

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
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**OFFICE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION**

02. Information: Districts of Innovation, Early College High Schools, and Mississippi Innovation Lab Network Update [Goals 1, 2, 4, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background Information: This is an update from the Office of Secondary Education on the Districts of Innovation, Early College High Schools, and the Mississippi Innovation Lab Network.

The Districts of Innovation, as outlined in Senate Bill 2191, shall be to better prepare students for success in life and work and include at a minimum goals and performance targets for the following: reducing achievement gaps, increasing pupil learning, and participation of all students in various curriculum and instructional components to enhance student achievement. Districts of Innovation also target an increase in the number of students who are college- and career-ready and a reduction in the number of students that exit high school in need of remediation, while motivating students by expanding curriculum choices and learning opportunities for students.

The Early College High Schools provide students with the maximum opportunity for success after high school while also helping to reduce dropout rates and better prepare students for a global society. While attending an early college high school, students are able to earn an Associate's degree or industry certifications. 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.

The Mississippi Innovation Lab Network consists of A- and B- rated school districts who work together to identify, test, and implement student-centered approaches, such as personalized, competency-based, and anytime/anywhere learning that will be shared statewide to help transform education in Mississippi.

This item references Goals 1, 2, 4, and 6 of the *Mississippi Board of Education Strategic Plan* for 2016-2020.

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Back-up material: None