

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
May 12, 2016

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

B. 2016-2017 Student Handbooks for State Schools

1. Mississippi School of the Arts
2. Mississippi School for the Blind
3. Mississippi School for the Deaf
4. Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science

Executive Summary

The document contains the handbooks for students attending the Mississippi School of the Arts, Mississippi School for the Blind, Mississippi School for the Deaf, and Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science. Each handbook details the policies and procedures regarding general information, academic expectations, student services, health services, visitors on campus, school safety and transportation, technology, and discipline.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

The revised Handbook for **Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science** has the following changes from the previous year's publication:

- Slightly modified mission statement
- Modified language for clarity
- Modified language for alignment to MDE Policies
- Legal review and updates

The revised Handbook for **Mississippi School of the Arts** has the following changes from the previous year's publication:

- Removal of staff listing and calendar to make the handbook applicable to future years
- Additional fees for media arts courses
- Updated dress code for students
- Updated the appeals process for non-invitation to be consistent with MSMS and require appeals to Executive Director
- Corrected language to reflect current practice regarding curfew and campus work service tasks
- Added administrative discretion for disciplinary actions as necessary
- Modified language for consistency regarding wearing badges on campus
- Legal review and updates

The revised Handbook for **Mississippi School for the Blind and Deaf** has the following changes from the previous year's publication:

- Modified Possession of Tobacco and/or Tobacco Products procedures
- Modified language for alignment to MDE Policies
- Modified residential hygiene policies
- Legal review and updates