

# MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## Criteria for Section 31aa

The State Board of Education has adopted Michigan's Top 10 Strategic Education Plan, which includes guiding principles, goals, metrics, and contributions to enhance the mission to support learning and learners.

To the extent possible, all grant criteria and grant awards will serve to further attain the above goals.

### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND STRATEGIC GOALS THESE CRITERIA SUPPORT**

This grant supports Michigan's Strategic Education Plan of the State Board of Education (SBE) and Michigan Department of Education (MDE) goal number 3 by working to improve the health, safety, and wellness of learners.

### **PURPOSE / BACKGROUND OF GRANT**

Type of Grant Program:

- New                       Continuing                       Formula  
 Competitive                       Designated in Legislation or MDE Proposal

The grant funds under section 31aa are for the purpose of improving student mental health. Funding under this section may be used for, but are not limited to, the following:

- Hiring or contracting for support staff for student mental health needs, including, but not limited to, school psychologists, social workers, counselors, and school nurses.
- Purchasing and implementing mental health screening tools.
- Providing school-based mental health personnel access to consultation with behavioral health clinicians to respond to complex student mental health needs.
- Any other mental health service or product necessary to improve or maintain the mental health of students and staff.

### **CRITERIA**

Date criteria were last approved: \_\_\_\_\_ n/a \_\_\_\_\_

Source of Criteria:

- Federal Law, Rules or Regulation                       Proposed by Staff  
 State Law or Rules                       Defined in MDE's Approved Grant Proposal to the Funder

Grant funding is based on the following requirements:

- To receive funding under this section, districts must apply for the funding in a form and manner prescribed by the department. In its application described in this subsection, a district or intermediate district, as applicable, shall document how it or, if an intermediate district is applying, its constituent district, will use community input to guide the expenditure of the funds it or the constituent district will receive under this section and it shall pledge to host, or shall pledge on behalf of its constituent district that the constituent district will host, at least 1 community conversation about student mental health and school safety. With consent of its constituent districts, an intermediate district may apply for funding under this section on behalf of its constituent districts.
- From the state school aid fund money allocated in subsection (1), the department shall make payments to districts in an equal amount per pupil based on the total number of pupils in membership in each district.
- If funding remains after the distribution of funds described in subsection (2) of section 31aa, the department may provide additional per-pupil allocations to allocate remaining funding, using for those calculations the same requirements described in subsection (2) of section 31aa.

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS AND TARGET POPULATION SERVED**

Eligible applicants are Michigan districts and intermediate districts.

The target population is Michigan students.

**TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE**

\$150,000,000

**STATUTE**

Section 31aa, PA 144 of 2022

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