Eligible and Ineligible Expenses

Eligible Expenses
Allowable activities and associated expenses include:

- Reduction in costs to families for participation (e.g., sliding fee scales, lowered participation fees, scholarship programs, etc.)
- Expansion of existing program: number of summer weeks and hours, number of children served, staffing, space, activities, add a site, etc.
- Establishment of a new program
- Salaries and fringe benefits
- Professional learning and training related to the improvement of the program(s)
- Approved field trips. Field trips must be aligned with learning acceleration activities; bring college and career awareness; support the program goals and objectives as listed in the grant application; and have a positive impact on student growth and achievement. Field trips must occur during regular program days and hours.
- Consultants, subcontractors, and evaluators
- Program materials and supplies (must submit Technology Request Form for technology items. Form can be found here in the Helpful Tools section.)
- Transportation
- Food
- Equipment
- T-shirts purchased for safety reasons associated with field trips. These must have the program name or logo on it.
- Planning and partnership development, particularly the development of school-community partnerships
- Remedial education activities and academic enrichment learning programs, including providing additional assistance to students to allow the students to improve their learning acceleration
- Literacy education programs, including financial literacy and environmental literacy programs
- Provision of qualified instructors to provide math and literacy instruction
- Hands-on enrichment programs
- Integration of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programming to build skills
- Telecommunications and technology education activities
- Arts and music education activities
- Enrichment activities
- Activities that build college awareness and readiness
- Activities to explore careers and gain workforce skills
- Recreational activities
- Integration of whole child supports and/or youth connectedness and well-being programming
- Provision of resources to allow for full participation of students with disabilities and/or special needs, students experiencing homelessness, those in foster care, English language learners, youth receiving free or reduced-price lunch, and migratory youth
- Activities that support healthy and active lifestyle
- Programming focused on drug and violence prevention, counseling, and character education
- Increase of youth supports (e.g., mental health provider and/or a social worker, tutors, mentors, etc.)
- Family engagement and parenting skills activities that promote parental involvement and family literacy

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- Other activities as identified by the local community to establish and/or expand access to summer and afterschool programming
• Instruction space improvements related to preparation and/or response to COVID (must submit Capital Improvements Form)

**Ineligible Expenses**
The following activities and associated expenses are not eligible to be funded by the BOOST Grants:
• Pre-award expenses
• Field trips purely for entertainment purposes
• Field trips that were not approved
• Reimbursement of field trip tickets purchased in advance for those who do not attend. The GaDOE will only reimburse up to 110% of the actual attendance cost and not necessarily the full cost of pre-purchased tickets for field trips.
• Unapproved out-of-state or overnight field trips, including retreats, lock-ins, etc.
• End-of-year celebrations or food associated with parties or socials
• Incentives including plaques, trophies, stickers, certificates, t-shirts (unless approved and purchased for safety reasons for field trips), and give-a-ways
• Advertisements, promotional or marketing items
• Decorative items
• Purchase of facilities and vehicles (e.g., buses, vans, cars) or land acquisition
• Capital improvements and permanent renovations (except for instruction space improvements related to preparation and/or response to COVID)
• Dues to organizations, federations, or societies for personal benefits
• Internal Financial Controls

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** This is not an all-inclusive list of allowable and un-allowable expenses. 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.420-475 lists general allowability for selected items of costs. If you have questions about whether an expense is allowable or unallowable, please contact Craig Sowell at admin@grpa.org