

# Targeted Extended/Enriched School Year, Year-Round School, and Innovative Approaches to Instructional Delivery or School Governance Models Grant Overview



## 1. Definitions

**Targeted Extended/Enriched School Year (ESY)** - A program that extends the school year beyond the traditional calendar year to support the needs of a targeted group of students that demonstrates a need for additional support.

**Year-Round School (YRS)** - A program that balances the traditional school calendar across 12 months.

**Innovative Approaches to Instructional Delivery** - Instructional delivery techniques that leverage emerging technologies, creative pedagogies, and research-based practices with the aim of enhancing the learning experience and academic outcomes for students.

**Innovative Approaches to School Governance Models** - Altering the framework and process by which a school is managed or governed, including decision-making, community engagement, instructional or personnel configurations, and general building operations.

## 2. Background of the Grant

- [The 2012 JLARC Report](#) identified benefits of Year-Round School calendars, specifically for students from black, Hispanic and English Learner student groups.
- The General Assembly began including funding appropriations for targeted extended/enriched school year and year-round schools in 2014. [Budget Bill – HB1600, Item 124 M](#)
- In the ten years of dedicated appropriations for this grant, over 35 different school divisions have received awards to conduct planning and/or start-up activities.

## 3. Types of Grants - Funding and Awards

**Planning Grant** – Supports divisions and schools with planning, designing, developing and/or piloting a program to prepare for a successful start-up.

**Start-up Grant** – Supports divisions and schools with implementation of a program or model.

## 4. Grant Funding and Awards

- Grants will be disbursed directly to the division in two electronic transfers during the initial funding year.
- **Planning grant awards** are a maximum of \$50,000 per school.
- **Start-up grant awards** are a maximum of \$400,000 per school **if** the school receives a Needs Intensive Support or Off Track summative rating based Fall 2025 School Performance and Support Framework. Awards will be granted up to \$300,000 per school **if** the school does not have a Needs Intensive Support or Off Track summative rating on the Fall 2025 School Performance and Support Framework.

\*Priority shall be given to schools based on need as determined through performance data in the Fall 2025 School Performance and Support Framework.

## 5. Timeline

- Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until **November 2025**
- FY26 grant applications are reviewed on a rolling basis from **August - October 2025**.
- Grant award notifications anticipated approximately **2 weeks after award decision notification**.
- Grant award period from **July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027**. (A no cost extension may be requested to carry over funds beyond June 30, 2026)
- Progress reports submitted by the division with current expense report and progress measures **quarterly**, as described in the grant application.
- Annual report submitted by the division with expense report and program outcomes by **July 15, 2026, and July 15, 2027**

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