

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**Consent Agenda**  
**August 19, 2021**

**OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING**

- F. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To adopt English Language Proficiency Standards for the 21st Century (ELPA 21) in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-1-3
01. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To adopt Mississippi English Language Proficiency (MS-ELP) Standards
  02. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To adopt Mississippi Alternate English Language Proficiency (MS Alt-ELP) Standards

**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.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached