

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**Consent Agenda**  
**April 19, 2018**

**OFFICE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION**

- F. Approval to establish the Coahoma Early College High School

**Executive Summary**

Coahoma Agricultural High School is seeking approval for the transfer to the Coahoma Community College District for use as an Early College High School for the students of Coahoma county beginning in school year 2018-2019 as outlined in Miss. Code Ann. § 37-27-93. Implementing the Early College High School will provide students with the maximum opportunity for success after high school. The Early College High School will also help reduce dropout rates and better prepare students for a global society. During the four years of high school, students will earn a Mississippi high school diploma and have the opportunity to earn an Associate's degree or industry certifications from Coahoma Community College. The number of college courses taken by students will increase each year, with students spending the majority of their school day on the community college campus by their third year in the program. At the end of the four-year program, students will have earned college credit that will transfer to a four-year university or will have earned the certifications necessary to secure a position with the growing number of local industries.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

West's Annotated Mississippi Code

Title 37. Education

Chapter 27. Agricultural High Schools

Miss. Code Ann. § 37-27-93

§ 37-27-93. Coahoma Agricultural High School; authority to apply for conversion of facilities and programs to an Early College High School; disposition of personal property; status of students; diplomas; automatic transfer of students

Currentness

(1) The Board of Trustees of Coahoma Agricultural High School are authorized to make application to the Mississippi Department of Education for the approval of converting the facilities and programs of the agricultural high school to an Early College High School. In the event the State Board of Education approves this application, effective July 1, 2018, the Coahoma Agricultural High School shall be transferred to the Coahoma Community College District and shall be used as an Early College High School serving up to four hundred (400) students from the following counties: Bolivar, Coahoma, Tunica, Tallahatchie and Quitman. The conversion from Coahoma Agricultural High School to the Early College High School shall be administered on a phased-in basis beginning with ninth-grade students and adding on one (1) grade level every year from the applicable counties until the school has full enrollment. Students who are currently enrolled in Coahoma Agricultural High School in Grades 10-12 may be enrolled at the facility as students at the Early College High School and continue in the system. From July 1, 2016, through July 1, 2018, the President and Board of Trustees of Coahoma Agricultural High School shall cooperate with the Board of Trustees of the Coahoma Community College District for the transition of the facilities and programs. The Board of Trustees of the Coahoma Agricultural High School and the Board of Trustees of the Coahoma Community College District shall redesign the facilities in order to establish an environment that supports college readiness for all students through a required college preparatory curriculum, access to college courses, counseling for college admissions, and other college readiness activities, such as explicit instruction in college behavior and expectations. All real property titled to or used by Coahoma Agricultural High School will become the property of the Coahoma Community College District.

(2) All personal property used by the Coahoma Agricultural High School for secondary school purposes, including all nondisposable sports and/or extracurricular equipment (i.e., football helmets, shoulder pads, baseball bats and helmets, and band equipment) will become the property of the Coahoma Community College District. The division of such personal property will be determined by joint order of the Boards of Trustees of the Coahoma Community College District and the Coahoma County School District. Any cost of transferring title of such real or personal property will be paid by the Coahoma Community College District.

(3) Any such joint order directing the transfer of the personal property of the Coahoma Agricultural High School shall be submitted and approved by the State Board of Education. The finding of the State Board of Education shall be final and conclusive for the purpose of the transfer of property required by such administrative consolidation.

(4) The students attending the said agricultural high school shall be deemed to be students of the school district where they reside. After transfer of the Coahoma Agricultural High School, any student who is enrolled at the Coahoma Agricultural

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High School when the transfer is effected may receive two (2) diplomas upon successful completion of all graduation requirements of the school district they subsequently attend: one (1) diploma to be the official completion with the school district they subsequently attend and the second to be a courtesy diploma reflecting graduation from Coahoma Agricultural High School.

(5) The State Board of Education shall issue regulations providing for the automatic transfer of students in the surrounding counties who wish to enroll in the Early College High School.

**Credits**

Added by Laws **2016**, Ch. 467 (S.B. **2501**), § 1, eff. July 1, **2016**.

Miss. Code Ann. § 37-27-93, MS ST § 37-27-93

The Statutes and Constitution are current with laws from the 2018 Regular Session effective upon passage as approved through March 25, 2018. The statutes are subject to changes provided by the Joint Legislative Committee on Compilation, Revision and Publication of Legislation.

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