

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**March 21, 2018**

**OFFICE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION**

- B. Award discretionary grant to the Research and Curriculum Unit at Mississippi State University to provide training and support for local districts related to secondary education, special education, and school improvement

Purpose: The Research and Curriculum Unit (RCU) at Mississippi State University will provide the following services for the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE):

- Provide technical assistance, resources and support in the statewide initiative to improve graduation restructuring and dropout prevention plans.
- Provide technical support for Career and Readiness Initiative.
- Provide ongoing assistance with the implementation for the existing early college high schools as well with the implementation of budgets, leadership, and instruction in 2018-19.
- Provide technical assistance to design professional development and leadership programs targeting middle school principals, counselors, and teachers.
- Assist in the implementation of Miss. Code § 37-179-1 Schools of Innovation and Mississippi Innovation Lab Network Project (MS ILN)
- Provide curriculum updates in secondary curriculum areas.
- Develop a modification guide supporting instructional strategies for general education teachers to use with special needs students in the classroom.
- Collaborate with the Office of Special Education and special education teachers to draft a sequence of career development courses for Significant Cognitive Disability (SCD) students and plan for implementation.
- Support Office of School Improvement by providing training to District and School Leadership Teams (DLTs and SLTs) and P-16 Councils and to gather evidence that informs the OSI on how to improve the MDE's school improvement initiatives.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019
- Award Amount: Up to \$1,459,361.25
- Method of Award: Discretionary

Funding Source: State and Federal funds

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**OFFICE OF INSTRUCTIONAL ENHANCEMENT AND INTERNAL OPERATIONS  
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**OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT**

12. Approval of methodology to award discretionary grant dollars to statewide agencies and organizations to provide technical services and training across MDE offices

Purpose: The Mississippi Department of Education provides technical support across a range of offices which include data management, student assessment, curriculum development, program evaluation, teacher evaluation, and administrator evaluation. It is economically feasible for the multiple offices within the MDE to combine resources and grant funds in a manner that enhances program consistency and efficiency.

Eligibility: All statewide agencies and organizations, including but not limited to community colleges, institutions of higher learning, and Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) are eligible to receive grants.

Funding Source: State and Federal Funds

Basis for Awarding the Grants: Discretionary

Recommendation: Approval