such as audio narration, visuals, and interactive response tools, along with Spanish-language content and translated directions to increase accessibility for English learners. Newsela also offers scaffolded instruction, guided practice, leveled activities, and standards-based skill reinforcement, allowing teachers to differentiate learning and meet students at their individual academic levels.
Delivered through Nearpod, Newsela lessons enable real-time monitoring of student participation, response accuracy, and comprehension through polls, quizzes, open-ended questions, and collaborative activities across multiple device platforms (Chromebooks, laptops, and interactive panels). Teachers will be able to use this live performance data to immediately address misconceptions, provide targeted feedback, and adjust instruction during lessons, promoting the improvement of current academic outcomes. (PROGRAM DESCRIPTION)

2. LEAs must implement the interactive online learning model(s) in grade 7 Texas history, grade 8 U.S. history and/or high school U.S. history. What three history classes or combination of these history classes are identified for the implementation of the interactive online learning model(s)?

Since Por Vida Academy only serves 9-12 grade, it plans to implement Newsela and Nearpod in High School U.S. History only.

3. LEAs must select and implement an interactive online learning model(s) that includes tools to effectively monitor the progress of each individual student. (a) Describe the progress monitoring tool(s) included with the interactive online learning model(s) and how the LEA will use the monitoring tool(s) to ensure satisfactory student progress. (b) Include how the LEA will use the progress monitoring tool(s) to support struggling learners and students who may be off track. (c) Describe the interventions that will be implemented to help struggling learners.

A) As part of their PROGRESS MONITORING TOOL, the charter will use built-in reporting dashboards from Newsela (delivered through Nearpod) to allow teachers and administrators to track student engagement and performance on TEKS-aligned Social Studies standards in real time. Automatically scored checks for understanding, quizzes, and open-ended responses within Nearpod will allow teachers and administrators to identify students who are ("ON TRACK") or need targeted intervention, enabling timely instructional adjustments and individualized support.

B) Based on feedback generated through these PROGRESS MONITORING TOOLS, prescriptive, individualized learning paths will be developed to SUPPORT STRUGGLING LEARNERS and students who are OFF TRACK.

C) Examples of how INTERVENTIONS for struggling learners include:

- Social Studies: Teachers will implement TEKS-aligned small-group interventions using Newsela lessons and Nearpod formative activities to reteach priority standards. Instruction will include guided notes, vocabulary support, and interactive visuals, with immediate feedback and reteaching as needed. Interactive panels will be used to model historical thinking, review student responses, and support targeted tutoring.
- ELA: Interventions will include close reading, sentence-frame writing, vocabulary development, and guided responses in small-group sessions, supported by Nearpod checks for understanding and targeted digital practice aligned to skill gaps.

4. LEAs must select and implement an interactive online learning model(s) that includes quarterly benchmarks that are automatically scored. (a) Describe the quarterly benchmarks included in the interactive online learning model(s). (b) Include how the school(s) will use this data to support student learning and to evaluate the effectiveness of the interactive online learning model(s) that was implemented.

Quarterly Benchmarks: Student progress will be intentionally monitored during each grading period through a coordinated use of Newsela and Nearpod. Throughout every grading cycle, teachers will gather evidence of learning using Newsela article quizzes, writing prompts, standards-aligned assignments, Lexile growth data, and engagement metrics, alongside Nearpod participation reports and formative responses embedded in daily instruction. As each quarter concludes, educators will review Newsela dashboard data to analyze reading comprehension, student writing, Lexile-level growth, and engagement trends, and Nearpod lesson reports to receive insight on student participation and accuracy during interactive activities.

Data to Support Learning/Evaluate Effectiveness: Together, these data points provide a comprehensive picture of student progress and instructional effectiveness. Teachers will use this information to identify learners in need of additional support and make targeted instructional adjustments for the upcoming grading period, ensuring instruction remains responsive, data-informed, and aligned to student needs throughout the year. Students demonstrating learning gaps will receive targeted interventions, including leveled Newsela articles, small-group instruction aligned to specific skill needs, and individualized tutoring as appropriate.



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5. LEAs must select and implement an interactive online learning model(s) that includes both audio narration and video components. (a) Describe the audio and video components included in the interactive online learning model(s). (b) Explain how the school(s) will use these tools to engage students in the effective interactive online learning model(s).

Por Vida Academy will leverage the built-in audio and video features of Newsela delivered through Nearpod to create engaging, accessible, and interactive Social Studies instruction. **AUDIO COMPONENTS** include instructional read-alouds, guided directions, and narrated explanations of key vocabulary and concepts, helping students strengthen comprehension while building academic language. Spanish-language audio options further expand access for English learners, ensuring all students can meaningfully engage with grade-level content.

