Questions for TCS November 26, 2025

9. We are trying to figure out when we need to start documenting the mentorship process for Supplemental Teachers. Per what we read, Teachers earning the CS Supplemental Pathway must pass the OAE 54 and then have 2 years of mentorship. Our program is going to start helping document the mentorship, but we need to know when we should start documentation. Upon teachers' successful passing of the OAE 54, can we count before/during taking as part of the 2-year mentorship?
    Answer: SBOE has confirmed that this is a local decision of the district.

10. Are indirect costs allowable on the non-participant support costs (hiring tutors, etc.)? I didn't see anything on the RFA earlier this week.
    Answer: Funds may be spent on coursework, materials, exams, teacher stipends, administrative costs, support services, and other purposes as determined by the chancellor to support the expansion of computer science education. Indirect costs are not incorporated. The administrative cost, which is capped at 5%, may be calculated off of the entire budget for the program.

11. We would like to confirm if a small stipend/supplemental pay is allowed for the facilitators/Principal Investigators overseeing the project/program?
    Answer: The administrative cost portion of the budget (capped at 5%) is intended to allow the grant to provide stipend or supplement pay to the facilitator/principal investigator overseeing the project/program.

12. Can you please clarify if covering the tuition for the teachers is an allowable cost? Or are we just allowed to provide the teachers who participate in the program a stipend ($1,500 for licensure/ endorsement or $500 for professional development)?
    Answer: Yes. Funds may be spent on coursework, materials, exams, teacher stipends, administrative costs, support services, and other purposes as determined by the chancellor to support the expansion of computer science education. Programs may choose to both reimburse tuition and provide a stipend.

13. Do any of the budget categories allow for course development work, including faculty buy-out time needed to design these courses? Specifically, would faculty buy-out be allowable under the "coursework" or "support services" categories, and would it be considered an eligible budget expense?
    Answer: The administrative cost portion of the budget (capped at 5%) is intended to allow the grant to provide stipend or supplement pay to the facilitator/principal investigator overseeing the project/program.

14. The RFA reads that, the "Administrative" Budget category is limited to a maximum of 5% of the total budget. Does this mean that Administrative Costs may be up to 5% of the Total Budget (for example, total budget is $100,000, maximum Administrative costs are $5,000), or that Administrative Costs may be up to 5% of non-Administrative Costs, aka Direct Costs on the project (for example, total budget is $100,000, total Direct Costs are $94,737, maximum Administrative Costs are 5% of the project's Direct Costs, so $5,263)?
    Answer: The administrative budget is limited to a maximum of 5% of the total budget.