

FY20 Truants' Alternative and Optional Education Program (TAOEP) Request for Proposal (RFP)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

As a Program Administrator, how do I get access to the RFP application in IWAS?

- A. Access to the grant application is commonly granted by the District Administrator through IWAS. However, if the District Administrator does not have access to the grant application in IWAS, he/she must sign up for the TAOEP RFP. If there are still access issues, please contact ISBE IT Help Desk at 217-558-3600 for assistance. Please have your RCDT code available when contacting ISBE.

Is it allowable for an entity, such as a school District, to submit more than one proposal?

- A. No, one proposal can be submitted per entity. See 23 Illinois Administrative Code 205 for rules regarding eligible applicants.

On the Districts Served page in the RFP, do I need to send the signature page to the Illinois State Board of Education?

- A. No, however the signature page should be printed out and all signatures acquired from participating Districts. The form will be kept on file with the eligible entity and may also be uploaded to the grant application.

Can an entity create a proposal for both truancy intervention services and an optional education program?

- A. Yes, an entity can submit a proposal for both truancy intervention and an optional education program.

On the Projected Sites page, do I need to complete if providing truancy intervention services to school Districts?

- A. Yes, please identify all schools that are receiving services in your proposal.

On the Projected Sites page, when and why would I check the box for claiming students for EBF?

- A. The check box for claiming students may be checked if students are attending a serving site for an optional education program. Check the box even if only one student will be claimed out of the total number entered. Attendance for those students is assumed to be claimed by the serving site for funding purposes. This information is requested for grant application purposes.

Why are the GATA pages missing from the RFP application?

- A. The GATA pages will not be included in the RFP proposals. After the Merit Based Review Process and application scoring, entities will be selected for grant awards. The selected grantees will then complete all GATA requirements and GATA pages uploaded into their applications.

On the Budget Detail page, how do I know what function and object coding to use?

- A. Click on the instructions link located near the upper right of the page. This link will provide information on how to complete the budget detail. For additional grant-related information, please use this link from our Funding and Disbursements Division: [State and Federal Grant Administration Policy, Fiscal Requirements, and Procedures](#).

On the Projected Sites Page, there is a section to enter the RCDT code for the alternative school. If it is a Regional Office of Education program, do we need to include the additional site code?

- A. It would be preferred that ROEs enter the additional coding specific to the alternative school site. This can be added in the site name by placing the 4 digit code in parentheses. For example, the ROE program RCDT code is XX-0000-000-00-9105 for the IL Alt. School. The site name will appear as follows: IL Alt. School (9105)