

**OFFICE OF INSTRUCTIONAL ENHANCEMENT AND INTERNAL OPERATIONS**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**February 14-15, 2013**

**OFFICE OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

08. Approval to revise methodology to reimburse schools participating in advanced learning programs for approved test fees for low-income students

Purpose: To pay all or a portion of approved test fees on behalf of low-income students who plan to take an advanced learning exam(s) including, but not limited to, International Baccalaureate and Cambridge. Approved exams will be indicated every year by the United States Department of Education under the Advanced Placement Test Fee Grant Program.

Eligibility: To receive funds, the school must have eligible low-income students taking exams indicated by the United States Department of Education under the Advanced Placement Test Fee Grant Program.

Funding Source: Advanced Placement Grant - Federal

Basis for Reimbursements: Title I, Part G of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965, as amended by the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* enables state education agencies to pay all or a portion of approved test fees including, but not limited to, International Baccalaureate and Cambridge on behalf of eligible low-income students.

Base Allocation: Each school district will be reimbursed for test fees taken by students who qualify for free or reduced lunch. The amount will be based on the Advanced Placement Test Fee Grant Application approved by the United States Department of Education.

The methodology will be reviewed annually to determine if revisions are necessary as a result of changes in funding or changes in the law. Revisions to the methodology will be presented for Board approval.

Recommendation: Approval