



MINNDEPENDENT

December 2022 Newsletter

Dear Friends of Private and Independent Education:

Schools that applied and were approved for the most recent round of Emergency Assistance to Nonpublic Schools (EANS 3) should have received notification on Friday regarding the process and eligible expense areas. The eligible categories are listed below, and include an additional sixth area of service. We are grateful to the Minnesota Department of Education for this additional activity. MINNDEPENDENT, fellow nonpublic education partners and several schools advocated to have this additional eligible activity included.

Any questions should be directed to Anita Tayson at anita.tayson@state.mn.us.

Below are the activities for which these funds may be used:

- Mental health services to address the effects of the COVID 19 pandemic
- Professional development to assist staff in addressing the effects of the COVID 19 pandemic
- Partnerships with college education departments to develop educator training programs
- Counseling of K-6 grades to address the effects of the COVID 19 pandemic
- Resources to help nonpublic schools further research test and/or assessment data in regard to the COVID 19 pandemic and its effect on students' learning recovery
- Initiating and maintaining education and support services or assistance for remote or hybrid learning or to address learning recovery

The 2023 legislative session begins on January 3, 2023. With redistricting and legislators retirements, nearly one-third of all legislators will be new to their respective roles. MINNDEPENDENT looks forward to meeting with committee chairs and legislators to ensure the voice and interests of private and independent schools are heard and valued.

Nominations for the [2023 Private and Independent Education Awards](#) will open in January 2023. Make plans to nominate an educator, leader, staff, volunteer or philanthropist from your school community. This is the

We've moved

5200 Willson Road
Suite 310
Edina, MN 55424

MINNDEPENDENT Member Network

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MINNDEPENDENT Jobs Board

Member schools can post job listings for free.

[READ MORE](#)

[Hats & Mittens](#) is a 26-year-old all volunteer Minnesota non-profit. Their curriculum, focused on volunteering and philanthropy for students of all ages, is being offered free of charge to schools, churches, and youth organizations. To learn more and find out **how you can use this in your school**, [Click here](#).

SHARE THE LINK!

Be sure your school's faculty and staff have subscribed to our newsletter!

premier opportunity to recognize and celebrate the special people and programs found in private and independent schools.

We wish you a peaceful and healthy holiday season and a prosperous 2023. Thank you for the trust, faith and partnership shown to MINNDEPENDENT over the last year. We are stronger thanks to each one of you.



Tim Benz, President

Important information about STEM grants, Professional Development sessions, advocacy, conferences and more. [CLICK HERE TO SUBSCRIBE](#)

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6 Tips for Supporting English Language Learners in the Classroom

By the time we step into the classroom as teachers, we are aware that each person has different capabilities and reveal the areas in which they excel through various means. Their character, academic ability, life skills, and a myriad of other ideas cannot be analyzed by the same criteria for any two students. Yet, we may often fall into this trap of judging students based on their classroom participation and grades alone.

However, for a few students, classroom performance shows little of their actual capacity. This is especially true of students attending school while learning their second or third language. [Keep Reading →](#)

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2022-2023 STEM Grant Program

**We are excited to announce the
2022/2023 MINNDEPENDENT STEM Grant Program***
*with three types of STEM Grants available
to fit your school's needs*

Innovation Grants - up to \$5000

Starter Grants - up to \$1500

Sustainability Grants - up to 20% of the original grant
(not to exceed \$1500)

STEM Grant Resource Page

Available on the STEM Grant Resource Page

- [STEM Grant Program Calendar](#)
- [STEM Grant Guidelines](#)
- [Academic Standards and Other STEM Resources](#)
- [Letter of Interest \(LOI\) Form \(reference only\)](#)
- [Grant Application Form \(reference only\)](#)
- [On Demand Video: How to write a winning STEM Grant Proposal](#)
(presented by Beth Murphy, STEM Program Manager)
- [Project Descriptions of STEM Grants Awarded Last Six Years](#)

Important STEM Grant Program Dates

- **Tuesday, November 8:** STEM Grant Program information available
- **Tuesday, January 17:** Due date (6pm) for STEM Grant Letters of Intent (LOIs)
- **Tuesday, February 14:** Due date (6pm) for STEM Grant Final Applications
- **Sunday, April 30:** STEM Grant Awardees honored at the 2023 Minnesota Private & Independent Education Awards Celebration

QUESTIONS?

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STEM Scoop



MINNESOTA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

2023 State Science & Engineering Fair

Friday, March 24, 2023, at the Saint Paul River Centre in St. Paul, located at 175 Kellogg Blvd, St. Paul, MN 55102

The Minnesota Academy of Science (MNMAS) is excited to announce that the Minnesota State Science and Engineering Fair will be returning to in-person format in 2023! Since 1950, the MNMAS has celebrated excellence in STEM education and research by providing middle and high school students with opportunities to showcase their scientific research, network, and compete for state-level awards.

LEARN MORE -

<https://www.mnmas.org/2023-state-science-fair-details>

Minnesota statewide Science Bowls

Fast-paced team Q & A competitions, covering all branches of science and math, for middle school and high school students. The winning teams represent Minnesota at the National Science Bowl, all expenses paid! Both tournaments will be held in-person in the Twin Cities region, circumstances permitting.

MN High School Science Bowl 1/28/23; registration deadline Dec. 15
MN Middle School Science Bowl 2/11/23; registration deadline Jan. 15

LEARN MORE and REGISTER - <https://www.mnmas.org/2020-science-bowl-registration>



TWIST Program

Teachers Working in Science and Technology

When your students ask...
When am I ever going to use this?
What do engineers do?
Why do we have to work together?
How do you answer?

TWIST teachers: Spend 6 weeks doing R&D with a **3M scientist** or engineer and their team

- We hope to offer tours of 3M labs and pilot manufacturing facilities
- Receive stipend of \$5000

Program Dates: **June 19-July 28, 2023**

Minnesota Applications Due: **January 16, 2023**

Outstate Applications Due: **February 20, 2023**

Applications accepted from Science, Math, and Tech Ed teachers of students in grades K-12.

Any Questions? e-mail twist@mmm.com or check out our website at

http://www.3m.com/3M/en_US/gives-us/education/

Once on the website scroll down

[Direct link to the Teacher Application](#)

TWIST is a partnership with the Minnesota Technology Association

"My host and work group were amazing, the project I worked on felt relevant and important, and the in-person tours were super cool!" TWIST Teacher – Class 2022

What's Working for School Social Media Professional Development Webinar Save the Date!

January 31, 2023
11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Andrea Gribble from [#SocialSchool4EDU](#) is back with more tips and trends for your school's social media. She'll break down five proven strategies for social media success:

- How to build an army of storytellers
- Easy ways to save time
- How to plan your content
- How to boost your engagement
- The latest social trends to help you thrive



COST

Member schools: Free

Nonmember schools: \$75 (check with your LEA about using Title Funds for registration.)

Click here to register

Important Dates

Tuesday, January 10, 2023 (6:00 pm deadline):

Due date for STEM Grant Letters of Interest

Tuesday, February 14, 2023 (6:00 pm deadline):

Due date for STEM Grant applications for project implementation during the 2023-2024 school year

Sunday, April 30, 2023:

*Private and Independent Education Awards
Mendakota Country Club*

August, 2023, Date TBA:

STEM Education Conference

September 25-27, 2023:

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