

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**Consent Agenda**  
**January 21, 2016**

**OFFICE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION**

H. Award discretionary grant to the Mississippi Institution of Higher Learning (IHL)

Purpose: To bridge college and career ready implementation efforts of the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) between the three Mississippi educational organizations; MDE, IHL, and community junior colleges (CJC) in the areas of dual credit, Advanced Placement (AP), graduation pathways, and educational support materials.

Support from this grant will include but not be limited to:

Dual Credit and Advanced Placement

- Guide revision of current policies including recommendations for legislative changes
- Establish reporting requirements for dual credit data
- Research to guide changes in policy and practices
- Coordinate efforts between K-12, CJC, IHL
- Organize communication of MDE Career Readiness Initiative with the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) and between K-12, CJC, IHL
- Guide efforts for improving dual credit around work with the Education Commission of the States
- Develop common communication information that will be used by all three organizations, K-12, CJC, and IHL

• Graduation Pathways

- Provide assistance with College Preparatory Curriculum (CPC) requirements
- Provide training and technical assistance to MDE in development of graduation pathways
- Coordinate efforts between K-12 and IHL to streamline the transition for students from high school to postsecondary
- Develop Toolkits for use with Students, Parents, Counselors, and Administrators
- Develop common communication information that will be used by all three organizations, K-12, CJC, and IHL

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: January 21, 2016 – December 31, 2016
- Award Amount: \$150,000
- Method of Award: Discretionary

Funding Source: State Funds

Recommendation: Approval