

## 2008 – 2009 Progress Report

1. Person responsible for the implementation of the current year plan:  
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2. Most critical academic need identified in the School Plan:

Mathematics

Reading

Science

3. Briefly report how the school is implementing the 2008–2009 Academic School Plan and how the School LAND Trust money is being spent. BE SPECIFIC! (You do not need to enter testing scores because you will report the measurement of student improvement in the Final Report to be submitted in October 2009.)

The Ranches Academy has had monthly professional development covering science, reading, and math. The last Friday of every month is a half day for instruction and half day of training. The staff have been trained in support materials, activities, games, and instructional strategies for the above academic areas. Staff members have also had the opportunity to strengthen their teaching skills by attending the Learning Disability conference that covered the areas of math and reading. Math textbooks and reading materials have been purchased to support the adopted reading and math curriculum. This has helped the students grasp the concepts and have the opportunity to independently practice new material. Reading texts were also purchased to support the school's Response to Intervention model for students performing below grade level. Depending on where students place on benchmark assessments, they are pulled an additional 2–5 days a week for extra reading instruction one-on-one or in small group. Another intervention The Ranches Academy has purchased to help with reading fluency is Tune into Reading. This program is an after school program that runs three days a week for 9 weeks. The school was able to purchase enough licenses to run 85 students through this program. We have also used the funds to purchase interactive smartboard technology to support the state core science standards.

4. Policy makers who have provided funding and support for the School LAND Trust Program appreciate hearing about your School Plans and how the funds are used to improve student academic performance.

5. Enter the total amount you ESTIMATE spending to implement the current 2008–2009 School Plan. The carry over, distribution and total available funds are actual. When you enter the ESTIMATED spending, the ESTIMATED carry over to 2009–2010 will be calculated here and will also appear in the financial proposal in the 2009–2010 Plan. All numbers in the financial proposal are estimates.

Carry Over from 2007–2008	\$0
Distribution for 2008–2009	\$18896
Total Available Funds	\$18896
ESTIMATED spending for 2009	\$18896
ESTIMATED Carry Over to 2009–2010	\$0

### 2009 – 2010 School Plan

1. Have the current members of the Council/Committee viewed the DVD A Matter of Trust? If not, please provide the opportunity for them to do so. Please click here to have another DVD sent to the school if you no longer have the original.

Yes

2. School's identified most critical need(s) addressed in this plan: Please check only the primary area(s). Improvement in some academic areas may improve all other academic areas but if the goal is to improve reading or technology, only check that area.

Science

Writing

Social Science

3. Briefly describe the School LAND Trust Plan. Plans should be research based and include specific quantifiable measurements.

Academic Goals:

Enter specific academic goal(s) The Ranches Academy has set to improve student performance with School LAND Trust money. Please describe specifically what part of the goal is being supported by School LAND Trust money, if addressing goal(s) will use additional funds. Be certain that these narratives and the Financial Proposal agree.

The Ranches Academy will establish baseline testing for students in social studies, science, and writing. This will be done by classroom based assessments, DWA, and CRTs. These assessments allow teachers to see

specific areas students are struggling in and direct their instruction to hit state standards that the assessments show a lacking in. The students will also increase their understanding and comprehension of social studies and science concepts. The School Land Trust Money will be used to purchase materials to increase student learning and professional development to help teachers better instruct their students.

#### Planned Steps:

Describe in detail the steps The Ranches Academy will take to reach each goal. Describe specific actions (Hire a remediation reading teacher, purchase microscopes for AP Biology class, provide professional development to improve writing instruction) that will be taken to achieve the goal. In short, please provide a road map to success.

\* If you will be spending funds for professional development, please describe the planned training and how it supports the goal and academic area of focus. Please specifically explain what the funds will be used for. For example :Funds will be spent for tuition for three teachers to take the course, for their travel, and for substitute teachers to teach their classes while they are involved in the training.

\* Some goals may be using other funds to support the planned steps. Be sure to identify any actions that will be funded with revenue other than School LAND Trust funds, so that your narrative will agree your Financial Proposal.

