

## Advanced Placement Course Implementation Funding Opportunity

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

**Q. If the grant Notice of State Award (NOSA) is not distributed until after January 2019, will the grant period be extended?**

A. It is anticipated that successful applicants will receive a Notice of State Awards from the State Superintendent via email or the U.S. Postal Service approximately 90 days after the application deadline. The NOSA is **NOT** an authorization to begin performance or expenditures. Applicants must sign and return a copy of the NOSA to confirm acceptance of the terms of the award. Once the signed NOSA is received by ISBE, a Uniform Grant Agreement will be prepared and sent to the applicant. Monies spent prior to programmatic approval are done so at the applicants own risk.

**Q. If I offer one AP course, or AP program am I eligible to apply?**

A. Yes. As long as the school/district meets the eligibility requirements of 40 percent or more of the students are from low-income families (i.e, eligible to receive free or reduced-price meals under the School Breakfast and Lunch Program. (105 ILCS 125)

**Q. If my programs are through the Illinois Virtual School am I able to apply?**

A. Yes. As long as the school/district meets the eligibility requirements of 40 percent or more of the students are from low-income families (i.e, eligible to receive free or reduced-price meals under the School Breakfast and Lunch Program. (105 ILCS 125)

**Q. Can multiple schools in a district apply for separate grants?**

A. No. Eligibility states: School districts.

**Q. For districts with multiple schools in a proposal, is the allocation \$50,000 per school or district.**

A. The allocation is \$50,000 per district.

**Q. Where can we access information about Pre-AP courses for current middle school students?**

A. Information for Pre-AP courses can be access through the College Boards Pre-AP webpage. <https://pre-ap.collegeboard.org/>

**Q. For allowable costs, are there limits on how much can be spent for each?**

A. No. Allowable costs do not have limits, however, a minimum of 20% of the grant funding must be designated to building teacher capacity through professional development offered by the College Board Advance Placement training program.

**Q. Can AP tests be paid for low-income students through the grant?**

A. No. The grant does not allow for the off-set or payment of AP tests for students. A district may opt to use Title 1 funds to cover test fees.

**Q. What qualifies a student as low-income?**

A. A student that qualifies for Free and Reduced Lunch under 105 ILCS 125.