

Student Mental Health Apprenticeship Retention and Training (SMART) Internship Grant Program (2022 PA 180) 31ff Guidance

Overview

SMART Internship Act: <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-388-1953>

Definitions: <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-388-1951>

This document offers additional guidance to support the implementation of the SMART bill linked above. This document was developed jointly by the Michigan Association of School Psychologists, the Michigan Association of School Social Workers, and the Michigan School Counselor Association in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Education.

Language Guidance and Clarification

Intern

Student completing fieldwork aligned with their first and second years of graduate training in School Psychology OR

Student completing fieldwork aligned with their graduate training in School Counseling OR

Student completing fieldwork aligned with their graduate training in School Social Work

Internship

Fieldwork aligned with the first and second years of graduate training in School Psychology OR

Fieldwork aligned with graduate training in School Counseling OR

Fieldwork aligned with graduate training in School Social Work

Department-Approved

Department-approved programs include in- and out-of-state graduate programs in School Counseling, School Psychology, and School Social Work as approved by MDE.

Multi-Year Eligibility

Interns may earn 31ff funds during multiple years of internship.

Service Agreement

The three-year service agreement begins when the 31ff fund recipient no longer receives funds under 31ff and is employed by an LEA, ISD, or IHE. The agreement may be served on a part-time or full-time basis.

The LEA, ISD, or IHE receiving 31ff funds agree to ensure interns that receive grants under this section work at a public school for not less than three school years after completion of their internship. Further guidance will be provided.

Eligible Internship Locations

At least one school or district in which the intern works should have at least 50% of pupils eligible for free or reduced-price meals OR at least one school or district should receive funding under section 22d of the state school aid act in the immediately preceding school fiscal year.

Supervisor Stipend

LEAs, ISDs, and IHEs may apply for 31ff funds that can be used to pay \$250 stipends to supervisors of interns.