VIDEO COMPONENTS enhance learning through short concept videos, historical clips, and visual explanations of topics such as government, economics, geography, and major events. Nearpod presentations with embedded videos, maps, and timelines are used to model content, build background knowledge, and clarify complex ideas—supporting student engagement, conceptual understanding, and alignment to TEKS standards.

Together, these tools actively **ENGAGE** students through TEKS-aligned lessons that integrate instructional videos and interactive digital activities requiring students to respond, demonstrate understanding, and apply Social Studies concepts. Audio read-aloud features and Spanish-language supports promote equitable access for English learners, while targeted digital assignments and small-group instruction, guided by student performance data, will provide focused opportunities to reinforce learning and close skill gaps.

6. LEAs must select and implement an interactive online learning model(s) that is offered in both English and Spanish. (a) Describe the components of the interactive online learning model(s) that are provided in Spanish. (b) Explain how your LEA will use the interactive online learning model(s) with English- and Spanish-speaking students.

SPANISH COMPONENTS: Spanish-language supports provided through Newsela and delivered through Nearpod, include:

- Translated on-screen directions and embedded academic vocabulary supports (Nearpod)
- Spanish-language Social Studies articles with adjustable reading levels (Newsela)
- Audio read-aloud features for Spanish-language content (Newsela)
- Spanish resources, including videos, graphics, timelines, and maps to support content understanding and engagement (Newsela)

ENGLISH AND SPANISH SPEAKING STUDENTS: Por Vida Academy will leverage these bilingual capabilities by assigning Spanish-language lessons and readings through Newsela for English learners, allowing students to build Social Studies content knowledge in their home language while developing academic skills. Spanish-speaking students will begin with Spanish-language Newsela articles with audio supports, then transition to English-language lessons as proficiency increases. English-speaking students will, from the beginning, engage in TEKS-aligned instruction in English that includes interactive activities, embedded assessments, and written responses. Teachers will use Newsela performance data to differentiate assignments based on language needs and student progress, ensuring all learners have access to grade-level content.



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**Program Budget
 BS6001 - Program Budget Summary and Support**

Statutory Authority: General Appropriations Act, Article III, Rider 72, 89th Texas Legislature

Part 1: Available Funding

Available Funding	
Description	26-28 Interactive Online
1. Fund/SSA Code	429
2. Planning Amount	
3. Final Amount	
4. Carryover	
5. Reallocation	
Total Funds Available	

Part 2: Budget Summary

A. Budgeted Costs		
Description	Class/ Object Code	26-28 Interactive Online
1. Consolidated Administrative Funds		<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
2. Payroll Costs	6100	
3. Professional and Contracted Services	6200	
4. Supplies and Material	6300	
5. Other Operating Costs	6400	
6. Debt Services	6500	
7. Capital Outlay	6600	
8. Operating Transfers Out	8911	
Total Direct Costs		
9. Indirect Costs		
Total Budgeted Costs		
Total Funds Available Minus Total Costs		
10. Payments to Member Districts of SSA	6493	

B. Pre-Award Costs
Part 2B Pre-Award Costs is hidden because it does not apply to the funding source(s) for this grant application.

C. Breakout of Direct Admin Costs
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Program Budget BS6101 - Payroll Costs

Part 1: Total Payroll Costs

Payroll costs entered on BS6001	
Total Payroll Costs	26-28 Interactive Online

Part 2: Number and Type of Positions

A. Administrative Support or Clerical Staff	
Position Type	26-28 Interactive Online
1. Administrative support or clerical staff (integral to program)	

B. LEA Positions	
Position Type	26-28 Interactive Online
1. Professional staff	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Paraprofessionals	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Administrative support or clerical staff (paid by LEA indirect cost)	<input type="checkbox"/>

C. Campus Positions	
Position Type	26-28 Interactive Online
1. Professional staff	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Paraprofessionals	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Administrative support or clerical staff (paid by LEA indirect cost)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Part 3: Substitute, Extra-Duty, Benefits

Substitute, Extra-Duty, Benefits	
1. For schoolwide personnel (includes staff salary, extra-duty pay/beyond normal hours, and substitutes for staff positions at schoolwide campuses)	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Extra duty pay/beyond normal hours for positions not indicated above	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Substitutes for public and charter school teachers not indicated above	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Stipends for positions not indicated above	<input type="checkbox"/>

Part 4: Confirmation of Payroll Requirements

Confirmation of Payroll Requirements
1. <input type="checkbox"/> The grantee certifies the federally funded portion of this position and duties are reasonable, necessary, allowable and allocable under the applicable federal fund source. The grantee further certifies that it is in compliance with the federal supplement, not supplant provision applicable to each federal fund source. The grantee assures the grant-funded portion of this position and duties meet the purpose, goals, and objectives of the federal fund source. Documentation must be maintained locally by the grantee that clearly demonstrates the allowable and supplemental nature of the position, as required by each federal fund source, and will provide such documentation to TEA upon request.



