

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER
Summary of the State Board of Education Agenda Items
July 27, 2023

OFFICE OF TEACHING AND LEADING

03.C. Action: Award grants for special projects appropriated by the Mississippi Legislature to the Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) with a World Class Teacher Program (WCTP) site in House Bill 1613, 2023 Legislative Session [Goal 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background and Purpose: The Mississippi Legislature appropriated funds for special projects as identified in House Bill 1613. The Mississippi Department of Education is directed to transfer the designated amount to the Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) with a World Class Teacher Program (WCTP) site. The sites are Alcorn State University, Delta State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, University of Mississippi, and University of Southern Mississippi. Each site shall assume full responsibility for the expenditure of these funds in accordance with state laws and accept all responsibility for any improper expenditure. Funds will be awarded to each WCTP site based on the percentage of total participants served during each fiscal year. This requirement will be included in the grant agreements for the Institutions of Higher Learning World Class Teacher Program sites receiving the funds. The World Class Teacher Program (WCTP) is a statewide university-based initiative designed to recruit, mentor, and support teachers seeking advanced certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) process.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: July 01, 2023 – June 30, 2024
(With a liquidation period ending July 12, 2024)
- Award Amount: \$700,000
- Method of Award: Legislative Mandate

Funding Source: State General Funds (House Bill 1613, 2023 Legislative Session). Transferred from the Mississippi Department of Education

Summary of Selection Process:

Grants awarded to Institutions of Higher Learning with a World Class Teacher Program site.

This item references Goal 4 of the *Mississippi Board of Education Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

World Class Teacher Program/Initial FY24 Allocation

University	FY23 Actual		FY24's First Half GF Allocation
	Participants	%	
Delta State University	37	6.777%	\$23,717.95
Jackson State University	44	8.059%	\$28,205.13
Mississippi State University	81	14.835%	\$51,923.08
University of Mississippi	249	45.604%	\$159,615.38
University of Southern Mississippi	135	24.725%	\$86,538.46
Total	546	100.000%	\$350,000.00

***The second half of the \$700,000 FY24 appropriation (\$350,000) will be awarded to each university on a prorated basis, as confirmed by the certified counts (February Counts) provided by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards organization.*

July 2023/First Half Fund Allocation \$350,000
January 2024/Second Half Fund Allocation \$350,000

Total FY24 Appropriation \$700,000