



## Recommendation for Action

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Austin Achieve Public Schools for participation in the Library Cards for All Students Program, which will allow the Austin Public Library to offer a full-purpose Student Library Card to all students enrolled in Austin Achieve Public Schools.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Library

### **Fiscal Note**

This item has no fiscal impact.

### **Prior Council Action:**

On 10/29/20, Council authorized negotiation and execution of interlocal agreements with Del Valle Independent School District and Austin Independent School District for the Library Cards for All Students Program.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

The Austin Public Library (APL) and Austin Achieve Public Schools (AAPS) have the shared goal of removing barriers and closing the opportunity gap by providing students easy access and use of the APL system through the Library Cards for All Students Program.

Through this interlocal agreement, an AAPS student's parent or legal guardian, through AAPS's online registration process, will be able to request a student library card for their child. In addition, the parent or legal guardian would give permission for AAPS to share information that APL needs to issue a student library card.

This program will offer students, who may be otherwise unaware of or unable to access, free access to the valuable resources of the APL system. The student card offers full library privileges, including access to the library's physical and virtual materials. Students and their families may also request reference and research assistance from APL staff by phone, live chat, text, or in person during all of our operating hours.

This RCA will authorize the execution of an interlocal agreement to commence on the execution date and shall continue through November 1, 2021. The parties may choose to renew the interlocal agreement for up to four additional 12-month terms. City staff will negotiate and execute an agreement with AAPS that will outline the terms and conditions of the arrangement.

APL's goal is to give student library cards to every student in school districts with Austin addresses.

### **Strategic Outcome(s):**

Culture and Lifelong Learning.