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Program grants AIDS teachers bonuses
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Big bucks are headed into the pockets of some Austin Independent School District teachers.

AISD is giving 410 teachers and principals from nine schools a total of nearly \$1 million in bonuses.

Teachers will receive between \$1,000-\$5,000 by the end of July.

The bonuses are part of the district's Strategic Compensation Pilot Program.

The program requires teachers to earn the cash by meeting certain student learning objectives.

AISD hopes the program will help recruit and retain teachers.

"This is an initiative that at its heart is about cultivating, supporting and rewarding quality teaching in the classroom," Education Austin President Louis Malfaro said.

The district plans to add a 10th school to the program for the upcoming school year.

They want to double the number in 2009.