

Request for Funding Individuals with Disabilities Education Act – ARRA

Identified Need (must attach any and all data used to determine need): Homework Support Program

This plan will support our district goal of improved access to our full curriculum by providing support in the area of homework completion and organizational and study skills to students identified for special education services and other high-risk students at FWHS and FLHS. By providing a dependable and encouraging environment in which to organize and complete homework, it is expected that students will increase their ability to access more challenging curriculum and reach their highest academic potential particularly in the areas of English, Science, Social Studies and Math. The program will be geared towards assisting transitioning 9th graders, but will be open to all students of all ages.

Proposal (must include any and all costs): This pilot program will feature homework assistance and organizational skills 4 days per week from 2:35 pm – 4:00 pm provided by a certified teacher and a paraprofessional. In addition, student volunteers from the various honor societies will also be recruited to assist. This program will not take the place of extra help by classroom teachers but will provide ongoing support in the areas of work completion, organization and the development of good study skills. The program director will be responsible for recruitment, publicity, scheduling, creating behavioral expectations for students, clarifying the roles of helpers, communicating with faculty about the program and managing program data. The assistant to the director will organize materials, assist with data collection, help to supervise peer helpers and participants and provide other assistance as needed by the director. Students will access the program thru self-referral, teacher referral, TIP/SRBI teams, guidance referrals, parent referrals and team meeting referrals.

Costs:

Start date November 2, 2010

2 teachers at 38.00/hr x 6 hours/wk (\$456) x 24 weeks = \$10,944
2 paraprofessionals at \$12.89/hr x 6 hours/wk (\$154.68) x 24 weeks=\$3712.32
2 teachers at \$38/hr (\$76) x 6 (1 day per month) for organizational purposes=\$456

Transportation: none, late bus available

Total=\$15,112.32

Measurable Goal (Must be a SMART goal: Specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and timely) and must be directly related to improved achievement for children with disabilities:

Improved performance in targeted classes (language arts, social studies, science and math) will occur as a result of improved homework completion and organizational skill improvement gained from regular participation in the homework program.

What will be used to measure the impact of this initiative on achievement for children with disabilities (please include the method for and frequency of progress monitoring):

Improved performance in classes will be monitored by collecting data on sample participants to monitor in-class progress in areas in which homework completion or quality has impacted progress. Success will also be monitored through anecdotal teacher reports, student and parent feedback.

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School: FWHS and FLHS

Date: 10/19/09

Approved for funding under ARRA: 10/20/09 More information Needed: _____

Approved for funding OTHER: _____ Account #: _____

Request Denied: _____

Authorized by: 

Date: 10/21/09