



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3319.57 Grant program for innovations.

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(A) A grant program is hereby established under which the department of education and workforce shall award grants to assist certain schools in a city, exempted village, local, or joint vocational school district in implementing one of the following innovations:

- (1) The use of instructional specialists to mentor and support classroom teachers;
- (2) The use of building managers to supervise the administrative functions of school operation so that a school principal can focus on supporting instruction, providing instructional leadership, and engaging teachers as part of the instructional leadership team;
- (3) The reconfiguration of school leadership structure in a manner that allows teachers to serve in leadership roles so that teachers may share the responsibility for making and implementing school decisions;
- (4) The adoption of new models for restructuring the school day or school year, such as including teacher planning and collaboration time as part of the school day;
- (5) The creation of smaller schools or smaller units within larger schools for the purpose of facilitating teacher collaboration to improve and advance the professional practice of teaching;
- (6) The implementation of "grow your own" recruitment strategies that are designed to assist individuals who show a commitment to education become licensed teachers, to assist experienced teachers obtain licensure in subject areas for which there is need, and to assist teachers in becoming principals;
- (7) The provision of better conditions for new teachers, such as reduced teaching load and reduced class size;



- (8) The provision of incentives to attract qualified mathematics, science, or special education teachers;
- (9) The development and implementation of a partnership with teacher preparation programs at colleges and universities to help attract teachers qualified to teach in shortage areas;
- (10) The implementation of a program to increase the cultural competency of both new and veteran teachers;
- (11) The implementation of a program to increase the subject matter competency of veteran teachers.
- (B) To qualify for a grant to implement one of the innovations described in division (A) of this section, a school must meet both of the following criteria:
- (1) Be hard to staff, as defined by the department.
- (2) Use existing school district funds for the implementation of the innovation in an amount equal to the grant amount multiplied by (1 - the district's state share percentage for the fiscal year in which the grant is awarded).
- For purposes of division (B)(2) of this section, "state share percentage" has the same meaning as in section 3317.02 of the Revised Code.
- (C) The amount and number of grants awarded under this section shall be determined by the department based on any appropriations made by the general assembly for grants under this section.
- (D) The department shall adopt rules for the administration of this grant program.