



Orange County Public Schools

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Adam Emerson
Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice
Office of Grants Management
Florida Department of Education
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Dear Mr. Emerson,

Orange County Public Schools intends to apply for funding under the District-Charter Collaborative Compacts Grant Program. Please find attached, the district's Planning Grant Proposal and line item budget totaling \$10,000. This funding will be used to assist OCPS with proposal development and initial project implementation. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Kia Sweeney Scott at kia.sweeneyscott@ocps.net or by phone at 407-317-3200 ext. 2002677 or Frenchie Porter at frenchie.porter@ocps.net or by phone at 407-317-3200 ext. 2002326. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kia Sweeney Scott
Director, School Choice Services

**District-Charter Collaborative Compacts Grant Program
Planning Grant Narrative**

During school year 2013-2014, Orange County Public Schools served more than 9,300 students in 32 charter schools to generate FTE for schools totaling \$72,563,336. Of these schools 22 were started by an individual or group (i.e., parents, community leaders, teachers, businesses, municipalities, community colleges, or other legal entities organized under the laws of the state) and 10 were started by a management company. Overall performance data for our charter schools shows that eight schools earned a grade of "A", three schools earned a "B", and three schools earned a "C". There were no "D" schools. There were six "F" schools, seven schools with a School Improvement Rating (SIR), and five schools ungraded due to not meeting required cell size for generating a school grade.

Charter schools run by management companies represented nearly an equal number of schools earning an "A" grade as there were schools finishing school year 2013-2014 with a grade of "F". In partnership with at least one management organization with a proven track record for operating charters in high-need communities, OCPS is proposing to examine a new approach to public education for charter schools by establishing a successful charter school program to serve elementary and middle school age students in Orange County who were in schools (identified below) that received a grade of "D" or "F" in school year 2013-2014.

Elementary Schools

Graded an "F": Shingle Creek and Washington Shores

Graded a "D": Clay Springs, Hungerford, Ivey Lane, Killarney, Lake Como, Lancaster, Mollie Ray, Orlo Vista, Pinewood, Ridgewood Park, and Sadler

Middle Schools

Graded an "F": Carver

Graded a "D": Lockhart, Meadowbrook, Memorial, Robinswood, Union Park and Walker

Charter Schools:

Graded an "F": Aspire, Nap Ford, Pinecrest, UCP East, and UCP Transitional Learning Academy Middle

In an effort to offer specialized services through a charter school program to one or more of our low performing elementary and middle schools, OCPS will consult with Knowledge Is Power Program (KIPP) -- one of the nation's most effective charter school networks to examine a new approach to public education for charter schools. KIPP was founded in 1994 to serve students in grades K-12. To date, over 60,000 students (comprising 88 percent free or reduced priced lunch recipients and 95 percent African American and Latino) are served in 162 charter schools located in 20 states.

With DCCC Planning Grant funds, the district will commit to the following activities:

BUDGET NARRATIVE	
Description of Activity	Amount
<p>Consulting Services: Consult with KIPP --- Charter School Management Organization to provide input regarding community involvement in recognizing need for charter school; putting together founding team to train in existing KIPP schools and help to launch new school; create an action plan or establishing a successful charter school program; and build base of financial support from local organizations to ensure financial stability of charter school</p>	\$6,118
<p>Out-of-County Travel: Travel for 3 School Choice Services staff members to conduct a site-visit in Duval County, Florida to see a KIPP school for the purpose of sharing expertise in: a) core content areas, b) new state standards, and c) leadership development. 3 persons x \$100 per night x 1 night hotel stay = \$300 3 persons x 310 per person for round trip mileage = \$930 3 persons x \$46 per person for per diem x 1 day per person = \$138</p> <p>Travel for 3 School Choice Services staff members to conduct a site-visit in Atlanta, Georgia to see a KIPP school for the purpose of sharing expertise in: a) core content areas, b) new state standards, and c) leadership development. 3 persons x \$100 per night x 2 night hotel stay = \$600 3 persons x \$500 per person for round trip airfare = \$1,500 3 persons x \$46 per person for per diem x 3 days per person = \$414</p>	\$3,882
TOTAL:	\$10,000