

**Ridgecrest Elementary School**  
**Texas Educator Excellence Grant (TEEG) Incentive Plan, Cycle 2**

**This campus-based TEEG grant funded incentive pay plan is for goals met during the 2007-2008 school year.**

Per TEA guidelines, 75% of Ridgecrest's grant award will be spent on classroom teacher incentive pay. All employees at this campus who meet TEA's definition of a classroom teacher will be eligible to earn incentive pay under Part I awards if they meet campus standards for higher levels of student achievement and campus collaboration standards. The definition of a classroom teacher for the purpose of this incentive pay is "an educator who is employed by a school district and who, not less than an average of four hours each day, teaches in an academic instructional setting or a career and technology instructional setting." The term does not include a teacher's aide or a full-time administrator."

Ridgecrest's current grant award is \$120,000. The formula used to determine teacher incentive pay at Ridgecrest is \$90,000 divided by the number of teachers who earn their award during the 2007-2008 school year. For example, \$90,000 divided by 58 teachers would be \$1,552 per teacher.

**Part II Awards (25% of grant)**

Per TEA guidelines, 25% of Ridgecrest's grant award can be spent on other allowable expenses. Other expenses to be paid out of grant funds include:

- teacher fringe benefits,
- pay and fringe benefits for a Project Director to manage grant generated paperwork and incentive disbursements under Parts I and II,
- pay and fringe benefits for a part-time Grant Coordinator to assist with Developmental Assets Training, pre-post student surveys, and monitoring of implementation,
- extra duty pay for a campus Grant Coordinator and Grant Administrative Assistant as needed to assist with grant generated paperwork,
- supplies such as binders, copies and print cartridges.
- stipends to teachers that participate in after school or Saturday programs
- Certified/licensed non-classroom staff and teacher assistants incentives of up to \$450, and
- Non-certified support staff incentives of up to \$150

**Additional points of clarification:**

- The district must pay classroom teachers their incentives by October 15, 2008. Our district plans to pay teachers as soon as student achievement levels are verified. This money is paid as extra duty pay and therefore added to a teacher's salary. It is taxable income.
- Incentive pay amounts will be prorated for part-time employees and for those who work less than a full year.
- The Project Director will coordinate this grant funded project with campus administration. As spring Observational Survey, DRA, and TAKS results are reported to the campus, they will be used to qualify teachers for student achievement incentive pay.

Per current TASB Board policy BQB (LEGAL), principals' performance (including assistant principals) incentive pay must be given to the campus. The campus level committee shall determine the manner in which the principals' performance incentive shall be used, in accordance with *Education Code* 39.094(a). *Education Code* 21.357(c)

See "Addendum" for performance levels, incentive amounts and other details

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Kinder-garten Team, reading	DRA (Developmental Reading Assessment)	<p>Of all kindergarten students tested mid-year 2007 on DRA as reading at a text level of A-2:</p> <p><u>Level Ka:</u> 56 to 74%*, when retested in spring 2008, must meet a text reading level of 4 or higher for level Ka incentive pay,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <p><u>Level Kb:</u> 75%* (or more), when retested in spring 2008, must meet a text reading level of 4 or higher for level Kb incentive pay.</p> <p>* Baseline data for 2006-2007 shows 37% of all retested kindergarten students met this criterion.</p> <p>Targets were not set for students entering kindergarten at a text reading level of 3 or higher as 95% were reading at grade level or higher per spring testing results.</p>	<p><u>Level Ka:</u> \$500</p> <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <p><u>Level Kb:</u> \$1,000</p>
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Team, reading	DRA	<p>Of all 1<sup>st</sup> grade students tested on (DRA in fall 2007) as reading at a text level of A-3:</p> <p><u>Level 1a:</u> 63-74%*, when retested in spring 2008, must meet a text reading level of 18 or higher,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <p><u>Level 1b:</u> 75%* (or more), when retested in spring 2008, must meet a text reading level of 18 or higher.</p> <p>* Baseline data for 2006-2007 shows 51% of all retested 1<sup>st</sup> grade students met this criterion.</p> <p>Targets were not set for students entering 1st grade at a text reading level of 4 or higher as 90% were reading at grade level or higher per spring testing results.</p>	<p><u>Level 1a:</u> \$500</p> <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <p><u>Level 1b:</u> \$1,000</p>

