

OFFICE OF INSTRUCTIONAL ENHANCEMENT AND INTERNAL OPERATIONS
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
May 16-17, 2013

OFFICE OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

10. Approval of methodology to award competitive grants to early learning collaborative councils to support Pre-Kindergarten programs

Purpose: To provide funding to early learning collaborative councils for the purpose of supporting and facilitating the implementation of Pre-Kindergarten programs.

Eligibility: Applications will be accepted from early learning collaborative councils. An early learning collaborative is a district or county-wide council comprised of a public school district and/or a local Head Start affiliate (if available), private or parochial schools, or one or more licensed child care providers. Agencies or organizations working with young children and their families to provide resources and coordination may also be included. Early learning collaborative councils eligible to be selected must:

- Use state-adopted early learning standards;
- Use curriculum supported by scientifically-based research to prepare students for Kindergarten;
- Use age-appropriate assessments;
- Plan to serve students with disabilities as indicated under IDEA; and
- Meet all program criteria established by the MDE.

Funding Source: State funds

Basis for Awarding the Grants: Request for Proposals

Funds will be awarded based on a community's capacity, commitment, and need. Evidence of existing strong collaboration of early education stakeholders must be provided. Early learning collaborative councils with the highest number of points demonstrating the capacity to facilitate the implementation of Pre-Kindergarten programs will be awarded the funding.

Recommendation: Approval