

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District****Federal Tax ID: 92-6000034****Project Title:****Project Type: Other**

# Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District - National Math and Science Initiative (NMSI) AP Incentive

**State Funding Requested: \$500,000**  
One-Time Need**House District: Mat-Su Areawide (7-11)****Brief Project Description:**

Incentive plan to encourage schools to increase rigor in math, science, and language arts. Both students and teachers will receive financial incentive for successful teaching and mastery of Advanced Placement courses.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$500,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2015 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$500,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

MSBSD is the first district in the State to partner with NMSI in implementing a three-year professional development plan. This past year, 300 secondary math, science, and language arts teachers completed the first year of the training. As part of full implementation, NMSI requests that districts provide a financial incentive to each instructor who teaches an AP math, science, or language arts class and to each student who successfully passes the AP exam. Funding will be used to fulfill this requirement. NMSI data reflects districts who have successfully implemented this model have transformed low and/or average performing schools into some of the highest performing schools in the country. Participation in NMSI has helped position MSBSD as a district with the potential to be one of the highest performing districts in the country.

**Project Timeline:**

Project will commence immediately upon receipt of funds.

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority?  Yes  No