

OFFICE OF CHIEF OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
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OFFICE OF DISTRICT ACCREDITATION

E. Accredited Nonpublic-Status for The Institute for Diverse Education

Background Information: Based on nonpublic school accreditation policy 2.3, an accredited nonpublic school will be assigned an accredited status when the school is in compliance with each of the applicable accreditation requirements and Nonpublic standards.

The Institute for Diverse Education (TIDE) is an individualized educational program for students ages 9-17 who often display dyslexia, ADHD, high functioning autism, and similar disabilities in school and/or at home. Students at TIDE school are placed by parents. The TIDE school board has approved policy to accept students from local public school districts that do not have appropriate services for these students as well as placement by the Department of Human Services. Students receive specialized programming addressing their academic needs, which is coordinated with the Mississippi College and Career Ready Standards, to prepare them to successfully return to their local schools.

TIDE School is staffed with a full-time principal, 2 full-time special education teachers, 6 certified teachers, 1 assistant teacher, and the school contracts with the Mississippi Dyslexia Center for therapeutic services as well as the University of Southern Mississippi to provide behavioral counseling. Currently, 37 students are enrolled with a capacity of 100 students.

Recommendation: Approval