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2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Team, reading	DRA	<p>Of all 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students tested on DRA in fall 2007 as reading at a text level of A-14:</p> <p><u>Level 2a:</u> 60 to 74%*, when retested in spring 2008, must meet a text reading level of 28 or higher for level 2a incentive pay, or</p> <p><u>Level 2b:</u> 75%* (or more), when retested in spring 2008, must meet a text reading level of 28 or higher for level 2b incentive pay.</p> <p>* Baseline data for 2006-2007 shows 43% of all retested 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students met this criterion.</p> <p>Targets were not set for students entering 2nd grade at a text reading level of 16 or higher as 72% were reading at grade level or higher per spring testing results.</p>	<p><u>Level 2a:</u> \$500 or <u>Level 2b:</u> \$1,000</p>
3 <sup>rd</sup> grade team, reading and math for both English and Spanish	TAKS Reading	<p>With SDAA no longer being used, more Special Education students will be included in the TAKS accountability system for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in 2008. This may make the same passing rate harder to meet in 2008 than in 2007. This information was taken into consideration when setting performance targets.</p> <p>All 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teaching team teachers are eligible for both incentive amounts (a possible total of \$1,000) and qualify for an award when 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students who attend school from the October snapshot date to the 1<sup>st</sup> TAKS administration in spring 2008 achieve either target TAKS passing rates as follows:</p> <p><u>Target 3a:</u> 80%* or more of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students testing in reading in the English language must pass. * 77% is 2007 baseline, and/or</p> <p><u>Target 3b:</u> 87%* or more of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students testing in reading in the Spanish language must pass. * 84% is 2007 baseline.</p> <p><b><u>Please note:</u></b> The total award for meeting both targets is \$1,000 per teacher on the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade team.</p>	<p><u>Target 3a:</u> \$500 and/or <u>Target 3b:</u> \$500</p>

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Intervention Specialist (IS) working with grades 1-2	DRA	<p>The Intervention Specialist (IS) is eligible for both incentive amounts (a possible total of \$1,000). The IS qualifies for an award when students achieve any of the following targets.</p> <p><u>Target 1a:</u> Of all 1<sup>st</sup> grade students tested on DRA in fall 2007 as reading at a text level of A-3, 63-74%, when retested in spring 2008, must meet a text reading level of 18 or higher.</p> <p align="center">or</p> <p><u>Target 1b:</u> Of all 1<sup>st</sup> grade students tested on DRA in fall 2007 as reading at a text level of A-3, 75% (or more), when retested in spring 2008, must meet a text reading level of 18 or higher.</p> <p align="center">and/or</p> <p><u>Target 2a:</u> Of all 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students tested on DRA in fall 2007 as reading at a text level of A-14, 60 to 74%, when retested in spring 2008, must meet a text reading level of 28 or higher, or</p> <p><u>Target 2b:</u> Of all 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students tested on DRA in fall 2007 as reading at a text level of A-14, 75% or more, when retested in spring 2008, must meet a text reading level of 28 or higher.</p>	<p><u>Target 1a:</u> \$250</p> <p align="center">or</p> <p><u>Target 1b:</u> \$500</p> <p align="center">and/or</p> <p><u>Target 2a:</u> \$250</p> <p align="center">or</p> <p><u>Target 2b:</u> \$500</p>

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4 <sup>th</sup> grade team reading and math in English and Spanish	TAKS Reading	<p>With SDAA no longer being used, more Special Education students will be included in the TAKS accountability system for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in 2008. This may make the same passing rate harder to meet in 2008 than in 2007. This information was taken into consideration when setting performance targets.</p> <p>All 4<sup>th</sup> grade teaching team teachers are eligible for the incentive amount and qualify for an award when 4<sup>th</sup> grade students who attend school from the October snapshot date to the 1<sup>st</sup> TAKS administration in spring 2008 achieve the target TAKS passing rate as follows:</p> <p><u>Target 4:</u> 88%* or more of 4<sup>th</sup> grade students testing in reading in the Spanish language must pass.</p> <p>*85% is 2007 baseline.</p>	<p><u>Target 4:</u> \$1, 000</p>

