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To: Religious and Independent School Administrators

From: David Frank, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Education Policy

- c. Holds a bachelor's degree in Dance, Theater, Visual or Media Arts, Fine Arts, Music or education and is currently enrolled in a master's or Ph.D. program in Dance, Theater, Visual or Media Arts, Fine Arts, Music, or education within five (5) years from the date of April 10, 2019, or the employment start date with the religious or independent school.
2. Teaches art or music in any grade from kindergarten (k) through twelve (12) using curricula that support the New York State learning standards.
3. Does not provide non-secular (religious) instruction in any capacity.
4. Is employed by a religious or independent school during the 2023-24 school year.

Application: Guidance, application and other related information are available at:

[AMTS Webpage](#)

Deadline: The submission deadline for the Year 1 AMTS Grant is **August 1, 2024**.

Contact: For all questions regarding the AMTS Grant, please contact:

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For the purpose of the AMTS grant, the following definitions will apply:

Non-Secular Instruction

Religious instruction. Teachers providing instruction in dance, theater, visual or media arts, fine arts, and/or music and providing non-secular (religious) instruction in any capacity are not eligible.

Teacher

An employee of a religious or independent school whose responsibility is to create and instruct students using a research-based curriculum guided by the New York State learning standards in the grant specified areas.

Please note that non-primary, instructional support, and non-classroom educators are not eligible teachers for the AMTS grant and include:

- Consultant Teachers
- Teacher Aides or Teacher Assistants
- Librarians or Library media specialists
- Speech Language Pathologists
- Physical or Occupational Therapist/Therapist Aids
- Tutors
- Substitute Teachers

Study of Arts

The study of arts is defined as an opportunity to teach students how to become artistically literate students and citizens. An artistically literate citizen has the knowledge, tools, and understanding to actively engage in the arts throughout their lives as measured by the [NYS Learning Standards for the Arts](#) including

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