

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
June 21, 2018

OFFICE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION

D. Approval of methodology to award funds to school districts in support of the implementation of the Mississippi Virtual Public School

Background and Purpose: The Mississippi Virtual Public School began in 2006-07 school year, operating through competitively bid vendor contracts until State law changed during the 2018 legislative session. In accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-161-3, beginning in the 2018-19 school year, the Mississippi Virtual Public School providers shall be chosen through the Mississippi Online Course Application process.

Eligibility: Only local educational agencies (LEAs) are eligible to receive grant funds.

Funding Source: State funds. Grant awards are subject to availability of funds contingent upon legislative appropriation.

Basis for Awarding the Grants: Formula
Funds will be awarded based on the following methodology:

Per-pupil funding will be based upon 5% of the 12th grade enrollment on October 1 of the prior school year.

$$\frac{\text{Funds available}}{(0.05 \times \text{Statewide 12}^{\text{th}} \text{ Grade Enrollment})} = \text{Per-Pupil Amount (PPA)}$$

$$[\text{PPA} \times (0.05 \times \text{District 12}^{\text{th}} \text{ Grade Enrollment})] = \text{District Allocation}$$

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None