

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
for Nonpublic Schools
BOOST Scholarship Program, FY 2025**

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1. Question: What are the requirements for schools to participate in BOOST?

Answer: Schools must first be approved to participate in the [Nonpublic Textbook Program](#); offer at least a 1st grade full-day education; and comply with all reporting requirements.

2. Question: What are the reporting requirements?

Answer: Reporting requirements come from the approved Budget Bill for fiscal year 2025 ([HB 350](#)), which hasn't passed yet. So, the following requirements are subject to change. Schools must:

- Complete an online application (which will be sent out after the bill passes)
- Administer an approved English, Math and Science assessment to all students in specified grade bands and report the results to MSDE ([see assessment list here](#))
- Report the number of certified and non-certified teachers
- Report data on any students who received BOOST and were withdrawn or expelled
- Complete enrollment confirmation for BOOST students

3. Question: Tell me more about the assessment requirement.

Answer: This requirement will come from the approved Budget Bill for fiscal year 2025 ([HB 350](#)), which hasn't passed yet. The requirements below were true for the past several years, but are subject to change:

**English Language
Arts Assessment**

- Each year for students in grades 3 through 8
- At least once for students in grades 9 through 12

**Mathematics
Assessment**

- Each year for students in grades 3 through 8
- At least once for students in grades 9 through 12

**Science
Assessment**

- At least once for students in grades 3-5
- At least once for students in grades 6-8
- At least once for students in grades 9-12

4. Question: I'm still a bit confused about the Science assessment. Does it mean that we only have to test one grade level? Can we skip it every third year?

Answer: Your school must administer an approved Science assessment *every year*. But, you may choose which grade level you administer it to. For example, if your school serves grades K – 7th grade, then you must administer it to two grade levels: one elementary grade level between 3rd and 5th grade, and one middle grade level between 6th and 8th. You decide on which grade level.