

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**March 19-20, 2015**

**OFFICE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION (6-12)**

10. Approval to award discretionary grants to school districts to implement innovative programs

Purpose: The Mississippi Department of Education is awarding discretionary grants to assist eligible public school districts in implementing innovative programs to provide students with the maximum opportunity for success after high school. The innovative programs will also help reduce dropout rates and better prepare students for a global society. The grant funds will be used for professional development, resources, materials and assessments essential to program success.

For the past three years, the Mississippi Legislature has approved special funding to be used for implementation and sustainability of innovative programs. The school districts recommended for grants in this item appeared before the Excellence for All/Innovative Program Evaluation Committee in October 2014 to demonstrate and provide documentation that would validate the progress each school has made toward improving student achievement. Based on the committee's findings, all school received high marks for progress in their individual innovative program, therefore awarding the school either an accountability label that was equal to or one level above their previous accountability label.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: March 20, 2015 – June 30, 2015
- Award Amount: \$365,225 (Based on per pupil funding)
- Method of Award: Discretionary

Funding Source: State Funds

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
***Innovative High School Grant Awards***

<b>School Districts</b>	<b>Innovative Model</b>	<b>Per Pupil Assessment Cost Funding</b>	<b>Total Grant</b>
Clarksdale Municipal School District	Cambridge	314 students @\$175 per student	\$54,950
Corinth School District	Cambridge	643 students @ \$175 per student	\$112,525
Gulfport School District	ACT and Academic Career Academies	709 students @ \$175 per student	\$124,075
Columbia School District	ACT Quality Core	421 students@ \$175 per student	\$73,675
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,087 students</b>	<b>\$365,225</b>

## INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS 2014-15 BUDGET Justification

SCHOOL	CATEGORY	AMOUNT
<b>Clarksdale</b>	<b>Testing – End of course exams for AICE and IGCSE level courses</b>	\$22,910
	AICE Biology (20)      AICE English (185) AICE History (20)      IGCSE Chemistry (6) IGCSE Math (173)      IGCSE English (245) IGCSE History (245)      IGCSE Literature (6)	
	<b>Extended School Day/Saturday School</b>	\$3,920
	ESD (4 teachers x \$35 per hour x 4 hours per week x 7 weeks = \$3,920)	
	Benefits	\$935
	<b>Professional/Educational Services for Teachers</b>	\$1917
	<b>Teacher Stipends for Professional Development (Off Contract)</b>	\$20,400
	68 Teachers x \$100 per day x 3 days off contract = \$20,400	
	Benefits	\$4868
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$54,950</b>
<b>Corinth</b>	<b>Professional/Educational Services for Teachers</b>	\$20,000
	<b>Textbooks</b>	\$15,000
	<b>Testing-End of Course exams for ACIE and IGSCCE level courses</b>	\$77,000
	<b>Teacher Materials</b>	\$525.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>112,525</b>
<b>Columbia</b>	<b>Assessments</b>	\$42,800
	ACT End of Course – \$25,000 ACTE Retesting - \$10,000 Measure of Academic Process(MAP) - \$7,800	
	<b>Soft Ware</b>	\$6,485
	Discover Education Video Streaming - \$3,275 USA Test Prep - \$2,700 ACT online Prep \$510.00	
	<b>Professional Development</b>	\$18,800
	<b>Supplies</b>	\$5,590.00

	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$73,675</b>
<b>Gulfport</b>	<b>Career Academies –Academic Institutes</b> Wall-to-Wall Implementation	\$45,000
	<b>Assessments</b> AP (year 3&4 Students) 450 @91.00 = \$40,950 ACT (year 2 Students) 350@\$38 = 13,330 Aspire ACT –Grant portion of (\$69,824 ) = \$25,842	\$79,075
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$124,075</b>