

## **Mandated Services Aid Reimbursement for 2020-21 School Year Services: Special Instructions to address COVID-19 Impact on Testing**

This document outlines the standards (parameters) that will be utilized to address COVID-19 as it relates to the 2020-21 Mandated Services Aid (MSA)/Comprehensive Attendance Policy (CAP) nonpublic school reimbursement. The New York State Education Department and the Division of Budget have approved a hold-harmless provision for the 2020-21 school/claim year. This document describes how that provision will be implemented.

### **MSA Claiming Guidance**

#### **Hourly Compensation Rate:**

- The number of hours and days must include both remote and in-person instruction, and any significant year-to-year increase in the hourly rate will be held for review by the New York State Education Department (NYSED).
- Nonpublic schools will utilize the number of hours and days (Standard Workday or Actual hours of employees are varied) in the 2020-21 school year for their average hourly calculations.
- Nonpublic schools will utilize 2020-21 school year salary and fringe costs.
- The hourly compensation rate will be calculated using 2020-21 salary/fringe costs and 2020-21 hours/days for all applicable mandates.

#### **Claiming Parameters:**

Reimbursement for all mandates performed during the 2020-21 school year will be calculated using the same parameters/time and effort standards that were

For Regents exams that were cancelled and granted exemption status, a hold-harmless will be provided for reimbursement based on the number of students that completed the required coursework and were eligible to sit for the exam.

For

- Mandate 14: Grade Eight Science Test (GEST)
- Mandate 18: New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT) and New York State Identification Test for English Language Learners (NYSITELL)
- Mandate 19 RIC/Scoring Center Costs

As part of hold-harmless, NYSED will also reimburse costs for workshops, supplies/materials, testing kits, printing, shipping, travel to test storage site (TSS), RIC test scoring and scanning costs.