

State Office of Religious and Independent Schools

SORIS

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SORIS Grants

- ▶ Nonpublic School Safety Equipment Grant (NPSE)
- ▶ Academic Intervention Services Grant (AIS)
- ▶ Math, Science, and Technology Teachers in Religious and Independent Schools Grant (MST)

NPSE - Overview

- ▶ Reimbursement of safety items and projects purchased/completed and paid for by deadline
- ▶ Annual allocation for non-profit schools based on previous school year enrollment
- ▶ List of eligible items available on SORIS website

NPSE - Application Process

- ▶ Annual application process - due by March 31
- ▶ Required documentation:
 - ▶ Reimbursement form (application)
 - ▶ Copies of invoices or receipts
 - ▶ Proof of payment (cancelled check, bank statement, credit card statement) - must show who was paid, when, how much

NPSE - Current Status

- ▶ Year 8 applications (due March 31, 2022) are being processed now
- ▶ Year 9 is not yet open for applications
- ▶ Once open, Year 9 application will be posted and notice sent to listserv

AIS - Overview

- ▶ Reimbursement of professional development items and activities purchased/completed and paid for by deadline
- ▶ Annual allocation for non-profit schools administering state 3-8 ELA and math exams, based on number of students at level 1 or 2

AIS - Application Process

- ▶ Annual application process - due by April 15
- ▶ Required documentation:
 - ▶ Reimbursement form (application)
 - ▶ Copies of invoices or receipts
 - ▶ Proof of payment (cancelled check, bank statement, credit card statement) - must show who was paid, when, how much

AIS - Current Status

- ▶ Most Year 5 applications (due June 3, 2022) have been paid
- ▶ Year 6 is not yet open for applications
- ▶ Once open, Year 6 application will be posted and notice sent to listserv

MST - Overview

- ▶ Reimbursement of salary for teachers who:
 - ▶ Teach Math, Science, or Technology in Grades 3-12
 - ▶ Do not teach Religion in any capacity
 - ▶ Have eligible credentials:
 - ▶ valid New York State Teaching Certificate; or
 - ▶ Master's degree in Math, Science, Technology or Education; or
 - ▶ Bachelor's degree in Math, Science, Technology or Education AND is currently enrolled in a Master's degree program in one of these areas

MST - Application Process

- ▶ Annual application process - due by August 1
- ▶ Required documentation:
 - ▶ Education/teaching credentials for teacher
 - ▶ Individual (teacher) and master (school-wide) schedules
 - ▶ Course descriptions for eligible classes
 - ▶ Employment verification signed by teacher

MST - Current Status

- ▶ Year 4 applications (due August 1, 2021) have all been reviewed
- ▶ Payments will be made in approximately two weeks
- ▶ Year 5 applications (due August 1, 2022) are under review currently

Annual Fire Safety Report

- ▶ Annual fire and building safety reports are submitted to NYSED per Education Law §807-a
- ▶ Required for schools with 25+ students outside of cities of Buffalo, New York, Rochester, Syracuse, and Yonkers
- ▶ Due by December 16

Annual Fire Safety Report

- ▶ Portal for online submission:
<https://portal.nysed.gov/abp/>
 - ▶ Select application “Facilities Planning - Fire Safety”
- ▶ Additional information:
<http://www.nysed.gov/nonpublic-schools/nonpublic-school-fire-reports>
- ▶ Email NPfiresafety@nysed.gov for assistance

Additional Information

- ▶ SORIS website (general information)
 - ▶ <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/nonpub/>
- ▶ Grant information
 - ▶ <http://www.nysed.gov/nonpublic-schools/grant-opportunities>
- ▶ Email notifications sent through nonpublic schools listserv
- ▶ Contact SORIS@nysed.gov

Emergency Assistance to Nonpublic Schools (EANS)

- ▶ **EANS I (CRRSAA EANS) concludes in September 2023 and includes:**
 - ▶ Reimbursements for COVID related expenditures
 - ▶ Educational Support Services through contracted vendors
 - ▶ Ventilation Improvement Services through contracted vendors
- ▶ **EANS II (ARP EANS) concludes in September 2024 and includes:**
 - ▶ Purchase requests to be acquired through NYSED
 - ▶ Educational Support Services through contracted vendors
 - ▶ Ventilation Improvement Services through contracted vendors

EANS E-mail: EANS@nysed.gov

EANS Website: <http://www.nysed.gov/nonpublic-schools/emergency-assistance-nonpublic-schools-program-eans>

Educational Support Services EANS I & EANS II

- ▶ Contracted Vendors by Region
 - ▶ New York City: Catapult
 - ▶ david.dinter@catapultlearning.com
 - ▶ Long Island: Creative Response to Conflict
 - ▶ tfishler@crc-global.org
 - ▶ Rest of State: Measurement Inc.
 - ▶ heacker@measinc.com
- ▶ \$40 million in MOUs approved to date under EANS I & EANS II
- ▶ Services include: Academic Support, Social & Emotional Support & Professional Development

