

FAQ for Teach STEM Classes in Nonpublic Schools Grant Program

Q: When will the Teach STEM Classes in Nonpublic Schools grant application be posted?

A: The Department of Education (NJDOE) plans to post the grant application on its [nonpublic school programs website](#) in January. NJDOE will notify registered nonpublic schools of the grant application when it is available.

Q: How can teachers interested in participating share their contact information with nonpublic schools that want to apply for the grant?

A: Teachers who want to be included on a list of teachers interested in participating in the program must submit their contact information via this [survey](#) by **February 19, 2021**. Teachers can also work directly with nonpublic schools, and are not required to be included on the list in order to form a partnership.

Q: Where can I find the new legislation that establishes the Teach STEM Classes in Nonpublic Schools grant program?

A: The legislation is posted here: [P.L. 2019, c. 256](#).

Q: How does a nonpublic school form a partnership with a teacher?

A: Nonpublic schools that wish to participate in the grant program can request the list of interested teachers by emailing NonpublicSTEMGrant@doe.nj.gov or contacting their respective [Executive County Superintendent's office](#) after **February 19, 2021**. The nonpublic schools will contact teachers on the lists directly to pursue possible teaching arrangements.

Q: Can a teacher partner with more than one nonpublic school on this grant program?

A: A teacher can form a partnership with multiple nonpublic schools. Each teacher-nonpublic school partnership will require submission of a separate grant application.

Q. Can a nonpublic school submit more than one application if it would like to partner with more than one teacher?

A: Yes, a nonpublic school must submit a separate grant application for each teacher with whom it wants to form a STEM teaching partnership. The number of applications approved/funded per nonpublic school may be limited based on the total number of submissions received by the NJDOE.

Q: Can more than one nonpublic school submit one application jointly?

A: Yes, more than one nonpublic school can submit one grant application jointly, provided the students from the partnering schools will be in one physical location for the STEM classes. The school in which the STEM classes will be taught will be the lead school.

Q: Can STEM classes be taught in the nonpublic school during the public school teacher’s contracted hours?

A: Under the program, participating nonpublic schools shall form partnerships with eligible teachers and school districts, in which an eligible teacher employed by the district teaches STEM classes at the nonpublic school at such times and during such hours mutually agreed upon by the teacher, nonpublic school, and school district, which may include hours beyond regular public school day hours such as extended day, evening, or weekend programming. The eligible teacher will teach at the nonpublic school during hours following completion of the teacher’s duties at the public school, unless alternative scheduling is mutually agreed upon by the school district and nonpublic school and is reflected in a signed agreement.

Q: Is a public school teacher with a standard certification in Math in grades Kindergarten through 8 eligible to participate in this grant program?

A: “Eligible teacher” means an individual who is employed as a teacher in a public school and who meets one of the following criteria: (1) holds a valid and effective provisional or standard instructional certificate issued by the State Board of Examiners with an endorsement in a science field, mathematics, technology education, or computer science education for the subjects and grades to be taught; (2) is currently enrolled in a degree program or a coherent sequence of courses in science, mathematics, technology, or computer science; or (3) will enroll in a degree program or a coherent sequence of courses in science, mathematics, technology, or computer science within two years of the effective date.

Q: Are charter school teachers eligible to participate in the program?

A: The grant applies only to “an eligible teacher employed by a school district...” so a charter school teacher would *not be eligible*.

Q: What grade levels are eligible to participate in this grant opportunity?

A: Grant applications are for teaching STEM classes for grades 5 through 12.

Q: Is a nonpublic school that has only Kindergarten students eligible to participate in this grant program?

A: Grant applications are for teaching STEM classes for grades 5 through 12.

Q: How are public school teachers’ grant awards calculated?

A: A participating teacher shall receive an amount equal to the teacher’s annual salary as calculated on a per-hour basis multiplied by the number of hours the teacher teaches STEM classes at a nonpublic school under the program. The hourly salary shall be based on 180 days per year and seven hours per day.

Q: Are part-time public school teachers eligible to participate in this grant program? And how should a part-time teacher calculate the teacher's salary per hour?

A: Yes, part-time public school teachers are eligible to participate in this grant program. The grant award amount will be based on the teacher's salary as calculated on a per hour basis and the number of hours teaching STEM classes at the nonpublic school. Documentation showing how the hourly rate was determined must be provided along with the application.

Q: Who should be contacted with questions about the grant program?

A: If questions, please contact NonpublicSTEMGrant@doe.nj.gov.

Q: Can the instruction provided by a Teach STEM grant-funded teacher be provided as a hybrid of in-person and online classes in the 2022 school year?

A: The instruction for STEM classes funded through this program should be provided in a format that is consistent with the nonpublic school's instructional format at the time. Grant funded classes can be held virtually only to the extent the nonpublic school holds virtual classes during the regular school day.