

THE STATE SCHOOL AID ACT OF 1979 (EXCERPT)
Act 94 of 1979

388.1633 K to 5 music or visual arts program grants.

Sec. 33. (1) From the state school aid fund money appropriated in section 11, there is allocated an amount not to exceed \$11,000,000.00 for 2023-2024 only for grants to eligible districts for the purposes described in this section.

(2) To receive a grant under this section, a district must apply for the grant in a form and manner prescribed by the department.

(3) A district that meets both of the following is an eligible district under this section:

(a) The district must enroll students in grades K to 5.

(b) The district must, in its application described in subsection (2), pledge to do all of the following:

(i) Provide for all pupils in grades K to 5 at least 60 minutes per week of instruction in music or visual arts, taught by a certificated teacher who has, or is working towards, the appropriate endorsement issued by the department. For teaching music, the appropriate endorsement is a JX or JQ endorsement. For teaching visual arts, the appropriate endorsement is an LQ, LX, or LZ endorsement.

(ii) Maintain staffing that includes at least 1 certificated teacher with a JX or JQ music endorsement or an LQ, LX, or LZ visual arts endorsement issued by the department for every 400 pupils enrolled in grades K to 5.

(iii) Adopt and implement, or maintain, specific curricula for music or visual arts.

(iv) Maintain in each elementary school at least 1 space that is either dedicated to music or visual arts instruction or designated to be used for music or visual arts instruction and that allows for effective implementation of the music or visual arts curriculum, with consideration given to the physical materials and tools needed for music or visual arts instruction.

(v) Establish and maintain a separate dedicated budget for music or visual arts instruction in grades K to 5.

(vi) Participate in the collection of data in the fall and spring of the 2024-2025 school year on changes in course offerings, instructor qualifications, student course enrollments, and other aspects of the district's music or visual arts programs as determined by the department and MI Creative Potential.

(vii) Commit to including music and visual arts in district and school continuous improvement planning using the program review tool that accompanies the Michigan Blueprint of a Quality Arts Education, available in the Michigan Integrated Continuous Improvement Process database.

(viii) Adopt and implement a plan to satisfy the recommendations listed in the Michigan Blueprint of a Quality Arts Education program.

(4) Grants awarded under this section must be awarded for the coverage of costs for 1 year of additional costs, including 1-time costs, for the district to implement or maintain a music or visual arts program.

(5) In awarding grants under this section, the department shall prioritize as follows:

(a) The department shall first award grants to districts that are first-time applicants and meet 1 of the following:

(i) The district currently has a music or visual arts program that meets the requirements of subsection (3)(b)(i) to (vii) but does not meet the recommendations listed in the Michigan Blueprint of a Quality Arts Education program and the district will use the grant to move toward implementing those recommendations.

(ii) The district does not currently have a music program that meets the requirements of subsection (3)(b)(i) to (vii) or does not currently have a visual arts program that meets the requirements of subsection (3)(b)(i) to (vii).

(b) If there is funding remaining after awarding grants to districts described in subdivision (a), the department shall award grants to other eligible districts.

(6) All grants under this section must be awarded by not later than February 1 of the fiscal year in which the grant is approved.

(7) If the total funding allocated under this section is insufficient to fully fund payments to all eligible districts under this section, the department shall prorate payments to all eligible districts on an equal percentage basis.

(8) Notwithstanding section 17b, the department shall make payments under this section on a schedule determined by the department.

(9) The funds allocated under this section for 2023-2024 are a work project appropriation, and any unexpended funds for 2023-2024 are carried forward into 2024-2025. The purpose of the work project is to provide for music or visual arts education. The estimated completion date of the work project is September 30, 2027.

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Compiler's note: Former MCL 388.1633, which pertained to allocation to assist in transition from governance by a school reform board to governance by an elected school board, was repealed by Act 342 of 2006, Eff. Oct. 1, 2006.