

MISSISSIPPI TEACHER COUNCIL



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Purpose

The purpose of the Mississippi Teacher Council (MTC) is to provide feedback to the State Superintendent of Education on the initiatives of the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) and the Mississippi State Board of Education (SBE) and to empower teachers to discuss topics critical to their success in the classroom.



Teachers often implement effective strategies in their classrooms that can be shared statewide and provide valuable insights that could improve MDE initiatives. The MTC provides a venue for teachers to become advocates for their students and their profession through input into the decision-making process.

Description

The MDE invites school districts to participate in the 2019-2020 MTC. Here are the goals of the council:

- To inform MDE's professional development strategy
- To provide teacher perspectives to MDE on proposed and existing initiatives
- To provide feedback, guidance and support to MDE in the development and implementation of effective teaching and learning strategies.

Charge

Composition: The MTC will include classroom teachers from three areas of the state (north, central and south). The MDE is seeking a diverse group of teachers who represent all levels and subject areas to accurately reflect public education in Mississippi. There will be a concerted effort to include teachers at various levels of the career cycle, including teachers who have less than 5 years of teaching experience.

Function: Council members will work with the State Superintendent of Education to create a joint agenda for quarterly meetings. The goal is to have the State Superintendent share information and receive feedback and then open the meeting to discuss issues of importance to the council.

Logistics: The meetings will be held in person to encourage broad participation. The meetings will take place from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

The meeting dates and cities are *tentatively* scheduled for September as follows:

- **Wednesday, September 4 - Hattiesburg**
- **Thursday, September 5 - Oxford**
- **Tuesday, September 10 - Jackson**

Qualifications

A teacher is defined as a regular classroom teacher who spends 100% of his/her time in Pre-kindergarten-12th grade classrooms working with students.

A council member must:

1. Be a classroom teacher for a minimum of 3 years and plan to remain a classroom teacher.
2. Demonstrate a strong commitment to school improvement as evidenced by involvement at a school, community, state or national level, and supported by a letter of recommendation from a principal or superintendent that can attest to that.
3. Be knowledgeable about educational issues and show leadership in the school.
4. Be willing to engage in constructive discussions about current issues in education.

Selection Process

Information and materials for candidates who wish to be considered for MTC will be disseminated through the MDE website, EdUpdate and various other education partners.

- Candidates who wish to be considered will need to submit a resume, [fill in the candidate information form](#) and **submit a resume and a letter of recommendation from a principal or superintendent who can speak to his/her abilities and potential to contribute.**
- Candidates must send resume and recommendation letter by **Friday, June 28, 2019** to tburkett@mdek12.org or mail to:

Mississippi Department of Education
Attn: Office of Communications and Government Relations
P.O. Box 771
Jackson, MS 39205-771

Next Steps

Applications are due by **Friday, June 28, 2019**. It is recommended that you review your application prior to submission. Once it has been submitted, changes cannot be made to your application.

Selected council members will be notified by email or phone by **July 31, 2019**, and the 2019-2020 Mississippi Teacher Council meeting confirmation dates and locations for the year will be sent.

If you have any questions, please contact Patrice Guilfoyle, APR, communications director, at pguilfoyle@mdek12.org