

OFFICE OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT, OVERSIGHT AND RECOVERY
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
January 16-17, 2014

OFFICE OF DROPOUT PREVENTION AND COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ENFORCEMENT

08. Approval of methodology to award competitive grant funds to Local Education Agencies in support of local dropout prevention initiatives as authorized by the Legislature

Purpose: To provide dropout prevention funding to Local Education Agencies for the purpose of improving and supporting effective, sustainable and coordinated dropout prevention and re-entry programs.

Eligibility: To receive funds, an applicant must have been identified as having implemented the district's current dropout prevention plan with emphasis on effective, sustainable, and coordinated dropout prevention and re-entry programs in high schools. Funds also may be used to support activities at middle schools and elementary schools with current dropout prevention programs. A district may enter into a "Memorandum of Understanding" with a non-profit organization to that meets the eligibility criteria. An evaluation instrument for the program must be included. The funding must be used for dropout prevention programs.

Funding Source: State funds

Basis for Awarding the Grants: Competitive

Grants will be awarded based on the quality of the Local Education Agencies application and the availability of funding. The amount of funds awarded is contingent upon state appropriations and related legislative mandates.

The grant recipients shall be monitored to ensure compliance with program requirements.

Recommendation: Approval