

To: EPPs and Faculty

From: Laurie Matzke, Assistant Superintendent

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Re: RFA Questions for Registered Apprenticeship Program for Teachers

The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI) released the official RFA for round two of the Registered Apprenticeship Program for Teachers (RAP-T) on February 6, 2024. All information is posted on the Registered Teacher Apprenticeship [website](#).

As indicated in the posted RFA, questions were due to NDDPI by 11:59 PM CT on February 12, 2024. The department received three questions on the RAP-T, which we have addressed below.

**Q) Can a school district sign a Letter to Partner with more than one university?**

A) Yes, absolutely! Districts are allowed and encouraged to form partnerships with multiple EPPs.

**Q) Is it acceptable to ask the LEA's to help support Apprenticeship candidates in their unit/district by contributing to the candidate's scholarship (e.g., tuition, books, licensing costs)?**

A) Yes. EPPs can reach out to other agencies (i.e. Job Service for WIOA funding) to assist with costs, look at financial aid options, consider philanthropic funding, and ask LEAs to assist with some of the costs. EPPs would just need to be clear and upfront with districts from the start and include written confirmation of the commitment as an attachment to the application if the LEA agrees with this arrangement.

**Q) Are both the EPP and school district required to provide each apprentice with a mentor?**

A) No. EPPs must assign each participant a high-quality mentor teacher and implement a mentoring program as outlined in their response to Technical Response #7. This mentoring program must be developed in collaboration with their LEA partners. School districts are not required to have an additional mentoring program above and beyond the EPP program. However, any additional support provided to the apprentice in their school would only provide for a stronger program.

As a reminder, RAP-T applications are due to the NDDPI on March 20, 2024.

The RFA can be found [here](#).

If anyone has questions, please contact [Laurie Matzke](#) at (701) 328-2284.