BOOST Scholarship Program
Overview for Nonpublic Schools

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Overview

• Annual program
• House Bill 200 (HB0200) Budget Bill for fiscal year 2024
• Awards scholarships to low-income kindergarten – 12th grade students
• Student must be attending a participating nonpublic school
• BOOST Advisory Board determines the award amounts
• Parents are offered an award, school confirms enrollment, MSDE sends the check to the school
Nonpublic School Eligibility

- Hold a certificate of approval from or be registered with the State Board of Education
- Be approved to participate in the Nonpublic Textbook Program
- Offer at least a 1st grade full-day education
- Complete an application to the BOOST Scholarship Program
- Comply with all reporting requirements
Reporting Requirements

• Complete an application (tuition rate)
• Confirm enrollment (financial aid, discounts)
• Upload supporting documentation for Special Education students
• Administer an approved English, Math and Science assessment to all students in specified grade bands
• Report last year’s assessment data
• Number of certified and non-certified teachers
• Number of students who were withdrawn or expelled, reason, and days in school
• Return all or a portion of that student’s award

BOOST Scholarship Program webpage
Online Survey

Great news! Your nonpublic school may be eligible to participate in the BOOST Scholarship Program. A nonpublic school must first be approved to participate in the Nonpublic Textbook Program. Your school meets this initial criteria!

The application for families to apply for their child(ren) to receive a scholarship will open in spring 2023. In order for families to apply, they will need to select a nonpublic school that is participating in the BOOST Scholarship Program. The schools that communicate interest here will appear on the list of participating schools for families to select when they apply for an award.

Please complete this survey as a way of communicating your interest in participation for the 2023-2024 school year no later than March 15, 2023.
# Timeline

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| Spring 2023        | BOOST application is released  
                        Customer service sessions are held for families  
                        Customer service session is held for participating nonpublic schools |
| Summer 2023        | BOOST advisory board meets  
                        Customer service session is held for participating nonpublic schools |
| Fall 2023          | Reporting requirements will be due  
                        Customer service session is held for participating nonpublic schools  
                        BOOST scholarship checks are mailed to schools in batches |
Questions

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