

SAISD Annual Call 8.0

San Antonio ISD Annual Call for In-District Charter School Proposals

School Year 2027–2028

Release Date: August 10, 2026

Intent Form Deadline: Friday, August 21, 2026

Deadline for Submission: Friday, September 11, 2026

Overview

San Antonio is issuing its Annual Call for Proposals for In-District Charter Schools aligned to the district's strategic goals to improve student outcomes, increase innovation, and expand high-quality options for families. For the upcoming school year, the district is specifically seeking proposals for:

1. **A Turnaround Elementary and/or Middle School Model** – designed to address the needs of a persistently underperforming campus through proven school redesign strategies and strong school leadership.
2. **An Innovative School Model** – that reimagines traditional schooling to promote deeper learning, student engagement, and postsecondary readiness through unique instructional approaches, technology integration, or theme-based learning. Some examples include a microschool model, a virtual school, PreK models or other models unique to San Antonio ISD.
3. [Cooper Academy at Navarro](#) is exploring a potential innovative SB1882 partnership with teachers and families and may be looking for a partner.

Proposal Priorities:

1. Turnaround Elementary and/or Middle School Charter

- Serves a designated elementary and/or middle school currently rated as low-performing (D/F)
- Demonstrates capacity to raise academic achievement within two years
- Outlines strong instructional leadership and teacher development strategies
- Prioritizes data-driven instruction and targeted student interventions
- Includes a sustainable plan for school culture transformation and family engagement

2. Innovative School Model Charter

- May serve any grade configuration in PK–8 or alternative education program
- Incorporates forward-thinking instructional models
- Provides evidence of innovation aligned with improved student outcomes
- Demonstrates clear strategies for scaling, sustainability, and staff training
- Includes community input and demand for the model

Who Can Apply:

- Internal school leaders (principals, assistant principals, teacher leaders)

- Nonprofit organizations or charter management organizations (CMOs)
- Higher education institutions or community partnerships

Support and Resources:

- Interested applicants will have access to district data, the campus improvement plan, and technical assistance sessions.
- Planning grants or startup funds may be available for approved proposals.
- Approved schools will operate under a performance contract with autonomy in exchange for accountability.

Submission Instructions:

Please submit the completed proposal, including all required attachments, by Friday, September 11, 2026. The proposal packet must include:

- Executive Summary
- Educational Program Design
- Leadership & Staffing Plan
- Operational and Financial Plan
- Performance Goals and Evaluation Plan
- Evidence of Community Engagement

Timeline:

- Submission of Intent Due: Friday, August 21, 2026
- Information Session: Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at noon - via zoom
- Proposal Submission Deadline: Friday, September 11, 2026
- Capacity Interviews: Tuesday, October 20, 2026
- Board Approval: Monday, December 14, 2026

Submission of Intent to apply, non-binding, is due: Friday, August 21, 2026:

- [Annual Call 8.0: Intent to Apply](#)

Applications are due Friday, September 11, 2026:

- Annual Call Application:  26-27 Annual Call 8.0 Application

Questions?

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Join us in transforming education for our students. We look forward to your innovative and impactful proposals.