

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
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OFFICE OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

J. Approval of methodology to award grant funds to local school districts for the Perkins Reserve Equipment Grant Program

Background and Purpose: The Carl D. Perkins Act (Perkins) allows states to establish a Reserve to make grants to eligible recipients for career and technical education activities that promote the development, implementation, and adoption of programs of study or career pathways aligned with State-identified high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand occupations or industries. The purpose of the Mississippi Department of Education Perkins Reserve Equipment Grant Program is to provide school districts with an opportunity to acquire required capitalized equipment for programs designated by the Office of Career and Technical Education (OCTE).

Eligibility: Only local educational agencies (LEAs) that are recipients of Perkins funds currently offering an approved Career and Technical Education program, as designated by the OCTE, and meeting any of the federal statutory requirements listed below are eligible to receive grant funds from this Reserve Program. Eligible LEAs will be identified based upon data reported on the Perkins District Summary Report, rural designation per the National Center for Education Statistics, and CTE Program information in MSIS.

1. Located in rural areas.
2. Located in areas with high numbers of CTE participants.
3. Located in areas with disparities or gaps in performance in their CTE Programs.

Funding Source: Federal funds

Basis for Awarding the Grants: Discretionary

The LEA shall request funding from MDE. Funding will be awarded based on the following methodology:

$$\text{Per teacher Amount} = \frac{\text{Total Funds Available}}{\text{Total Number of Eligible Teachers Statewide}}$$

$$\text{District Funding} = \text{Total Eligible Teacher for the District} \times \text{Per Teacher Amount}$$

Recommendation: Approval up to five (5) years

Back-up material: None