

The Michigan Department of Treasury recently released details regarding hazard pay for teachers and school support staff. Public Act 166 of 2020 calls for a one-time \$500.00 hazard pay to be paid out to eligible teaching staff and a one-time \$250.00 hazard pay to be paid out to eligible school support staff.

Timeline:

- On November 9, 2020 – The district will notify all identified eligible classroom teachers and support staff via email, and provide the [Teacher and School Support Staff COVID-19 Grants Certification Form 5734](#)
- If you do not receive an email notification, and you feel that you meet the eligibility requirements, you have until December 4, 2020 to appeal, in writing, to Sandy Slowinski at [sslowinski@ashleyschools.net](mailto:sslowinski@ashleyschools.net)
- Eligible grant recipients must return the [Teacher and School Support Staff COVID-19 Grants Certification Form 5734](#) by **December 4, 2020**. *Forms must be received by December 4, 2020. Incomplete forms will not be processed.*
- **By December 16, 2020** – The district will submit a final eligibility list to the Michigan Department of Treasury.
- **February 25, 2021** – Distribution of checks from the Michigan Department of Treasury.

**Teachers will need to certify the following eligibility requirements:**

6. Prior to the issuance of [executive order 2020-35](#), the teacher performed at least 75% of their standard instructional workload in a brick and mortar classroom at the district.
7. After issuance of [executive order 2020-35](#), the teacher developed tools and methods to deliver distance learning, as described in the district's continuity of learning plan.
8. The teacher certifies to the district, via the [Form 5734](#), that he or she worked additional time spent outside of normal working hours, experienced hazardous conditions, or incurred additional costs related to ensuring students could effectively participate in the district's continuity of learning plan.

**School support staff will need to certify the following eligibility requirements:**

9. Prior to the issuance of [executive order No. 2020-35](#), the school support staff (a K-12 full-time or part-time paraprofessional, aide, or non-instructional staff) performed at least 75% of their workload in a brick and mortar school building at a district.
10. Meets the school support staff statutory requirements to receive grant funding.

The Michigan Department of Treasury has compiled a [Support Staff Eligibility](#) FAQ.

11. The school support staff certifies to the District, via the [Form 5734](#), that he or she worked additional time spent outside of normal working hours,

experienced hazardous conditions, or incurred additional costs related to providing student services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Upon reviewing each submitted Form 5734, if the district determines that you do not meet the eligibility requirements released by the Michigan Department of Treasury you will be notified via email. If you feel this was done in error, you may submit your written appeal to Debbi Miller at [dmiller@giresd.net](mailto:dmiller@giresd.net). This written appeal must be received by December 9, 2020.

**Helpful Links:**

[Michigan Department of Treasury Teacher and Support Staff COVID-19 Grants Information](#)

[FAQ Document](#)

[Teacher and School Support Staff COVID-19 Grants Certification Form](#)