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Description automatically generated**Targeted Extended/Enriched School Year and**

**Year-Round School Grant Overview**

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| 1. **Definitions** |
| **Targeted Extended/Enriched School Year (ESY) -** A program that extends the school year beyond the traditional calendar year to support the needs of a targeted group of students that demonstrates a need for additional support.  **Year-Round School (YRS) -** A decision to redistribute the traditional 10-month school calendar across 11 or 12 months. |

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| 1. **Background of the Grant** |
| * [The 2012 JLARC Report](https://www.doe.virginia.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/1264/637946482350100000) identified benefits of Year-Round School calendars, specifically for students from black, Hispanic and English Learner student groups. * The General Assembly began including funding appropriations for Targeted Extended/Enriched School Year and Year-Round Schools in 2014. Currently, the Virginia Department of Education, Office of School Quality administers the voluntary grant application and award process. [Item 136.M.1-7 (June 2024)](https://budget.lis.virginia.gov/item/2024/2/HB6002/Chapter/1/136/) * In the ten years of dedicated appropriations for this grant, 35 different school divisions have received awards to conduct planning and/or start-up activities. |

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| 1. **Types of Grants Grant Funding and Awards** |
| The grant application can be written for a planning grant or a start-up grant:  **Planning Grant** - Supports schools with planning and/or piloting activities to prepare for a successful start-up.   * Common activities include stakeholder engagement events, curriculum development, planning committee meetings, partnership collaboration, and professional learning.   **Start-up Grant** - Supports schools with starting a year-round calendar or an extended/enriched school year program the directly serves and supports students.   * Common activities include various levels of program implementation, data analysis to evaluate program effectiveness and student progress, stakeholder feedback, and internal and external collaboration. |

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| 1. **Grant Funding and Awards** |
| * Grants will be reimbursed through OMEGA rather than disbursed to the division in three equal payments (this is a program update starting with the FY 25 Round 2 application cycles). * Grant Award will begin February 28, 2025 (or upon application approval) and extend until February 28, 2026. * **Planning Grant Awards** are a maximum of $50,000 per school. * **Start-up Grant Awards** are a maximum of $400,000 per school***if***the school is accredited with conditions and has two or more Level 3 school quality indicators. Awards will be granted up to $300,000 per school ***if*** the school is accredited and does not have two or more Level 3 school quality indicators.   \*Funding priority is based on schools federal and state accreditation needs. Priority is awarded to schools that are accredited with conditions and have two or more level 3 school quality indicators. |

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| 1. **Timeline** |
| * Round 2 grant applications open December 3, 2024 * Round 2 grant applications are due prior to January 17, 2025, by 5 p.m. * Selection committee convenes to select grant award winners between January 17, 2025 – February 28, 2025 * Grant award notifications around February 28, 2025 * Grant award period from February 28, 2025, through February 28, 2026 * Annual Report submitted by the division with current expense report and progress measures by July 15, 2025 * Final Report submitted by the division with expense report and program outcomes by February 28, 2026 |

For further information regarding the Extended/Enriched School Year and Year-Round School application or grant program, please contact the Office of School Quality (osq@doe.virginia.gov).