



STATE OF ALABAMA  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**



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 State Superintendent of Education

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** City and County Superintendents of Education

**FROM:** Eric G. Mackey *EGM*  
 State Superintendent of Education

**SUBJECT:** Teacher Excellence and Accountability for Mathematics and Science (TEAMS)  
 Credentials Review and Funding Request Forms

Thank you for your continued assistance regarding the implementation of the TEAMS Act! Per Act 2021-340, the local superintendent of education shall determine if the applicant teacher has met the requirements for participation in the program, and after the determination is made, may recommend that the local board of education offer a TEAMS contract to the applicant. An eligible teacher shall satisfy each of the following criteria to participate in the program:

1. Hold a valid Alabama professional educator certificate or valid alternate certificate, approved for middle level or secondary math, science, and/or computer science courses.
2. Teach approved courses in mathematics, science, and/or computer science in Grades 6-12.
3. Teach full-time in mathematics, science, and/or computer science.

In order to expedite payments and simplify the approval process, we are charging each local education agency (LEA) with the responsibility of TEAMS eligibility verification.

Submission of information will be required each year that an individual is working under a TEAMS contract. However, the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) is in the process of adding software to the Educator Certification database to house multi-year contracts beginning summer 2024 to avoid repeat submissions.

Additionally, a single transmittal form including all TEAMS teachers for which funding requests are being submitted must be forwarded to [TEAMSAllocations@alsde.edu](mailto:TEAMSAllocations@alsde.edu).

For any modification needed (mid-year hire, receipt of higher degree, teacher resignation/retirement, etc.) after initial submission and throughout the contract year, it is the LEA's responsibility to notify the ALSDE by emailing [TEAMSAllocations@alsde.edu](mailto:TEAMSAllocations@alsde.edu).

Approval and additional funding information will be provided to the LEA from the ALSDE, Division of Administration and Finance. The LEA TEAMS Credentials Review and Funding Request Form may be accessed by clicking [here](#). The form is fillable and must be signed by the local superintendent and submitted by an authorized individual from the LEA.

For additional information, please email [TEAMSFunding@alsde.edu](mailto:TEAMSFunding@alsde.edu) for questions regarding applications or teacher qualifications; [TEAMSAllocations@alsde.edu](mailto:TEAMSAllocations@alsde.edu) for questions regarding financial concerns; or [TEAMS@alsde.edu](mailto:TEAMS@alsde.edu) for all other general, professional development, or contractual questions.

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 Charter School Authorizers

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