

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
October 21, 2021

OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING

- C. Approval to adopt English Language Proficiency Standards for the 21st Century (ELPA 21) in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-1-3
01. Approval to adopt Mississippi English Language Proficiency (MS-ELP) Standards
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments)
 02. Approval to adopt Mississippi Alternate English Language Proficiency (MS Alt-ELP) Standards
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comments)

Executive Summary

Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 37-1-3, the State Board of Education shall adopt and maintain a curriculum and course of study to improve student learning outcomes. The statute allows for the creation of curriculum and course of study which includes the development of English learner Standards. The MS-ELP and the MS Alt-ELP standards were developed in collaboration with states under the aegis of the Council of Chief State School Officers. The standards are based on current applied research in linguistics, language development, meta-cognition, and literacy, and reflect the language demands of rigorous college- and career-ready standards. Each of the ten standards is described through the 13 grades (PK-12) and five performance levels, so that educators can easily identify where students are strong and where they need additional scaffolded support.

The Standards highlight the language needed to meet academic expectations as described by state, college, and career ready standards, and other content standards. These standards serve as an instructional foundation for students working to learn English as a second language.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached