



STATE OF ALABAMA  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Eric G. Mackey, Ed.D.  
State Superintendent of Education

August 23, 2023

**MEMORANDUM**

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

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

**RE:** Alabama Arts Education Initiative (AAEI) Grants

Research clearly proves that providing students with sequential arts programs improves student achievement. The Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) is committed to the development of comprehensive, interdisciplinary arts education programs for students to support a well-rounded education.

The ALSDE is accepting grant proposals for schools to provide new opportunities or expand their arts programs. Grants will provide an opportunity to strengthen the development and implementation of comprehensive arts education programs. Grants may provide additional support to schools with existing plans designed to provide quality arts instruction or support multi-sensory arts experiences through cross-curricula instruction. Schools must have support of staff, including teachers, administrators, specialists, and assistants and be willing to participate in arts education professional development designed as part of the grant. Programs must show a concerted effort to identify data-driven decisions in meeting the needs through the grant. Selected schools may receive up to \$25,000. Consideration will be given to programs that leverage other resources and have a plan for sustainability.

Technical guidance for the AAEI Grants will be offered for teachers and administrators virtually on September 6, 2023, at 3 p.m.

Follow instructions on the [Alabama State Department of Education Instructional Services Grant Portal](#) to log into an existing account or create an account and apply. To preview the grant process and application questions, you may access the [FY2024 AAEI Grant Preview](#) document.

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Listed below are important AAEI Grant deadline dates:

<b>AAEI Grant Important Dates</b>	
<b>Letter of Intent (LOI)</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
The LOI must be completed on or before the deadline and submitted as the first step to the AAEI Grant application process.	<b>October 13, 2023, by 11:59 p.m.</b>
<b>Application</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Once the LOI is reviewed and approved, the user will be given access to the full grant application.	<b>October 27, 2023, by 11:59 p.m.</b>

Questions regarding the application may be directed to Mr. Andy Meadows, Arts Education Specialist, at [ameadows@alsde.edu](mailto:ameadows@alsde.edu) or telephone number (334) 694-4768.

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