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5 <sup>th</sup> grade team reading, math, and science in English and Spanish	TAKS Reading Mathematics Science	<p>With SDAA no longer being used, more Special Education students will be included in the TAKS accountability system for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in 2008. This may make the same passing rate harder to meet in 2008 than in 2007. This information was taken into consideration when setting performance targets.</p> <p>All 5<sup>th</sup> grade teaching team teachers are eligible for up to 3 incentive amounts (a possible total of \$1,000) and qualify for an award when 5<sup>th</sup> grade students who attend school from the October snapshot date to the 1<sup>st</sup> TAKS administration in spring 2008 achieve any two of the target TAKS passing rates as follows:</p> <p><u>Target 5a:</u> 89%* or more of 5<sup>th</sup> grade students testing in reading in the English Language must pass.</p> <p>* 87% is 2007 baseline.</p> <p>and/or</p> <p><u>Target 5b:</u> 89%* or more of 5<sup>th</sup> grade students testing in mathematics in the Spanish language must pass.</p> <p>* 86% is 2007 baseline.</p> <p>and/or</p> <p><u>Target 5c:</u> 75%* or more of 5<sup>th</sup> grade students testing in science in the Spanish language must pass.</p> <p>* 74% is 2007 baseline.</p>	<p><u>Target 5a:</u> \$500</p> <p>and/or</p> <p><u>Target 5b:</u> \$250</p> <p>and/or</p> <p><u>Target 5c:</u> \$250</p>

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Special Ed, Intervention Specialist, School Improvement Specialist, Counselor, ESOL Consultant, Librarian Grades 3-5 all subjects	TAKS Reading Mathematics Science	<p>Each teacher type (Special Ed Teacher, Intervention Specialist, School Improvement Specialist, Counselor, ESOL Consultant, and Librarian) is eligible for up to 6 incentive amounts (a possible total of \$1,000) and qualifies for an award when students who attend school from the October snapshot date to the 1<sup>st</sup> TAKS administration in spring 2008 achieve any two of the following six TAKS passing targets assigned by grade level:</p> <p><u>Target 3a:</u> 80% or more of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students testing in reading in the English language must pass.</p> <p>and/or</p> <p><u>Target 3b:</u> 87% or more of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students testing in reading in the Spanish language must pass.</p> <p>and/or</p> <p><u>Target 4:</u> 88%* or more of 4<sup>th</sup> grade students testing in reading in the Spanish language must pass.</p> <p>and/or</p> <p><u>Target 5a:</u> 89%* or more of 5<sup>th</sup> grade students testing in reading in the English language must pass.</p> <p>and/or</p> <p><u>Target 5b:</u> 89%* or more of 5<sup>th</sup> grade students testing in mathematics in the Spanish language must pass.</p> <p>and/or</p> <p><u>Target 5c:</u> 75%* or more of 5<sup>th</sup> grade students testing in science in the Spanish language must pass.</p>	<p>Target 3a: \$150,</p> <p>and/or</p> <p>Target 3b: \$150,</p> <p>and/or</p> <p>Target 4: \$150,</p> <p>and/or</p> <p>Target 5a: \$150,</p> <p>and/or</p> <p>Target 5b: \$150,</p> <p>and/or</p> <p>Target 5c: \$250</p>

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Art	Student Portfolios	<p>Based on teacher created portfolio rubrics (one per grade-level) approved prior to March 31, 2008 by the Director of Performing and Fine Arts, 80%* of students in each grade-level, first through fifth, will earn an "E" (Excellent) or an "S" (Satisfactory) on their portfolio review by May 30, 2008 to demonstrate an understanding of age-appropriate design concepts for their respective grade-level as defined by TEKS.</p> <p>* There is no existing baseline.</p>	\$1000
Music	Student Portfolios	<p>Based on teacher created portfolio rubrics (one per grade-level) approved prior to March 31, 2008 by the Director of Performing and Fine Arts, 80%* of students in each grade-level, first through fifth, will earn an "E" (Excellent) or an "S" (Satisfactory) on their portfolio review by May 30, 2008 to show an understanding of age-appropriate melodic and rhythmic concepts for their respective grade-level.</p> <p>* There is no existing baseline.</p>	\$1000
Health Fitness	End-of-year Skills Test	<p>By May 30, 2008 80%* of students in each grade-level, first through fifth, will earn an "E" (Excellent) or an "S" (Satisfactory) on a grade-level specific TEKS defined End-of-year Skills Test. The End-of-year Skills Tests for each respective grade-level will be teacher created and approved by the Director of Health Fitness prior to March 31, 2008.</p> <p>* There is no existing baseline.</p>	\$1000



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<p><b>Criterion 2:</b> Teacher has a record of collaboration with faculty and staff that contributes to improving overall campus student achievement. <b>(Required)</b></p>	<p><b>Acceptable Measures:</b> Participation in campus-based professional development or instructional/curricular planning; team teaching and classroom observation activities; teacher mentoring, induction, or coaching; collaboration with other teachers on development of lessons; sharing student data with other campus teachers; Others possible</p>
	<p><b>Unacceptable Measures:</b> Student tutoring; PTA Meetings; student performance measures; teacher attendance; student attendance; individual planning time; participation in extracurricular activities not related to improved academic performance</p>

