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Program Description

The Nonpublic School Health and Security (NSHS) program provides funds for school nurses, other health services, and school security to nonpublic schools that participated in the BOOST Scholarship Program in fiscal year 2024. By providing necessary resources and support, the NSHS Program provides funds to ensure schools can deliver quality education while prioritizing the health and safety of their students.

The importance of school health professionals and security measures in nonpublic schools is recognized as essential for maintaining a healthy and safe learning environment. School nurses provide immediate medical attention, medication administration, and response to health emergencies, ensuring the overall well-being of students. Likewise, other health professionals such as mental health professionals also play an important role in fostering a supportive school environment conducive to learning and personal growth. The safety of schools is supported by the NSHS Program through security measures such as surveillance systems, alarm systems, and/or the presence of trained security personnel.

Authorization

Special fund appropriation in budget bill for fiscal year 2025 ([SB360](#)), see page 374

Name of Grant Program

Nonpublic School Health and Security ([NSHS](#)) program

Purpose

To provide funds to nonpublic schools for school nurses, other health services, and for school security

Dissemination

This guide was disseminated on August 28, 2024

Deadline

[Online applications](#) are due no later than September 27, 2024

Grant Period

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Funding Amount Available

\$2.5 million

Award Amount

Base award for every eligible school: \$8,803 + a per student allocation based on the student enrollment the school reported in their fiscal year 2024 application to the Nonpublic Textbook Program

Estimated Number of Grants

142

Submission Instructions

Applications must be completed electronically through the [NSHS Online Application](#) no later than 11:59pm September 27, 2024.

State Responsibilities

MSDE is responsible for providing required information, data, documentation, and technical assistance to facilitate the grantee's performance of the work and will provide additional assistance when requested.

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Eligibility

The program is limited to the 142 nonpublic schools that participated in the BOOST Scholarship Program during fiscal year 2024.

Use of Funds

Funds for the NSHS Program will be disbursed via reimbursement. Therefore, an invoice must be submitted, requesting reimbursement for allowable expenses. This program is designed to provide additional support and enhance the capacity of nonpublic schools in ensuring the well-being and safety of their students. Therefore, careful consideration should be given to utilizing NSHS funds in a manner that complements and enhances the existing infrastructure, and initiatives aimed at promoting school health and security.

School Nurses	
Funds may be used for:	Funds may not be used for:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salary for nurses for hours worked • Staff medical training courses • Medical supplies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hourly wages for time spent off work (sick, vacation, other leave, etc.)

Other Health Care Professionals	
Funds may be used for:	Funds may not be used for:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salary for health care professionals (such as psychologists, counselors, social workers, occupational therapists, physical therapists, and speech language pathologists) for hours worked • Supplies and materials required to deliver the services provided by the individuals above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hourly wages for time spent off work (sick, vacation, other leave, etc.)

Security	
Funds may be used for:	Funds may not be used for:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salaries or stipends for security personnel • Owned or leased security equipment or software on a case-by-case basis - with MSDE pre-approval and vendor quotes • Low-cost non-capital school safety upgrades, with MSDE pre-approval • Staff security training courses • Camera surveillance system and installation • Visitor monitoring or management system • Fire alarm replacements or new installations • Window locking hardware on existing windows • Security system installation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital improvements that would alter the structure of the building • Projects in spaces primarily used for religious instruction and worship • Projects in buildings used primarily for administration, maintenance or other non-instructional activities • Projects for improvements to or movement of temporary or portal classroom buildings • Expenditures to supplement an approved State allocation for a project • Design, construction management, project management, testing or inspection fees • Salaries or wages paid to employees for project work • Maintenance such as painting rooms, repairing equipment, patching roofs, etc. • Firearms or weapons of self-defense • Indirect costs

Notes:

Schools may engage in a contract with a nurse, other health professional, or security officer for services that align with the allowable use of funds. If a contract is initiated, it must end no later than June 30, 2025.

Before any funds can be disbursed, the school must return the signed assurances page accompany the Notice of Grant Award (NOGA).

Funds will be disbursed on a reimbursement basis, following the submission of a proper invoice, and supporting documentation. An invoice form and sample invoice can be found on the [NSHS webpage](#).

Application

Eligible nonpublic schools must first indicate interest by submitting the [NSHS Online Application](#) no later than 11:59pm September 27, 2024. In the online application, schools must:

- Select their school name from a drop-down list of eligible schools;
- Designate a point of contact for communication;
- Expressly indicate interest in participating in the NSHS program;
- Upload an up-to-date W-9 form; and
- Agree to program assurances.

Reporting Requirements

Grantees must comply with the following reporting requirements:

Date	Reporting Requirement
At least once during the grant period	A sample of nonpublic schools will be selected to host an on-site monitoring visit or desk audit.
July 31, 2025	A final report is due

Application Timeline

Date	Activity
July 1, 2024	The grant period begins
August 28, 2024	The information guide will be disseminated, and the online application will open for eligible schools
September 27, 2024	The online application will close
October 2024	Participating schools will receive their NOGA and assurances
October 2024 – June 2025	Schools submit invoices for reimbursement of allowable expenses
At least once during the grant period	A sample of schools will be selected to host an on-site monitoring visit or desk audit by MSDE staff
June 30, 2025	The grant period ends Final invoices are due no later than June 30, 2025
July 31, 2025	A final report is due

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Customer Service Support Sessions

The MSDE will hold four customer service support sessions for interested applicants. During these sessions, MSDE personnel will provide an overview of the application process and the use of funds. The sessions will be on:

Tuesday, September 10, 2024 from 9:00 – 10:00am

Thursday, September 12, 2024 from 3:00 – 4:00pm

Google Meet joining info

Video call link (same for every session): <https://meet.google.com/zds-ipkt-utn>

Or dial: (US) +1 442-321-0710 PIN: 426 223 781#

More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/zds-ipkt-utn?pin=7595814439895>

For more information on this program, visit the Nonpublic School Health and Security (NSHS) program [webpage](#).