

**Delaware Department of Education  
Opportunity Funding Form  
2019-2020 School Year**

**Application deadline: June 30, 2019**

**School Information**

DISTRICT/CHARTER NAME: <b>Sussex Academy</b>		
DISTRICT/CHARTER STREET ADDRESS: <b>21150 Airport Road</b>	CITY: <b>Georgetown</b>	ZIP CODE: <b>19947</b>

**Contact Information**

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**Overall Summary**

Provide an overall summary of how the Opportunity Funding will be used to improve outcomes for English learners and low-income students in your district or charter school.

*Include an explanation of how the work will impact each target population as well as the rationale for selecting the plan.*

The personnel and resource investments made in this plan will narrow the achievement gap for both English Language Learners (ELL) and low income (LI) students at Sussex Academy.

Annual scores on the Smarter Assessment administered to all students in our grades 6, 7, and 8 clearly show that both of these groups, and particularly ELL students in all subjects and LI students in grade 8 mathematics, do not perform as well as the ALL student group. In our most recent assessment data the gap between ELL students and ALL students in ELA was over 60 percentage points in all three grade levels and was 70% for mathematics. And while the gap between LI students and ALL students was not as significant in ELA for this grade configuration, it was as high as 13% in mathematics.

Sussex Academy proposes a push-in paraprofessional support plan for those classes in which ELL and LI students are enrolled. Sussex Academy has both a designated ELL and Title I Coordinator who will be responsible for monitoring student progress, consulting with the paraprofessionals, and procuring additional instructional resources needed to provide the push in support. This approach is manageable given the low numbers of ELL (15) and LI (70) students enrolled at our school. Sussex Academy has had a great deal of success utilizing a similar model to close the achievement gaps between under performing students enrolling at the school from ten different Delaware school districts, homeschooling models, and various private school in or near Sussex County as demonstrated by our overall annual SBAC, DCAS, and DSTP scores over the lifetime of the school when compared to other Delaware public schools.

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**Investment and Goals**

Provide additional detail about the plan in the chart below by listing each Opportunity Funding investment with its associated cost and proposed impact. *For each investment, include baseline data and numeric targets to measure impact. A state budget sheet will be completed by the district after the plan has been approved.*

<b>Investment</b> <i>(What is your priority?)</i>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Proposed Impact</b> <i>(How will you know it worked?)</i>
Increase availability of paraprofessional support in classrooms	\$27,000	● ELL and LI student test scores on SBAC as compared to ALL students
Instructional resources	\$1,500	● ELL and LI student test scores on SBAC as compared to ALL students
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**Assurances and Signatures**

The applicant assures that:

As the chief school officer of the district or charter school; including the indicated school, I am authorized to submit for the funds identified in this form. I am also authorized to obligate the district or charter school to conduct any activity approved under this form in accordance with all applicable state requirements, including statutory and regulatory requirements, and program specific requirements. The information contained in it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. By submitting this form, I acknowledge that I understand and agree to abide by all applicable requirements.

**Chief School Officer:** Eric Anderson

Signature: 

Date: 7/10/19

As the business manager of the district or charter school; including the indicated school, I am authorized to submit the budget and financial information contained in this form. I have read this form and reviewed the financial information contained in this form. The information contained in this form is true

