

## WISCONSIN EDUCATOR EFFECTIVENESS SYSTEM • FUNDING

### How will districts pay for the fees associated with the Wisconsin Educator Effectiveness System?

In order to implement the Wisconsin Educator Effectiveness System, districts will be reimbursed \$80 per educator by DPI. This \$80 per educator grant (i.e., superintendents, principals, teachers, and other licensed educator roles) will fund system development, training, software, support, resources, and ongoing refinement.

Due to Department of Administration rules, the annual Educator Effectiveness Grant Process requires several steps. The process differs slightly for districts using the State Model, districts using a previously approved equivalent model, and districts intending to apply for a new equivalent model.

#### Annual Educator Effectiveness Grant Process for Districts Using the State Model:

1. In summer 2014, **DPI will distribute via email the Educator Effectiveness Grant application** to all district administrators to be returned to DPI by due date to be determined.
2. **Districts return grant application to DPI by due date.**
3. Upon receipt of the grant application, **DPI will send district an invoice** to pay DPI to participate in the state system.
4. **Districts will pay DPI an \$80 fee per educator** (i.e., the exact amount granted to the district) to participate in the Wisconsin Educator Effectiveness Model in response to the invoice.
5. Upon receipt of the required funds, **DPI will send district administrators a Grant Award Notification (GAN) and a claim form and a Teachscape SetUp Form** to collect the information necessary to [provision Teachscape licenses](#).
6. **Districts submit claims to DPI** for the \$80 per educator fee expenditures.
7. **DPI will then reimburse districts' claims.**

#### Annual Educator Effectiveness Grant Process for Districts Using A Previously Approved Equivalent Model

The budget also includes \$80 per licensed educator for districts approved through the Equivalency Review Process.

1. In summer 2014, **DPI will distribute via email the Educator Effectiveness Grant application** to all district administrators to be returned to DPI by due date to be determined. The grant application will allow districts to indicate that they are a district already approved to use an alternative model through the equivalency review process.
2. **Districts return grant application to DPI by due date.**
3. **Districts contact the Equivalent Model to determine the process for paying fees associated with the approved alternative model.**
4. Upon receipt of the grant application, **DPI will send District Administrators a Grant Award Notification and a claim form.**
5. After paying registration fees to the Equivalent Model, **Districts will submit claims (up to \$80 per educator) to DPI.**
6. **DPI will then reimburse Districts' claims.**

#### Annual Educator Effectiveness Grant Process for Districts Intending to Use an Equivalent Model Not Yet Approved

1. In summer 2014, **DPI will distribute via email the Educator Effectiveness Grant application** to all district administrators to be returned to DPI by due date to be determined. The grant application will allow districts to indicate that they are a district intending to apply for a new equivalent model.
2. **Districts return grant application to DPI by due date.**
3. **DPI will hold the grant application and invoice until the completion of the annual Equivalency Process** (spring 2014).



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7. The steps in the process differ depending on if 1) A district's Equivalent Model is approved and the district is using an outside vendor, 2) A district's Equivalent Model is approved and the district has developed its own Equivalent Model, and 3) A district's Equivalent Model is not approved. See below.

***If a district's Equivalent Model is approved and the district is using an outside vendor:***

8. DPI will send the District Administrator a Grant Award Notification (GAN) and a claim form. At the same time, districts should contact the Equivalent Model vendor to determine the process for paying fees associated with the approved equivalent model.
9. After paying registration fees to the vendor, Districts will submit claims (up to \$80 per educator) to DPI.
10. DPI will then reimburse district's claims.

***If a district's Equivalent Model is approved and the district has developed its own Equivalent Model:***

8. The district must adjust its grant application by sending in a detailed budget to DPI.
9. After receiving the adjusted grant application with detailed budget, DPI will approve the adjusted grant application (DPI may require additional changes to budget) and will send the District Administrator a Grant Award Notification (GAN) and a claim form.
10. After DPI approves the district's adjusted grant application and the detailed budget, districts will submit claims for approved funds (up to \$80 per educator) to DPI.
11. DPI will then reimburse district's claims.

***If a district is NOT approved for equivalency:***

8. The district must modify its grant application. It must choose between the state model or join a consortium of districts already approved through the Equivalency Process.
9. If using the state model, follow steps 3-7 in Annual Educator Effectiveness Grant Process for Districts Using the State Model. If using an Equivalent model, follow steps 3-6 in Annual Educator Effectiveness Grant Process for Districts Using a Previously Approved Equivalent Model.
- \*Districts should note that costs associated with developing an unsuccessful Equivalency application are not allowable expenditures under this grant and cannot be reimbursed.*

## Grant Restrictions

Districts will only receive funds for appropriate, approved expenditures associated with participation in the Wisconsin Educator Effectiveness System within the period of the grant award. Districts cannot carry over funds.

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