For professional development, School Land Trust monies will be used to pay for the travel, lodging, and expertise training by an individual trained in six trait writing or similar writing standards. Six trait writing is the criteria used by the USOE in grading DWAs. Professional development in the subject of science will also be spent on teaching teachers how to incorporate more hands on lessons. Library books, audiovisuals, and periodicals that support the science core standards will be purchased as well to help engage students and expose them to the concepts they are expected to master. Textbooks will be purchased for Social Studies to help teachers give students the experiences and exposure to concepts and lessons from our past. One class set per grade level will be purchased as the teachers trade for science and social studies instruction. The Ranches Academy purchased interactive white boards last year. Some of the School Land trust monies will be spent on purchasing software that supports the state core standards. The interactive white boards really engage the students and make learning a hands-on experience.

### Measuring Progress Toward Goals:

Which beginning and ending specific quantifiable measurements is The Ranches Academy going to use to measure progress towards each goal? The same beginning and ending measurements (test scores, number of library books checked out, informal teaching assessment, etc) must be used so results can be compared. What is the target to be achieved? How to enter a chart or table.

The Ranches Academy will improve their social studies assessment scores on classroom based assessments to an average of 88%. We will also look at assessment growth in social studies. Scores from the end of the current school year to the end of the 09–10 school year will be compared. The goal is a 15% increase. For science, the students' goal is to have 75% score proficient on the CRTs. Our writing goal is to have 85% of the students score proficient on the DWA.

### Plans for expenditures of increased distribution:

The 2009 – 2010 is an estimate. If the actual distribution is more than the estimate, how will any additional funds be spent to implement the goals described in the plan? Please provide an adequate explanation of academic use so that it will not be necessary to go back to the school board for approval to expend an increased distribution. Please be aware we do not expect the large increases that have been received in prior years.

If more funds are awarded than planned, we will use the funds to purchase more hands-on materials to support the curriculum namely in science.

4. The School LAND Trust plan should be an academic subset of the school improvement plan/strategic plan. How does this plan support the goals of the school improvement plan/strategic plan?

Both plans focus on student achievement and student growth. The School Land Trust Plan focuses on academic areas that The Ranches Academy strives to improve on.

5. Financial Proposal – This Financial Proposal must match the narratives provided in the School Plan.

ESTIMATED Carry Over from 2008–2009 (automatically entered from Progress Report) \$0

ESTIMATED Distribution in 2009–2010	\$12267
Total ESTIMATED Available Funds 2009 – 2010	\$12267
Salaries and Employee Benefits (100 and 200)	\$0
Professional Development and Technical Services (300)	\$1750
Repairs and Maintenance (430)	\$0
Other Purchased Services (Travel / Admission / Printing) (500)	\$250
General Supplies (610, 630 and 733)	\$0
Textbooks (641)	\$5500
Library Books / Periodicals / Audiovisual (644, 645, 646)	\$2400
Software / Technology related Hardware / Other Equipment (670, 734, 739)	\$2367
ESTIMATED Total Spent in 2009 – 2010 (automatically calculated)	\$12267
ESTIMATED Carry Over to 2010 – 2011 (automatically calculated)	\$0

Please explain any planned expenditures in Other Purchased Services.  
Please include each general category with the associated dollar amounts.

Professional development will be spent on the cost to bring trainers to the school. The 500 monies will be spent on the travel of the professional development specialist. the 641 monies will be used to purchase new or used textbooks to support the school's curriculum. The 644, 645, and 646 monies will be spent on periodicals and library books to support core standards in the specified areas. The 670, 734, and 739 monies will be spent on technology pieces that support the science and social studies core.

Please explain any planned expenditures in General Supplies.  
Please include each general category with the associated dollar amounts.

This question is not applicable.

If you plan to Carry Over more than one third of your distribution, please explain below.

This question is not applicable.

6. If The Ranches Academy has used School LAND Trust funds to acquire matching grants or donations, please explain below.

Amount:

\$0

Sources:

N/A

7. How will the plan and results be publicized to your community?

(Please check all that apply)

If you would like stickers or a stamp to identify School LAND Trust purchases such as books or computers, [click here](#) to request them.

School newsletter

School website

Other: Please Explain.