

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

K. Approval of methodology to award grant funds to local school districts for the Career and Technical Education Industry Certification Grant Program

Background and Purpose: The Mississippi Legislature appropriates funding to the Office of Career and Technical Education (CTE) to provide an incentive grant to public schools for each CTE student enrolled who earns a qualifying industry certification. The CTE office is required to collaborate with the Mississippi State Workforce Investment Board to develop the listing of eligible certifications. The purpose of the CTE Industry Certification Grant Program is to support student assessment by an independent, third-party certifying entity using predetermined standards for knowledge, skills, and competencies, resulting in the award of a credential that is nationally recognized.

Eligibility: Public-school districts with students who earn a qualifying industry certification are eligible to receive grant funds.

Funding Source: State funds

Basis for Awarding the Grants: Formula

Funding will be awarded based on the following methodology:

Per the authorizing legislation, the grant award is \$600 per student unless the statewide sum of eligible students exceeds the annual allocation. If the statewide sum of eligible students exceeds the annual allocation, the formula below will be used:

$$\text{Reduced Per Pupil Amount} = \frac{\text{Total Funds Available}}{\text{Total \# of Eligible Students}}$$

$$\text{District Allocation} = \text{Reduced Per Pupil Amount} \times \text{District Total \# of Eligible Students}$$

Recommendation: Approval up to five (5) years

Back-up material: None