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**Program Budget
 BS6201 - Professional and Contracted Services**

Part 1: Professional and Contracted Services

Budgeted Costs		
Description	Class/Object Code	26-28 Interactive Online
1. Rental or Lease of Buildings, Space in Buildings, or Land	6269	
2. Professional and Consulting Services	6219 6239 6291	
Subtotal Professional and Contracted Services Costs		
Remaining 6200 Costs That Do Not Require Specific Approval		
Total Professional and Contracted Services Costs		

Part 2: Direct Administrative Costs

Part 2 Breakout of Direct Administrative Costs is hidden because it does not apply to the funding source(s) for this grant application.

Part 3 : Itemized Professional and Consulting Services

Itemized Professional and Consulting Service (6219, 6239, 6291)	
Description	26-28 Interactive Online
1. Service: <input type="text"/>	
Specify Purpose: <input type="text"/>	
<input type="button" value="Add Item"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Item"/>	
Total Professional and Consulting Services Costs	



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**Program Budget
 BS6401 - Other Operating Costs**

Part 1: Other Operating Costs

Budgeted Costs		
Description	Class/ Object Code	26-28 Interactive Online
1. Out-of-State Travel for Employees LEA must keep documentation locally.	6411	
2. Travel for Students to Conferences (does not include field trips) LEA must keep documentation locally.	6412	
3. Educational Field Trips LEA must keep documentation locally.	6412 6494	
4. Stipends for Non-employees other than those included in 6419 LEA must keep documentation locally.	6413	
5. Travel Costs for Officials such as Executive Director, Superintendent, or Board Members Allowable only when such costs are directly related to the grant. If Out-of-State Travel, LEA must keep documentation locally.	6411 6419	
6. Non-Employee Costs for Conference LEA must keep documentation locally.	6419	
7. Hosting Conferences for Non-Employees LEA must keep documentation locally.	64xx	
Subtotal Other Operating Costs		
Remaining 6400 Costs That Do Not Require Specific Approval		
Total Other Operating Costs		

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Program Budget BS6501 - Debt Services

Part 1: Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangement (SBITA) and Capital Lease Liability Costs

Budgeted Costs		
Description	Class/ Object Code	26-28 Interactive Online
1. SBITA Liability - Principal	6514	
2. SBITA Liability - Interest	6526	
3. Capital Lease Liability - Principal	6512	
4. Capital Lease Liability - Interest	6522	
5. Interest on Debt	6523	
Total Debt Service Costs		

Part 2: Description of SBITA

Subscription

1. SBITA Description:

Subscription Cost:

Fund Source: Contract Start Date: Contract End Date:

Part 3: Description of Property

Property

1. Property Description:

Property Value:

Fund Source: Contract Start Date: Contract End Date:



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Program Budget BS6601 - Capital Outlay

Part 1: Capital Expenditures

Budgeted Costs	
Description	26-28 Interactive Online
1. Library Books and Media (Capitalized and Controlled by Library)	
2. Capital Expenditures for Additions, Improvements, or Modifications to Capital Assets Which Materially Increase Their Value for Useful Life (not ordinary repairs and maintenance)	
3. Furniture, Equipment, Vehicles or Software Costs for Items in Part 2	
Total Capital Outlay Costs	

Part 2: Furniture, Equipment, Vehicles or Software

Items

1. Generic Description:

Number of Units:

Fund Source:

Total Costs:

Describe how the item will be used to accomplish the objective of the program:



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Provisions Assurances CS7000 - Provisions, Assurances and Certifications

Provisions, Assurances and Certifications	
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I certify my acceptance and compliance with all General and Fiscal Guidelines.	General and Fiscal Guidelines
2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I certify my acceptance and compliance with all Program Guidelines.	Program Guidelines
3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I certify my acceptance and compliance with all General Provisions and Assurances requirements.	General Provisions and Assurances
4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I also certify my acceptance and compliance with all Debarment and Suspension Certification requirements. I certify I am not debarred or suspended.	Debarment and Suspension Certification
5. Choose the appropriate response for Lobbying Certification:	
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I certify this organization does not spend federal appropriated funds for lobbying activities and certify my acceptance and compliance with all Lobbying Certification requirements.	Lobbying Certification
b. <input type="checkbox"/> This organization spends non-federal funds on lobbying activities and has attached the required OMB Disclosure of Lobbying Activities form, as described below.	
Instructions for completing and attaching the Disclosure of Lobbying Activities form.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Print and sign the form.• Scan the signed form and save it to your desktop.• Click the Attach Files icon on the Table of Contents page to attach your signed form to this eGrants application.	

SSA Funding Report

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				R:	R:	R:	R:	R:	R:	R:	R:
Total:				R: \$0	R: \$0	R: \$0	R: \$0	R: \$0	R: \$0	R: \$0	R: \$0