



Y1 Guidance

Office of Religious & Independent School Support (ORISS)

Art & Music Teacher Salary (AMTS)

Grant Summary

The Art & Music Teacher Salary (AMTS) grant summary can be found [here](#).

Purpose

The AMTS grant provides religious & independent schools with \$5 million in State funding for the reimbursement of art & music teachers' salaries. Each school that seeks reimbursement shall submit to the New York State Education Department (NYSED) an application, together with such additional documents as the Commissioner of Education may reasonably require.

Governance

The AMTS grant is awarded via discretionary funding. The New York State Fiscal Year 2023-2024 appropriation is located beginning on line 45 of page 265 of Chapter 53 of the Laws of 2023 and is administered by NYSED.

Institutional Eligibility

Institutions meeting the following criteria are eligible and encouraged to apply:

1. Religious and independent schools (non-profit or not-for-profit schools only)
2. Currently open/operational (at the time of application)
3. 853 and 4201 schools are not eligible
4. Possession of (or will obtain) a valid Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) Vendor ID
5. NYSED issued Basic Educ d b will ooElię Sod4ef13.8 ry Td[DTc -0.1 g11D50 17 3650 Td1 g10

grade from kindergarten (k) through twelve (12) using curricula that support the New York State Learning Standards.

3. Does not provide non-secular (religious) instruction in any capacity.
4. Is employed by a religious or independent school during the 2023-24 school year.

Duplicate Funding Source/Duplication of Benefits

To maintain the integrity of the grant application process, ORISS does not permit duplication of funding sources i.e., receiving funding from multiple sources/fiscal programs for the same eligible costs. This includes, but isn't limited to federal, state, and local grants. Applications that are duplicative in their entirety or are found to have overlap will not be reviewed.

For the AMTS grant, we ask applicants to be keenly aware of this restriction for the Mathematics, Science & Technology (MST) grant program.

Definitions

For the AMTS grant, the following definitions will apply:

Non-Secular Instruction

Religious instruction. Teachers providing instruction in dance, theater, visual or media arts, fine arts, and/or music and providing non-secular (religious) instruction in any capacity are **not** eligible.

Teacher

An employee of a religious or independent school whose responsibility is to create

lives as measured by the [NYS Learning Standards for the Arts](#) which includes dance, music, theater, visual and media arts.

Important Dates

The submission deadline for the Year 1 AMTS Grant is **September 30, 2024**.

Point of Contact

For all questions regarding the AMTS Grant, please contact:

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Funding Appropriations & Reimbursement Calculations

NYS Budget Appropriations -AMTS

Grant Year	Division Budget Appropriations	of	Fiscal Year (FY)	School Year (SY)
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ACH/Direct Deposit Payment

The Office of the State Comptroller has instituted an Automated Clearing House (ACH) as the preferred payment method. This is also referred to as direct deposit. We strongly encourage schools that have historically received a reimbursement check to enroll in ACH. ACH payments provide both the sender and receiver with the advantages of improved controls, reduced chances of check fraud, better cash management, and reduced bank charges.

Your institution should access the Statewide Financial System (SFS) Help Desk and confirm that ACH is selected as the preferred method of payment:

1. Navigate to the Location tab on the vendor record.
2. Select the “Payables” hyperlink.
3. The payment method is displayed under the “Additional Payables Options,” “Additional Payment Information” section.