



NYS Academic Intervention Services for Nonpublic Schools Program Guidance 2019-2020

The provision of academic intervention services (AIS) is intended to increase achievement for students who are struggling to meet the New York State Learning Standards, as evidenced by their performance on the State assessments in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics in grades three through eight (3-8). Please note: Not all nonpublic schools in New York State offer the 3-8 State assessments to their students. ONLY those schools that do offer the assessments and report to NYSED per the established processes are eligible for AIS reimbursement, based upon the number of their students that do not achieve a level 3 or 4 on State proficiency exams.

Nonpublic schools who administer the 3-8 State assessments may seek reimbursement for professional development activities, subject to approval by the Department. The professional development activities or materials must be secular, neutral and non-ideological, and designed to assist students who are at-risk of not achieving State standards.

General Parameters for the Use of State Nonpublic AIS Funds

Schools should evaluate and determine the strengths and weaknesses demonstrated by student performance on of the 3-8 State assessments in order to align professional development to the students' needs within the following parameters:

- All professional development materials must be aligned to the New York State Learning Standards in ELA and mathematics;
- Books may be purchased to enhance the ability of the teacher to provide AIS to those students who have not achieved a level 3 or 4 on the ELA and mathematics 3-8 State assessments.

Deadline for Submitting Request Forms for the 2019-2020 School Year: March 1, 2020

Please note: once an application is complete, it can be submitted for reimbursement at any time (schools do not need to wait until March). However, schools can only be paid once per program year.

Reimbursement of Funds: Each school receiving AIS funds will have a year 3 allocation that will be reimbursed after a thorough review of the required documents. Nonpublic schools seeking reimbursement for AIS must submit the New York State Nonpublic School Reimbursement Request Form for Academic Intervention Services (AIS) along with documentary evidence of such expenditures, including invoices and proof of payment. The expenditures must be linked to improving instruction for struggling students in English language arts and mathematics. If the documentation is not clear, a justification should be included in your application to assist in determining eligibility.

Due to the capabilities of our payment system, payments will only be processed once per program year. Any remaining funds will be rolled over to the following year.

Year 3 reimbursement will apply to eligible expenditures made between April 1, 2015 and March 1, 2020.