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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** July 26, 2016  
**TO:** State Board of Education  
**FROM:** Brian J. Whiston, Chairman   
**SUBJECT:** Approval of Criteria for Science Olympiad (Section 99s(5))

From the appropriation made under Section 99s(5) of the FY 2016 State Aid Act, \$250,000 has been appropriated for competitive grants to districts that provide pupils in grades K-12 with expanded opportunities in science education and skills by participating in events and competitions hosted by Science Olympiad. Criteria have been proposed by staff in addition to those defined in statute. The grant applications must be submitted by November 15, 2016, and the awards announced by December 15, 2016.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the Criteria for Science Olympiad as attached to the State Superintendent's memorandum dated July 26, 2016.

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# MICHIGAN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Criteria for Science Olympiad

The State Board of Education has adopted guiding principles and strategic goals for developing Michigan into a top 10 education state in 10 years.

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

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

This grant supports the Michigan Department of Education (MDE)'s Top 10 in 10 Years by increasing and coordinating opportunities for quality out-of-school time learning aligned with the State Board of Education Michigan Out-of-School Time Standards of Quality. (Strategic Goal 4.2)

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

Type of Grant Program:

- New                       Continuing                       Formula  
 Competitive                       Designated in Legislation or MDE Proposal

The FY2016 State Aid Act appropriated \$250,000 for the 2016-17 school year for competitive grants to districts that provide pupils in grades K-12 with expanded opportunities in science education and skills by participating in events and competitions hosted by Science Olympiad.

### **CRITERIA**

Date criteria were last approved: September 8, 2015

Source of Criteria:

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

The main criteria upon which subgrantees will be selected are the following:

Defined in Statute:

- Districts applying for a Science Olympiad grant shall submit an application in a form and manner determined by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) not later than November 15.
- To be eligible for a grant, a district shall pay at least 25 percent of the cost of participating in the Science Olympiad program.

Proposed by Staff:

- In order to receive funds for new teams, applicants will establish an elementary or a secondary Science Olympiad team in the current school year and register their teams with Science Olympiad.
- In order to receive funds for established teams, applicants must have a current Science Olympiad team in place that is registered with Science Olympiad.
- Priority will be given to districts that have high economically disadvantaged populations.
- Develop a digital badge to award to students who participate in Science Olympiad.

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS AND TARGET POPULATION SERVED**

Eligible applicants are all Michigan public school districts.

The target population is students from districts with high economically disadvantaged populations.

**TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE**

\$250,000 - The MDE understands the Legislature intends these funds to provide for the current school year only.

- Grants to districts of up to \$800.00 per new elementary team.
- Grants to districts of up to \$400.00 per established elementary team.
- Grants to districts of up to \$1,600.00 per new secondary team.
- Grants to districts of up to \$800.00 per established secondary team.

**STATUTE**

Public Act 249 of 2016

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