

OFP Highlights

...is an update on the Office of Federal Programs' federal grants & RFPs, workshops, trainings, and opportunities relevant to MS school districts, parents, community and other stakeholders.

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New Releases & Web Postings

FY 2015 CFPA Training Material

The presentations and video recordings of all major sessions from the FY 2015 CFPA training are posted to [Share Point](#) and [OFP CFPA](#) website. If you were not able to attend this year's training or need to be reminded of key elements to developing your CFPA, please visit one or both of the above mentioned sites.

FY 2015 CFPA

The FY 2015 Consolidated Federal Programs Application is posted on the Office of Federal Programs' website at www.mde.k12.ms.us/federal-programs/federal-programs--cfpa.

FY 2015 CFPA Submission Procedure

The FY 2015 Consolidated Federal Programs Application (CFPA) is a comprehensive series of documents published by the Mississippi Department of Education. Documents are **not** to be altered or changed in format. The FY 2015 CFPA must be received in the Office of Federal Programs **on or before June 30, 2014**. ***Failure to submit the completed application in its entirety by the established deadline may delay the approval of your application and the disbursement of funds to your district.*** The CFPA documents should be saved in an **Adobe PDF** format and uploaded to SharePoint. Using your assigned username and password, log into [SharePoint](#) and upload your application into the "FY15" folder by selecting Federal Programs > CFPA > FY15.

Mail all pages requiring original signatures (i.e. Cover Page, Private School Participation Forms, General Assurances...) to the Office of Federal Programs:

**Mississippi Department of Education
Office of Federal Programs
Attention: Marcus E. Cheeks
359 North West Street
P.O. Box 771
Jackson, MS 39205-0771**

Text to E-mail Questions

Responding to your questions is critical to the success of your program. In an effort to enhance the efficiency and timely responses you are welcome to send questions, comments, or ideas to enhance our services by texting or emailing questions to federalprograms2@mde.k12.ms.us. This tool was used during the FY 2015 CFPA training to capture questions, which have been posted to the OFP website under [FAQ](#).

FY 2015 CFPA Work Sessions

The FY 2015 CFPA Work Sessions will continue, as listed below, for the month of May. In an effort to deploy appropriate staff resources to the remaining sessions, I am asking all Federal Program Directors planning to attend to register through the [GoSignMeUp](#) registration site. The remaining sessions are listed as courses and if you plan to attend one or multiple locations, please help by registering now.

May 15-16, 2014	May 22-23, 2014
Session Location:	Session Location:
Family Education Center	Hancock Leadership Center
516 Forrest Street Hattiesburg, MS	1920 Briar Ridge Rd Tupelo, MS
(across from Hawkins Elementary School)	(adjacent to the ICC & Ole Miss Tupelo campuses)
Contact Information:	Contact Information:
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2014-2015 Testing Calendar

The 2014-2015 testing calendar, approved by the State Board of Education, is posted to the Office of Student Assessment's SharePoint site at [2014-2014 Testing Calendar](#). Please note that this calendar does account for the recent legislative change which removed the mandated early start date in August. Since this calendar introduces some new assessments and acronyms, a list of new terms is located on the last page for your convenience.

For more information, please contact:

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National Title I Conference: Call for Presenters

The National Title I Conference committee invites all education experts, researchers, authors, and successful practitioners with information of interest to the Title I audience to submit a presentation proposal, NOW THROUGH JUNE 16. Visit the newly updated [Conference website](#) and [Download the Proposal Submission Guidelines](#) for complete details. The 2015 National Title I Conference, Leading with Wonder, will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Title I and sessions will be selected to highlight current, successful, Title I programs that ensure every child achieves at high levels.

Monitoring Information

Monitoring federal programs helps ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education. Compliance monitoring is intended to be a collaborative partnership between the State and LEAs to ensure compliance with the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The following Title programs have begun the monitoring process from now until July 31, 2014:

- Title I, Part D: Neglected & Delinquent
- Title III, Part A: English Language Learners
- Title IV, Part B: 21st Century Learning Centers
- Title X, Part C: Homeless Education

For more information, please contact:

Title I, Part D: Neglected & Delinquent—Jerry McClendon, jmccclendon@mde.k12.ms.us

Title III, Part A: English Language Learners—Tarro Funches, tfunches@mde.k12.ms.us

Title IV, Part B: 21st Century Learning Century—Karen Austin, kaustin@mde.k12.ms.us

Title X, Part C: Homeless Education—Barbara Greene, bgreene@mde.k12.ms.us

Guidance Notifications

Student Incentives

This week we are noting factors which should be considered when using Title I funds for student incentives. LEAs have some flexibility to use Title I funds and other federal dollars to finance items or activities... For more information please visit the OFP website at: [OFP Guidance Letters](#).

News You Can Use & Friendly Reminders

FY 2015 Migrant Education Request for Proposals

The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) is soliciting proposals for the purpose of creating a Mississippi Migrant Education Service Center. This center must provide academic enrichment opportunities for Migrant Children, to prepare them to meet core academic achievement standards in schools across the state. Potential offerors may access the Request for Proposal at www.mde.k12.ms.us under the Public Notice/Request for Proposals/Federal Programs Office. The deadline for receipt of proposals is on or before 3:30 p.m., Central Time (CT) Tuesday, May 20, 2014.

FY 2015 McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Request for Proposals

The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) is soliciting proposals for the purpose of McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth grant. The Request for Proposals may be accessed by potential offerors at www.mde.k12.ms.us under the Public Notice section. The deadline for receipt of proposals is on or before 3:30 p.m., Central Time (CT) Monday, June 2, 2014.

New Authority for Uses of Title I, Part A for Homeless Students

The U.S. Department of Education (ED) has been asked whether Title I funds may be used to meet two requirements of McKinney-Vento: (1) to provide a local homeless liaison; and (2) to pay the cost to transport homeless children and youth to and from their school of origin. New authority in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014 expands the allowable use of Title I funds to support these activities. The appropriations language applies to FY2015 (SY2014-2015) Title I funds and, under the authority in section 425(b) of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA), to FYs 2013 and 2014 Title I carryover funds as well. Accordingly, an LEA may spend funds from its FY 2015 Title I allocation and unobligated Title I carryover funds to pay for the homeless liaison or to transport homeless children and youth to their school of origin. For your reference, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014 guidance is available at: <http://center.serve.org/nche/legis/2014-omnibus.php>

For more information, please contact:

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Community Eligibility Provision

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) is being phased in over several years by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and will be available in all States starting in the 2014-2015 school year. CEP permits eligible schools to provide meal service to all students at no charge, regardless of economic status, while reducing burden at the household and local levels by eliminating the need to obtain eligibility data from families through a separate collection.

In addition to promoting nutrition for at-risk students, these changes to the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) are important to the implementation of Title I, Part A

because SEAs and LEAs often use NSLP data to carry out certain Title I requirements. The Office of Child Nutrition and Office of Federal Programs are working collaboratively to support LEAs and schools desiring to exercise this CEP options. Specific guidance and support material may be located at the following link: <http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/cep>

For more information, please contact:

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Have a wonderful week,

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