Ventilation Improvement Services

- ▶ NYSED contracted with Gordian, a Project Management company to oversee components of these services.
- ▶ HVAC & General Contractors are in contract by region.
- ▶ Services include labor associated with an eligible HVAC or Window Ventilation Improvement project. **Per federal guidance, EANS cannot fund the purchase of new windows or equipment.**
- ▶ Schools should set up a meeting with Gordian regarding ventilation improvement services as soon as possible at <https://nysed.jcs.egordian.com/>

Unmet Needs (EANS I)

- ▶ In April 2022, some schools submitted applications seeking additional funding under EANS I to cover additional outstanding COVID related needs.
- ▶ Schools were then required to submit details regarding those requests. Schools that had not responded, were given a second opportunity in October 2022.
- ▶ Unmet Needs allocations are being finalized and will be announced soon. NYSED will contact the schools that have been assigned allocations and post to the website.

Questions? EANS@nysed.gov

***Overview of Mandated Services
Aid (MSA) & Comprehensive
Attendance Policy (CAP)
MSA-CAP***

What is MSA-CAP?

Mandated Services Aid is a New York State funded reimbursement program for non-public schools. The non-public schools receive reimbursement for specific state mandates that they have met in the prior non-public school year (July 1 to June 30). To receive reimbursement, the non-public school must have met the requirements of the mandate and have supporting documentation.

Comprehensive Attendance Policy was promulgated by the Board of Regents for all schools in June 2002. The attendance policy must encompass the nine points outlined in Commissioner's Regulations 104.(i). All non-public schools must have such a policy on file and may be asked to produce the policy during a site visit or claim review.

The purpose of the policy shall be to ensure the maintenance of an adequate record verifying the attendance of all children at instruction in accordance with Education Law sections 3205 and 3210 and establish a mechanism by which the patterns of pupil absence can be examined to develop effective intervention strategies to improve school attendance.

SUMMARY OF MANDATES

1. **Pupil Attendance Report (PAR):** Attendance must be recorded once daily, summarized periodically, and maintained on file by the school. PAR applies to grades Kindergarten through 12th grade only.
2. **Elementary and Intermediate Assessment in English Language Arts and Math (EIA):** Grades 3 through 8 Math and English Language Arts (ELA) tests must be administered and reported to the New York State Education Department's Office of Information and Reporting Services through a contract with a Regional Information Center (RIC) for scanning and reporting in the Student Information Repository System (SIRS).
3. **Basic Educational Data System Reporting (BEDS) Enrollment:** BEDS Report of Non-public schools must be filed with NYSED by the established deadline in order to receive MSA-CAP services reimbursement. Include only those teachers that participated in Pupil Attendance Reporting (PAR). Do not include Pre-K teachers in your claim.
4. **Regents Examinations (RE):** Regents exams must be administered, scored, the results interpreted, and reported in level 0 of SIRS. Non-public schools that administer any of the Regents Examinations must contract for data collection, scanning, and reporting services with a RIC.

Documentation must be maintained for all these expenditures.

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6. **Calculator Expense (CE):** Costs of four function or scientific calculators used in the administration of certain math and science tests will be reimbursed at the flat rate of \$15 per calculator. These tests include Grade 6, 7 and 8 Math, Living Environment, Chemistry, Earth Science and Physics.

Reimbursement for the costs of graphing calculators will be at the flat rate up to \$110 per calculator. Pupils administered an Algebra I, Algebra II, or Geometry Regents Exam must be provided the use of a graphing calculator without symbol manipulation.

7. **Registration of High School (RHS). (ONLY APPLICABLE ONCE):** The high school registration program involves the submission of an Application for Non-public Secondary School Registration, review of data concerning student achievement, and a visit from the Non-public School Office.
8. **State School Immunization Program (SSIP):** Only applicable to New York City, Rochester, and Buffalo). Complete and return the New York State Annual School Immunization Survey Summary Form by the required deadline. New York City schools must send the form to the NYC Health Department & Mental Hygiene Immunization Program; all other eligible schools must send the form to the NYS Department of Health Immunization Program.
9. **Documentation of Integration of Required Instruction in 7th and 8th Grade (DIRI):** The requirements for technology education, home and career skills, and library and information skills may be met by the integration of the State learning standards of such subjects into other courses in accordance with the criteria found in Section 100.4(2) of the Commissioner's Regulations.

