

MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents and Independent School Heads
FROM: Daniel M. French, Ed.D., Secretary of Education 
SUBJECT: 2022 School Vaccine Incentive Application
DATE: December 7, 2021

Purpose

As a critical public health measure to respond to COVID-19 Governor Phil Scott and Secretary of Education Daniel French have committed federal emergency funds to incentivize student vaccination. Starting Dec. 7, 2021, Vermont public and independent schools may apply to receive incentive funds for meeting vaccination thresholds through the Grants Management System (GMS) through the 2022 School Vaccine Incentive Application.

To receive these funds schools must be able to certify that they have met a vaccination threshold and that student input will be sought and considered when planning the use of these funds.

Program Description

Funds will be awarded on a rolling basis through April 1, 2022. Funds must be spent by June 30, 2022. SU/SDs and independent schools will attest to student participation in the incentive program.

Awards will be calculated based on school enrollment data from Oct. 1, 2021. An 85% vaccination rate for eligible students is the minimum threshold to receive funds. The school nurse or other authorized personnel will certify the vaccination rate for eligible students either through direct verification in the IMR (VT Immunization Registry) or, in the case of independent schools, through receipt of self-attestations from a parent or legal guardian. They will use the [Student Vaccination Rate Certification online form](#) to complete their certification.

Schools with a vaccination rate of 85-89.9% will receive \$15 per student. There is a small school minimum of \$2,000 and a maximum award of \$10,000 regardless of student enrollment. Upon achieving a 90% vaccination rate, schools may submit amendments to receive an additional 50% of the original award with a maximum additional award of \$5,000.

SU/SDs will be the applicant for each of their schools and will submit a separate application for each school. Independent schools that are part of a parent organization will also submit a

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separate application for each of their schools. Independent schools that need assistance accessing the Grants Management System (GMS) should contact the [GMS Helpdesk](#).

Questions regarding this program should be directed to [Jill Briggs Campbell](#) or [Meg Porcella](#).