

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
June 15, 2023

OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING

- Y. Approval of methodology to award formula grants to school districts for the purpose of providing reimbursement for the Textbook Inventory Management System (TIMS 2.0)

Background: Mississippi Code Ann. § 37-43-51 requires schools to file annual textbook inventory reports through the MDE’s Textbook Inventory Management System (TIMS 2.0). Using TIMS 2.0, school districts can manage high-quality instructional materials (HQIM) from purchase to distribution. TIMS 2.0 allows schools to report their active and surplus textbook inventory, as well as transfer surplus books to other schools.

Purpose: During the 2023 Legislative Session, the Legislature appropriated funds for monitoring and evaluating the adoption and implementation of high-quality instructional materials. This allows for the MDE to help defray the expense of the TIMS 2.0 platform. Contingent upon availability of funds, districts may be reimbursed on a per-pupil basis for TIMS 2.0. To be reimbursed, districts shall submit the paid invoice from the Mississippi Textbook Depository, as well as, an end-of-year inventory for the district, in accordance with the established timeline and processes according to the MDE’s Textbook Administration Handbook.

Mississippi Code Ann. § 37-43-51 states that textbooks are on loan to accredited non-public schools from the State of Mississippi. Non-public schools shall pay no more than \$2.00 per student based on the previous year’s average daily attendance and shall use the yearly allotted Education Enhancement Funds to pay for the TIMS 2.0 platform.

Funds will be awarded based on the following methodology:

Per-pupil grant awards will be based upon enrollment in K to 12th grade on October 1 of the prior school year.

$$\frac{\text{Funds available}}{\text{K to 12}^{\text{th}} \text{ Enrollment}} = \text{Per-Pupil Amount}$$

$$\text{Per-Pupil Amount} \times \text{PK-to-3}^{\text{rd}}\text{-Grade Enrollment} = \text{Allocation}$$

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024
- Award Amount: Up to 1,000,000 (total)
- Method of Award: Formula reimbursement methodology

Funding Source: State funds

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None