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10. **Graduation Report for Non-public Schools (HSGR) grade 12 only:** Non-public schools are now responsible for reporting all students who were awarded a local or Regents diploma, Career Development & Occupational Studies Commencement Credentials or Skills & Achievement Commencement Credential in SIRS. Graduation Reporting must now be completed with your local RIC and filed by the end of August annually
11. **Grade Four Science Test (GFST):** Grade Four Elementary-Level Science Test must be administered and reported to the SIRS through a contract with a Regional Information Center (RIC) for scanning and reporting.
12. **Expenditure for Travel Costs to Examination Storage Sites (TSS):** Pick up for secure examinations being stored at a neutral site. (**Note:** All examinations included in the mandates are secure examinations.)
13. **New York State Scholarships for Academic Excellence Application (SAE):** Submission of the Scholarships for Academic Excellence Nomination Summary Form, listing the nominee(s) and the individual student application forms. Scholarships for Academic Excellence must be published and made available to students at the beginning of the school year.

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14. **Grade Eight Science Test (GEST):** Grade Eight Science Test must be administered and reported to the SIRS through a contract with a Regional Information Center (RIC) for scanning and reporting.
17. **Pesticide Neighbor Notification (PNN):** School Pesticide Neighbor Notification Law requires all non-public schools to notify parents and interested parties prior to pesticide applications in instructional and administrative buildings and grounds, as well as playgrounds and athletic fields.
18. **New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT):** The NYSESLAT is designed specifically for limited English proficient (LEP) students to determine proficiency in the English language. NYSESLAT test must be administered according to the rules, regulations and guidelines issued by the New York State Education Department. Student answer sheets must be sent to the RIC or large city scoring Center for scoring by the required deadline of May 28, 2022.
NYSITELL New York State Identification Test for English Language Learners (NYSITELL): Assess the English Language proficiency of new entrants whose home language is a language other than English. NYSITELL must be administered in accordance with the rules, regulations and guidelines issued by the New York State Education Department. Student answer sheets must be sent to the RIC or large city Scoring Center for scoring and reporting to the Department.
19. **RIC and Scoring Center:** The 3rd through 8th grade tests may be scored by Regional Scoring Centers. (Note: If your tests are graded by a Scoring Center, no printing costs are separately reimbursed under Mandate 2, EIA.) All elementary exams, NYSESLAT, NYSITELL and Regents exams require scanning and that the student data be recorded and maintained by a Regional Information Center (RIC).

What's New

School Year 2021-22

MSA-CAP Claims

- ▶ Per state law, the 21-22 claims must be received by April 1, 2023.
- ▶ No Amendments will be accepted after May 31, 2023.
- ▶ An e-mail message will be sent to school administrators when the MSA-CAP online system is ready to enter claims.

Changes to the MSA-CAP Forms/Online System

School Year 2021-22

- ▶ The MSA-CAP Guidance document highlighting the MSA-CAP process is available on the Non-public Schools MSA-CAP page @ [MSA-CAP Forms](#)
- ▶ Please refer to the Special COVID-19 document for guidance pertaining to calculating the Average Hourly Rates [(Annual Gross Salary + Fringe Benefits)/ Total Annual Hours Worked] Claiming Parameters, and Hold-Harmless for Regents Exam Cancellations.

Changes to the MSA-CAP Forms/Online System (continued) School Year 2021-22

- ▶ In April 2022, some schools submitted applications seeking additional funding under EANS I to cover additional outstanding COVID related needs.
- ▶ The following exams were given in 2021-22:
 - ▶ 3-8 ELA (Mandate 2)
 - ▶ 3-8 Math (Mandate 2)
 - ▶ June 2022 Regents (Mandate 4)
 - ▶ 4 & 8 Science (Mandates 11 and 14)
 - ▶ K-12 NYSESLAT/NYSITELL (Mandate 18)
- ▶ The following Regents exams were granted exemption status in 2021-22:
 - ▶ August 2021 Regents (Mandate 4)
 - ▶ January 2022 Regents (Mandate 4)
 - ▶ June 2022 Regents US History and Government Framework (Mandate 4)
[Exam not Administered]

Changes to the MSA-CAP Forms/Online System (continued)

School Year 2021-22

Mandate 8 –The SSIP, State School Immunization Program, rate has been set at \$3.85. The new appropriation limits participation in this program to New York City, Rochester, and Buffalo schools that have immunization records on file with the New York State Department of Health.

General Information

Contact Information

MSA-CAP Office

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- ▶ The MSA-CAP Web-based System is accessible via the Department's web portal (<http://portal.nysed.gov>)
- ▶ NYSED Business Portal Username & Password Help: seddas@nysed.gov 518-473-8832
- ▶ MSA-CAP: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/nonpub/mandatedservices/>
- ▶ Office of State Assessment:
<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/contact-osa.html>
518-486-5765
- ▶ Information and Reporting Services: www.emsc.nysed.gov/irts/
518-474-7965

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- ▶ Update contact information and BEDS data: datasupport@nysed.gov