

MDE UPDATES

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Top 10 Strategic Education Plan



- Expand early childhood learning opportunities
- Improve early literacy achievement
- Improve the health, safety, and wellness of all learners
- Expand secondary learning opportunities for all students
- Increase the percentage of students who graduate from high school
- Increase the percentage of adults with a post-secondary credential
- Increase the numbers of certified teachers in areas of shortage
- Provide adequate and equitable school funding

Legislative Updates - Lame Duck



New session! Any outstanding bills are no longer active and would need to be re-introduced and go through full process.

What did get signed into law in 2019-2020 session?

- HB 4694 as PA 267 of 2020 - modifies critical shortage retiree section; eliminates sunset
- SB 657 as PA 316 of 2020 - special education interim certificate

Legislative Updates: Introduced



- SJR A – Propose amendment to state constitution to remove higher education from the permissible uses of the state school aid fund
- Educator Evaluation - bills related to 2020-21 M-STEP suspension and student growth

Full list of relevant lame duck action and newly introduced legislation included in written update.

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PAEMST Awards Program for Application Cycle 2020–2021



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The National Science Foundation (NSF)

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The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP)



Nominations and Applications

Anyone may nominate a teacher

Colleagues, Former Awardees, Principals, Students,
Superintendents, Family Members, Friends

Or teachers may apply directly at
www.paemst.org

7th–12th Grade Teachers: 2020–2021
K–6th Grade Teachers: 2021–2022



Who Can Apply for 2020–2021

An applicant must:

- Teach science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and/or computer science as part of his or her contracted teaching responsibilities at the 7th–12th grade level in a public (including charter) or private school;
- Be a full-time employee of the school or school district as determined by state/jurisdiction and district policies, with responsibilities for teaching students no less than 50% of the school's allotted instructional time;
- Have at least five years of full-time employment as a K–12 teacher during which science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and/or computer science has been a part of the applicant's teaching duties **prior to the 2020–2021 academic school year**;



Who Can Apply for 2020–2021 (cont.)

An applicant must:

- Teach in one of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Department of Defense Education Activity schools, or the U.S. Territories as a group (American Samoa, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and U.S. Virgin Islands);
- Hold at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution;
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident; and
- Not have received the PAEMST award at the national level in any prior competition or category.



Role of Mentors

- Mentors assist nominees with completing their application by serving as thought partners and advisors to the nominee, ensuring that the nominee's responses and lesson clearly convey their knowledge and mastery of teaching their subject.
- Mentors are needed now through April 1, and potentially again in June.
- Mentors work with one nominee at a time, and the time commitment depends on the level of assistance the nominee desires. Mentors should expect to spend 3-4 hours over several weeks with their applicant.
- Applications are due April 1. After that date, a mentor may be called upon to assist an individual who they previously helped, if that individual is selected as a state finalist.
- Mentors receive a stipend in recognition of their time and assistance.



Role of Reviewers

- Reviewers are tasked with evaluating and scoring completed applications.
- There are two phases to review. Individual reviews, which take place from mid-April to mid-May, and then group reviews, which take place at the State Selection Meeting in late May/early June.
- Mathematics and Science applications are reviewed separately.
- All reviewers receive a stipend in recognition of their time and assistance.

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Thank you for your time and
consideration.

If interested, contact Josh Roesner
at RoesnerJ1@Michigan.gov.



Question from the field:

Q: We have many alumni living in South Korea and the MOECS website seems to be blocked there. Is there any fix for this or advice for these teachers living overseas who would like to obtain or renew Michigan certificates?

A: Alumni should contact Linda Campbell at CampbellL6@Michigan.gov to add their IP address to the MOECS out-of-country access list