

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
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OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- G. Mississippi State School's 2017-2018 Student Handbooks: (1) Mississippi School of the Arts, (2) Mississippi School for the Blind, (3) Mississippi School for the Deaf, and (4) Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science

Executive Summary

The document contains 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. It details the policies and procedures regarding general information, academic expectations, student services, health services, visitors on campus, school safety and transportation, technology, and discipline.

The following policies have been revised and are common to all four State Special Schools' 2017-2018 Student Handbooks in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §§, 37-11-55, 37-11-67, and 37-11-69:

- Explanation of the responsibilities and rights of students with regard to: attendance; respect for persons and property; free speech and student publications; assembly; privacy; and participation in school programs and activities.
- Policy for recognizing the teacher as the authority in classroom matters, dealing with student who causes a disruption in the classroom, on school property or vehicles, or at school-related activities, and development of behavior modification plans for second disruption during the school year.
- Policy concerning gang-related activities in the school, on school property or vehicles, or at school-related activities.
- Policy regarding anti-bullying.

The following policies have also been revised and are common to all four State Special Schools' 2017-2018 Student Handbooks:

- Confidentiality and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy ACT (FERPA)
- Dropout Prevention Plan

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

The Mississippi State School's 2017-2018 Student Handbooks can be viewed by logging into the Board's SharePoint folder.

- (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