



American Recovery and
Reinvestment Act (ARRA)
of 2009

Title XIV, State Fiscal
Stabilization Funds (SFSF)



Board Goals Addressed

1. EPISD schools will attain high student achievement through a meaningful, motivational educational experience in an environment of teamwork, so that everyone is vested in the success of all students.
2. The EPISD will provide a challenging learning environment by investing in and utilizing the resources and assets of the District in order to maximize achievement for all students.
3. The EPISD will graduate mentally, emotionally, and physically healthy students who are life-time learners, successful in the world of work and post-secondary pursuits, and as contributing 21st century citizens.



ARRA / Stimulus Goals

The overall goals are to stimulate the economy in the short-term and invest wisely, using these funds to improve schools, raise achievement, drive reforms and produce better results for children and young people for the long-term health of our nation.



Guiding Principles

1. Spend funds quickly to save and create jobs.
2. Ensure transparency, reporting and accountability.
3. Invest in one-time ARRA funds thoughtfully to minimize the “funding cliff.”
4. Improve student achievement through school improvement and reform.



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Overview

- Education Stabilization Fund Total \$3.2 Billion for Texas
- Passed under HB 3646 to increase state funding for public schools.
- LEA's are NOT required to use SFSF to finance the pay raise provided by HB 3646
- **EPISD Planning Amount: \$18,346,524**



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The Four Reforms:

1. Adopting rigorous standards and high-quality assessments
2. Establishing data systems and using data for improvement
3. Increasing teacher effectiveness and equitable distribution of effective teachers
4. Turning around the lowest-performing schools



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Authorized Use of Funds

- Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA)
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA)
- Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Perkins)



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Texas Steps Up Program

Improve student achievement through school improvement and strategic reform by implementing optional Steps Up activities



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| Texas Steps Up Strategies | |
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| Provide technology and professional development to create 21 st century classrooms | Establish and support a new professional development paradigm |
| Reward demonstrated effectiveness | Improve or replace human resource data systems |
| Provide resources necessary for Languages other than English in the elementary grades | Build enhanced student information and assessment systems |



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| Texas Steps Up Strategies (Cont) | |
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| Develop or expand Pre-K or full day kindergarten | Restructure the traditional school schedule and class size |
| Expand teacher evaluation systems | Provide resources to establish and support virtual learning |



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Texas Steps Up - EPISD Focus

- Restructure the traditional school schedule and class size
- Build enhanced student information & assessment systems
- EPISD – Steps up 96% - Third Step



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Texas Steps Up Benefits

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| First Step | 51% to 65% of SFSF allotment | Additional priority points on any eligible TEA competitive discretionary grant |
| Second Step | 66% to 80% of SFSF allotment | Access to technical assistance resources to help with multiple program design and implementation |
| Third Step | 81% + of SFSF allotment | Priority consideration for additional funding when ARRA funds lapse |



Title XIV, State Fiscal Stabilization Funds - Budget

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| Indirect Costs | 273,745 |
| Salaries (Block Scheduling/Class Size Reduction/District Initiatives) | 17,585,564 |
| Enhanced Student Information System (PEIMS +) | 30,000 |
| TOTAL | \$17,889,309 |



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Public Comment