



Future Proud Michigan Educator 2021 Grant Activities

As a continuation of Michigan's efforts to grow and diversify the educator workforce and reduce educator shortages, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is launching the Future Proud Michigan Educator (Future PME) initiative with a \$10,000 competitive grant for school districts to develop programs for students interested in the teaching profession. This initiative is a subset of the broader Proud Michigan Educator (PME) campaign that focuses on recognizing and honoring our current Michigan educators. The newest pathway provides an expanded opportunity for students in grades 6-12 to explore education professions.

ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED WITH GRANT FUNDS

1. Identify an **implementation team** including instructional staff, administrative staff and, where appropriate, faculty from partnering two-year and four-year institutions of higher education. The team will need to identify the purpose of their program(s) and their intended model(s) from the MDE models. Please note, only Exploratory, Clinically Focused and Content Focused models will qualify for grant funding at this time.
2. Create an **implementation plan** that will build structures during this grant period for a program launch in 2021-22 or 2022-23.
3. Begin **course design** and add it to the master schedule for the implementation year. The team should be prepared to update course catalogs and gain school board approval to offer a future teacher course for elective or general education credit. Course development resources will be available on the Future PME website.
4. Provide immediate **opportunities to engage students** in exploring, growing or affirming their interest in a career as an educator. These opportunities should also serve as initial recruitment strategies for future course enrollment. Examples might include:
 - Virtual signing day events for careers in education
 - Formal mentorships with educators
 - Virtual experiences with educator preparation programs
 - New student clubs/organizations dedicated to future educators
 - Extra-curricular or out-of-school time opportunities that invite early exploration of educational careers

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