

**Implementing Propel's Award-Winning School Model at Propel Braddock Hills
Application for a Non-SEA Implementation Grant (CFDA 84.282B)
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The Propel Braddock Hills charter school seeks a Non-SEA Implementation Grant to assist with the expansion of this newly opened school located within the Woodland Hills School District east of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Project objectives fall into two categories: school expansion and school performance. The expansion objective is to grow Propel Braddock Hills, which opened in August 2010 serving grades K-4 and 9, into a K-12 school with each grade fully subscribed. The main school performance objective is to attain academic achievement results commensurate with the quality of Propel's first five schools.

Propel Braddock Hills will apply the educational model that Propel's previous schools have used in attaining significant academic improvements with high-need populations. This model is based on a threefold vision of inspiring all students toward academic excellence, community service, and a sense of their "personal power" resulting from the unique interests, abilities, and potential with which they are endowed. The model's instructional approach relies on six "Promising Principles" that have motivated staff, teachers, and students to create learning communities typified by collaboration, respect, creativity, celebration, and a quest for excellence.

The project's measurable academic objective is that Propel Braddock Hills students should achieve academic growth levels exceeding the national norm reference group on both reading and math assessments (NWEA MAP). Non-academic objectives include parent satisfaction; expanded arts opportunities for disadvantaged students; and high levels of student and teacher retention.