

## 2020-21 Announcement of Aid Application

To: Nonpublic School Administrators

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Application: 2020-21 Nonpublic School Aid Mandated Services

The Mandated Services Aid (MSA1) application and related information are available on the Nonpublic Schools website at

explanations as n

- x For the 2020-21 claim year, Total School Aid claim amount over \$500,000 will go into hold. The previous amount was \$300,000.
- x For the 2020-21 claim year, Total School Aid has changed from 20% to 25%. Claims with Total School Aid over 25% will go into hold.
- x For the 2020-21 claim year, PAR (mandate 1) has changed from 20% to 25%. Claims with a 25% or more increase in PAR will go into hold.
- x During the 2020-21 school year, field tests were not administered for the following MSA related exams
  - o Grades 3 through 8 Math and English Language Arts (Mandate 2)
  - o Regents Examinations (Mandate 4)
  - o Grade 4 Science (Mandate 11)
  - o Travel to Storage Sites (TSS) (Mandate 12)
  - o Grade 8 Science (Mandate 14)
- x The following exams were administered in 2020-21:
  - o 3-8 EIA (Mandate 2)
  - o 3-8 Math (Mandate 2)
  - o 4 & 8 Science (Mandates 11 and 14)
  - o K-12 NYSESL/TYSITEL (Mandate 18)
- x The following Regents exams were granted exemption status in 2020-21:
  - o August 2020 Regents (Mandate 4)
  - o January 2021 Regents (Mandate 4)
  - o June 2021 Regents (Mandate 4) and four Regents Exams that were administered
- x NYSED administered only the following Regents Examinations in 2020-21:
  - Algebra I (Mandate 4)
  - Earth Science (written test only) (Mandate 4)
  - English Language Arts (ELA) (Mandate 2)
  - Living Environment (Mandate 4)
- x Mandate 8 – The SSIP, the School Immunization Program, rate has been set at \$3.90. The new appropriation limits participation in this program to New York City, Rochester, Buffalo schools that have immunization records on file with the New York State Department of Health.

#### Legislation regarding Days in Year

In late 2018, the Governor signed legislation that will change the calculations of the hourly rate. There were technical issues with this bill when it was signed that needed to be resolved, and we have requested and are awaiting guidance. While we await a response we have been directed to ask schools to submit their claims based upon earlier years practice of including instructional and non-instructional days. Doing so will avoid having your entire claim in hold status while we await guidance on what we believe to be a small portion of the total reimbursement.

Application Submission Submit application by April 1, 2022 online at <https://eservices.nysed.gov/msa/> or utilize the following methods for completed MSA1 and Schedule A/Worksheet paper application:

- x Email claims to [emscmsa@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:emscmsa@mail.nysed.gov)
- x Fax claims to 518-744-674

Additional Assistance: If you need assistance, please contact the Ad.g-