

SCHOOL ALLOCATION MEMORANDUM NO. 61, FY 14

DATE: August 23, 2013

TO: Community Superintendents
High School Superintendents
Children First Networks
School Principals

FROM: Michael Tragale, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: Credit Accumulation Opportunities for English Language Learners

Round 1 Approvals

Background

As the bar is raised for high school students and the Common Core Learning Standards are fully implemented, English language learners face many challenges, including mastering the subject matter taught and simultaneously acquiring English language literacy skills that will help them graduate within four years with their cohort and to become both college- and career-ready. In order to address these higher standards, the New York City Department of Education has committed \$1 million in grants to schools to be used to raise achievement for ELLs in high school. The Office of English Language Learners invited all high schools throughout the city with 30 or more ELLs to be part of this new and exciting comprehensive opportunity to strengthen instruction, raise achievement and improve graduation rates for all English language learners.

The Additional Credit Accumulation Opportunities for ELLs Grant focuses on innovative and alternative ways that are both high quality and rigorous to support ELLs in taking classes and acquiring HS credit, which may include those beyond the traditional classroom, such as through online classes thereby accelerating credit accumulation. This grant can also support schools to extend the regular school day. As a result, students will also be afforded more opportunities to prepare for and take the Regents exams and to develop their language, literacy, and content knowledge. Applicants were permitted to apply for up to \$30,000. These funds are tax levy and priority was given to phase-out schools

Funded schools will need to complete a final report detailing the implementation and impact of programs for students and educators of ELLs.

Grant Requirements

High schools with 30 or more ELLs are eligible. The grant was awarded to schools based on the number of ELLs and teachers impacted by the grant. Grant recipients must use funds to

- Develop and/or implement a curriculum that is aligned to Common Core and appropriately scaffolded for ELLs, or
- Demonstrate the use of innovative and promising best practices that will result in high achievement for ELLs, or
- Leverage their internal resources and the support offered by their clusters and networks, or
- Engage parent and community-based organizations as necessary

Schools applying must:

- Identify members of a planning team who will meet regularly on the implementation and execution of grant activities.
- Engage the school's Inquiry Team in the work.

Expenses permitted in the grant include but are not limited to the following:

- professionals that can support the academic, linguistic, and socioemotional growth of ELLs (including expert consultants)
- student materials for use in the additional learning opportunities created through this grant
- Opportunities for teacher planning and co-planning as it relates to additional learning opportunities through this grant

Funds should be scheduled in the **TL ELL HS – Credit Accum Opportunity** allocation category.

Table 1 - Credit Accumulation Opportunities for English Language Learners

DBN	School	Amount Allocated
01M448	University Neighborhood High School	\$30,000
01M515	Lower East Side Preparatory High School	\$30,000
02M394	EMMA LAZARUS HIGH SCHOOL	\$29,948
02M438	INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AT UNION SQUARE	\$28,708
02M542	Manhattan Bridges High School	\$29,973
06M467	High School for Law and Public Service	\$29,710
08X432	BRONX BRIDGES HIGH SCHOOL	\$19,500
09X227	Bronx Collegiate Academy	\$30,000
09X297	Morris Academy for Collaborative Studies	\$30,000
10X342	International School for Liberal Arts	\$29,989
10X440	DeWitt Clinton High School	\$30,000
10X459	EAST FORDHAM ACADEMY FOR THE ARTS	\$29,977
10X546	Bronx Theatre High School	\$28,000
10X660	Grace Dodge Career and Technical Education High School	\$29,199
12X388	Pan American International High School at Monroe	\$29,688
14K071	Juan Morel Campos Secondary School	\$29,852
14K454	Green School: An Academy for Environmental Careers	\$30,000
17K537	High School for Youth and Community Development at Erasmus	\$29,988
17K600	Clara Barton High School	\$30,000
18K563	It Takes a Village Academy	\$29,996
19K583	Multicultural High School	\$30,000
21K337	International High School at Lafayette	\$26,486
21K410	Abraham Lincoln High School	\$30,000
21K572	Expeditionary Learning School for Community Leaders	\$29,700
22K495	Sheepshead Bay High School	\$30,000
25Q263	Flushing International High School	\$28,973
25Q467	Flushing YABC	\$29,921
25Q670	Robert F. Kennedy Community High School	\$30,000
26Q495	Bayside High School	\$30,000
30Q286	Young Women's Leadership School, Astoria	\$30,000
30Q445	William Cullen Bryant High School	\$29,994
30Q450	Long Island City High School	\$28,462
31R450	Curtis High School	\$29,997
32K556	Bushwick Leaders High School for Academic Excellence	\$30,000
	Total	\$998,061

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