



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: January 10, 2024
To: Local Educational Agency Leads
Route To: School District Grant Specialists, School District Curriculum and Instruction Supervisors, School District Directors of Counseling and Guidance
From: Jorden Schiff, Ed.D., Assistant Commissioner
Division of Teaching and Learning Services
Deadline: February 13, 2024

Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) Course Expansion and Establishing Advanced Placement African American Studies Notice of Grant Opportunities (NGO)

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is excited to announce the release of two notices of grant opportunities designed to assist local educational agencies (LEAs) in expanding Advanced Placement (AP) and/or International Baccalaureate (IB) offerings:

1. The [Advanced Placement \(AP\) and International Baccalaureate \(IB\) Course Expansion](#) NGO provides LEAs with the opportunity to offer formal training to teachers to expand the number of educators teaching AP or IB classes, expand the number of AP or IB courses offered, or expand equitable access to college-level AP/IB courses particularly for underrepresented student groups.
 - a. This grant is open to all operating New Jersey public LEAs with at least one school that qualifies for the federal definition of a schoolwide Title One program. To meet the definition, a school must have at least 40% of its student population identified as low-income households.
 2. The [Establishing Advanced Placement African American Studies NGO](#) will provide funding to LEAs for the opportunity to onboard and offer Advanced Placement African American Studies (AP AAS) to students starting in the Fall of 2024.
 - a. The AP AAS NGO is open to all LEAs serving students in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) with the intention to open a section, or an additional section of AP AAS in the 2024-2025 school year. Eligible LEAs also include those that are currently participating in the 2022-2023 AP AAS pilot program.
- Both grant programs are scheduled to begin on **April 1, 2024**, and will close on **December 31, 2024**.
 - Grant applications must be **submitted by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2024**.

Technical Assistance Sessions

- 1) A technical assistance session for the “Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) Course Expansion” NGO will be held via webinar on **Thursday, January 18, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** Participants can register [here](#).
- 2) A technical assistance session for the “Establishing Advanced Placement African American Studies: NGO” will be held via webinar on **Friday, January 19, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** Participants can register [here](#).

Contact Information

For more information regarding the grant opportunities please direct questions to APAAS@doe.nj.gov. For technical assistance regarding access to EWEG, please direct questions to EWEGhelp@doe.nj.gov.

c: Members, State Board of Education
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