

FY 2020 Expanding Opportunity Through Quality Charter Schools Program (CSP)—
Grants to Charter School Developers for the Opening of New Charter Schools
(CFDA Number: 84.282B)
Project Abstract

Acadia Academy

State:
Maine

PR Award Number:
S282B200011

Duration (Years): 1

Year 1 Funding:
\$299,988.00

Total Expected Funding:
\$299,988.00

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Acadia Academy is a new charter school serving 228 students in Pre-K through grade 5 and will add a 6th grade in Fall 2020. Student enrollment will grow to 272 students by 2022. Located in Lewiston, Maine, Acadia serves a population of students from the most rural state in the nation. The school is dedicated to providing high-quality academics and access to a wide variety of opportunities in a nurturing and inclusive learning environment for all students. The educational model uses direct instruction integrated with experiential applications and cross-grade groupings to support individual student learning. Out-of-school learning opportunities provide students with significant exposure to real-world applications of concepts and foster meaningful connections to people and places, raising awareness and appreciation for different people, places and things.

The school's goal is to provide for the needs of a diverse student body, including educationally disadvantaged students, to improve academic achievement and 21st century skills needed to succeed in school and in life, especially for children living in rural areas. The project will focus on activities related to ensuring school safety, boosting academic achievement, supporting student health and wellness, providing educators with classroom resources and targeted professional development.

The project is designed to produce several outcomes: 1) improve student academic achievement, attendance, physical health, and social emotional skills; 2) improve teacher knowledge and skills to positively affect student outcomes while increasing teacher satisfaction and retention; and 3) improve school wide safety.