

Applicant: IDEA Public Schools, 2115 West Pike Blvd, Weslaco, Texas 78596

Project Director: Armando Perez; [REDACTED]

Absolute Priority Addressed: 2—IDEA Serves a Low-income Demographic

Competitive Preference Priorities Addressed: 1—IDEA Promotes Diversity; 2—IDEA Will Reopen Poor-performing Public Schools as Charter Schools; 3—IDEA Serves High School Students

Goals and outcomes: 1) Achieve college-ready student results; 2) Build a strong and sustainable organization; 3) Achieve the mission at scale.

Short-term outcomes include:

Student growth:

- An increase in percent of students who met or exceeded “student progress” measure as defined by the state
- 90% of students end the year on or above grade level in reading
- 90% of students end the year on or above grade level in language
- 90% of students end the year on or above grade level in math

Student achievement:

- IDEA receives a grade of 93% from the state of Texas
- IDEA receives a grade of 80% from the state of Louisiana
- Average ACT score of 21.35;
- 34% of graduates named AP Scholars (earn scores of 3+ on at least 3 AP exams).

College matriculation and college success:

- 100% of graduates accepted to a college or university;
- 99% of graduates matriculate to college/university;
- 25% of students graduate college in 4 years and 55% graduate in 6 years.

Long-term goals include: IDEA alumni return from top-tier universities and become leaders in their communities; With 199 schools across Texas by the end of the funding period, IDEA becomes the largest educator of low-income college graduates in the state of Texas by producing 1,625 college graduates annually by 2024, as compared to the largest public school district in Texas producing approximately 1,500 college graduates; Create transformational change for educationally disadvantaged students and underserved communities; IDEA alumni will earn approximated \$1M more over their lifetimes than the non-college going peers

Meeting the purpose of the CSP: This project will support 56 expansion schools and 38 replication schools in the Rio Grande Valley, Austin, San Antonio, El Paso, Tarrant County (Fort Worth), Texas’ Permian Basin, and Houston; Southeastern Louisiana (New Orleans and East Baton Rouge), and Tampa Bay, Florida, adding a total of 30,886 new high-quality charter school seats (56,400 at full scale).