



Request for Proposal

TI-Nspire Graphing Calculator

YES Prep Public Schools, Inc. (YES Prep) is seeking TI-Nspire graphing calculators for its campuses with Grades 8-12 in Houston, Texas.

Term of Contract

The term of contract begins upon notice of bid award and executed contract and ends upon successful and fully compliant receipt of all purchased calculators. Proper execution of contract will include timely delivery of calculators. Dates of contract are expected to be October 10, 2018 to December 1, 2018, but will be modified based on executed contract of winning bidder.

YES Prep's Background and Purpose

YES Prep's mission is to increase the number of students from underserved communities who graduate from college prepared to lead. **Our vision is that every child in Houston receives equitable access to a public school that delivers an excellent, college-ready education.**

YES Prep Public Schools was founded in 1995 by a small group of teachers responding to the chronic high school drop-out crisis in one of Houston's most disadvantaged communities. At the time, the charter school movement was in its infancy. The first public charter school in the nation opened in 1992, just 3 years earlier. Despite the many challenges of establishing a school and implementing a relatively new model, our founder, Chris Barbic, pressed forward and YES Prep received its state charter in 1998. He believed our students could succeed when given access to a high-quality education even when his critics said otherwise. Chris Barbic has been nationally recognized for his visionary leadership to transform public education for historically underserved populations. From YES Prep's humble beginnings as a single school located in a trailer in a southeast Houston parking lot, we have grown to become one of the nation's most successful charter schools in operation. **Today, we are a network of 18 high-performing, open-enrollment charter schools that provide a college-preparatory education for all students across greater Houston. We serve more than 13,568 students in grades 6-12.**

YES Prep believes that talent is equitably distributed across all communities in our great city of Houston. The unfortunate reality, however, is that access to excellent educational opportunities is inequitably distributed. In Houston today, a student from a low-income family has less than a 10% chance of earning any form of a college degree (including 2-year, 4-year, and technical degrees). By contrast, a child born into a family in the top quartile of income has about an 80% chance to graduate from college. YES Prep exists to eliminate this gap and give children from low-income communities the same quality education as children who grow up in more affluent communities. Our district-wide student demographics are as follows:

- 97% Hispanic Latino and African American
- 92% economically disadvantaged
- 31% limited English proficient



- 43% at-risk (e.g., retained, pregnant and/or parenting, juvenile delinquent, homeless)

For nearly twenty years, YES Prep has shown that students from all economic and racial backgrounds can achieve at the highest levels when given the opportunity to attend a high-quality, rigorous public school. We operate schools in some of Houston’s most underserved communities, including North Forest; the East End; Fifth Ward; Gulfton; Sunnyside; the greater Kashmere Gardens community; Denver Harbor, and more. YES Prep has proven that with outstanding teachers and high expectations, students from these communities can be accepted to and graduate from top universities and colleges across the country. To that end, approximately 71% of YES Prep alumni are currently enrolled in college or have already earned their degrees, and our students are graduating at four times the rate of their peers with similar economic backgrounds.

Proposal Details

Please email a brief proposal of interest no later than 5:00 pm on October 5, 2018 to Christa Queen-Sutherland at christa.queen-sutherland@yesprep.org for consideration.

Content should include:

- Confirmation that vendor can supply between 165-220 TI-Nspire graphing calculators to YES Prep
- Cost of each calculator
- Guaranteed delivery date of calculators after purchase order is made
- All expenses including tax, shipping, handling or any other costs associated with purchase order

Questions regarding this proposal may be submitted electronically until October 4, 2018, to Christa at the email address listed above, with subject line “Calculator RFP Question.”

Proposal Evaluation

Proposals will be evaluated based on:

- Prior experience with delivery of TI-Nspire calculators to school districts;
- Understanding of work to be performed, including realistic timeline;
- Other value-added services;
- Price.

Timeline

September 28, 2018	RFP issued
October 5, 2018	Proposals due to YES Prep
October 8, 2018	Bid winner notified
October 10, 2018	Contract executed and signed



Anti-Discrimination Statement

YES Prep Public Schools is an equal opportunity employer and makes employment and contract decisions based on merit and in accordance with applicable state and federal law. YES Prep policy prohibits unlawful discrimination on the basis of race, color, age, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, disability, military or veteran status, genetic information, medical condition, or any other consideration made unlawful by federal, state, or local law, ordinance, or regulation.

YES Prep Right to No Award

YES Prep reserves the right to reject all proposals, reject portions of any proposal, or accept the proposal deemed most appropriate for YES Prep.

Preparation Costs

All costs incurred in the preparation and presentation of the RFP shall be wholly absorbed by the applicant. All documents submitted will become the property of YES Prep.