

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

**OFFICE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION**

C. Award discretionary grant to the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning to coordinate K-12 and post-secondary initiatives

Purpose: To bridge college and career ready implementation efforts between Mississippi Department of Education (MDE), Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL), and Community Junior Colleges (CJC) in the areas of dual credit, Advanced Placement (AP), graduation pathways, and other areas to strengthen secondary and post-secondary transition activities.

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

Dual Credit and Advanced Placement

- Establish reporting requirements for dual credit data
- Research to guide changes in policy and practices
- Coordinate efforts between K-12, CJC, and IHL
- Organize communication of MDE Career Readiness Initiative between K-12, CJC, and IHL
- Guide efforts for improving dual credit in collaboration 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: July 1, 2018 — June 30, 2019
- Award Amount: \$150,000
- Method of Award: Discretionary

Funding Source: State funds (based on availability of funds)

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None