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K - 5 <sup>th</sup> grade teams all subjects, School Improvement Specialists, Intervention Specialists, Counselors, ESOL Consultant, Librarian	Sign in sheets for cross curricular, vertical, and grade level meetings	<p>From September 4, 2007 to May 15, 2008, at least 85% participation in all content specific meetings in which any of the following occurs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• campus-based instructional/curricular planning;</li> <li>• collaboration with other teachers on development of lessons; or</li> <li>• sharing of student data with other campus teachers.</li> </ul> <p>Documentation will include a list of the meetings each staff member is responsible for attending, a content specific agenda or minutes of each meeting, and a signature on a sign in sheet. Documentation may be stored by team in a central location.</p>	\$552

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1 2 1 1 1 1 6 1 1	Principal Assistant Principals Even Start Project Director* Even Start Project Coordinator Even Start Parent Educator School Nurse Teacher Assistants Diagnostician Speech Therapist	<p>To meet the student achievement measures, campus must be rated "Recognized" using combined TAKS and TAKS-Accommodated for the 2007-2008 school year.</p> <p>To meet the collaboration criteria, each staff member must prove implementation of 8 of the 11 developmental assets strategies listed below for 10 students weekly during the period between the signing of a certification statement to verify understanding of expectations up until April 30, 2008 by using a checklist signed by their supervisor. Developmental Assets strategies listed on the checklist are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Greet students by name.</li> <li>2. Ask students about reading, sports, artistic pursuits and other interests</li> <li>3. Model life long learning by sharing your interests to establish connections.</li> <li>4. Encourage students to do their best.</li> <li>5. Label and notice positive behavior when students are following school rules.</li> <li>6. Encourage positive behaviors verbally and/or with written notes.</li> <li>7. Encourage students to read.</li> <li>8. Model kindness.</li> <li>9. Model positive behavior – be intentional about letting students see positive behaviors toward others.</li> <li>10. Ask students to help keep the school environment positive.</li> <li>11. Enlist students' help in keeping the school environment clean.</li> </ol> <p>* Level "a" modifies the performance, only for 5 students instead of 10, and the incentive pay since the Even Start Project Director works half-time on this campus.</p>	<p>Level 1: \$225 if campus is Recognized, OR met collaboration criteria</p> <p>Level 2: \$450 If campus is Recognized AND collaboration criteria is met</p> <p>* Level 1a: \$112.50 If campus is Recognized OR collaboration criteria is met.</p> <p>*Level 2a: \$225 If campus is Recognized AND collaboration criteria is met.</p>

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4 2 4 8	Secretarial/Technical Support Staff * Crossing Guards Custodians Food Service Workers	<p>To meet the student achievement measures, campus must be rated "Recognized" using combined TAKS and TAKS-Accommodated for the 2007-2008 school year.</p> <p>To meet the collaboration criteria, each staff member must prove implementation of 3 of the 4 developmental assets strategies listed below for students with whom they come in contact on a weekly basis during the period between the signing of a certification statement to verify understanding of expectations up until April 30, 2008 by using a checklist signed by their supervisor. Developmental Assets strategies listed on the checklist for Secretarial/Technical Support Staff are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Greet students by name.</li> <li>2. Provide useful information to students.</li> <li>3. Answer students' questions kindly.</li> <li>4. Model kindness.</li> </ol> <p>Developmental Assets strategies listed on the checklist for Crossing Guards are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Wave at students.</li> <li>2. Say hello to students.</li> <li>3. Greet students by name.</li> <li>4. Ask students a simple question like "How are you?"</li> </ol> <p>Developmental Assets strategies listed on the checklist for Food Service Workers are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Make eye contact with students.</li> <li>2. Smile at students.</li> <li>3. Greet students by name.</li> <li>4. Model kindness.</li> </ol> <p>Developmental Assets strategies listed on the checklist for Custodians are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Greet co-workers by name to model behavior for students.</li> <li>2. Greet students by name.</li> <li>3. Model kindness.</li> <li>4. Enlist students help in keeping the school environment clean and safe.</li> </ol>	<p>Level 1: \$75 if campus is Recognized, OR met collaboration criteria</p> <p>Level 2: \$150 If campus is Recognized AND collaboration criteria is met</p> <p>Level 1a: \$37.50 if campus is Recognized OR collaboration criteria is met</p> <p>*Level 2a: \$75 If campus is Recognized AND collaboration criteria is met</p> <p>* "a" levels are defined for the half-time Support Staffer</p>