

**OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**May 17-18, 2012**

**OFFICE OF ACCREDITATION**

36. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To allow the course titled Technology Foundations [replaces the three courses titled Computer Discovery (1 credit), Keyboarding (.5 credits), and Computer Applications (.5 credits)] when taken in grades 8-12, be accepted in lieu of the graduation requirement for one Carnegie unit in Computer Discovery

On April 18, 2012, the Commission on School Accreditation approved the request from the Office of Career and Technical Education to allow the course titled Technology Foundations [replaces the three courses titled Computer Discovery (1 credit), Keyboarding (.5 credits), and Computer Applications (.5 credits)] when taken in grades 8-12, be accepted in lieu of the graduation requirement for one Carnegie unit in Computer Discovery.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**Proposal from the Office of Career and Technical Education  
Graduation Requirements: Technology Foundations in lieu of Computer Discovery  
Approved by the Commission on School Accreditation April 18, 2012**

**The Office of Career and Technical Education requests that the course titled Technology Foundations which replaces the three courses titled Computer Discovery (1 credit), Keyboarding (.5 credits), and Computer Application(.5 credits) as a Carnegie unit that meets the computer literacy graduation requirement when taken in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade or grades 9-12.**

Beginning school year 2012 – 2013 Technology Foundations will replace the outdated Computer Discovery course in all middle schools in Mississippi.

Beginning school year 2013-2014 Technology Foundations will also replace the outdated Keyboarding and Computer Application courses.

Computer Discovery and the classes of Keyboarding and Computer Applications have similar curriculums. In the revision process, one course has been developed to replace the two separate courses and can be taught at either the 8<sup>th</sup> grade or any grade 9-12 at the high school level.

This also gives districts the flexibility needed to combine students at different grade levels to meet the computer literacy graduation requirement.

Issue	Justification
Computer Discovery	Curriculum adopted in 2003 and currently meets graduation requirements for 8 <sup>th</sup> graders for computer literacy credit
Keyboarding and Computer Applications	Curriculum adopted in 2004 and currently meets graduation requirements for 9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> graders for computer literacy credit