

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
November 8, 2018

OFFICE OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

- A. Approval of methodology to award grant dollars appropriated from the Mississippi Legislature for agricultural programs, computer science, engineering or robotic engineering programs equipment upgrades and Mississippi Elementary STEM and STEAM program to local educational agencies

Purpose: As the Mississippi Legislature appropriates funds, the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) seeks local educational agencies (LEAs) that will implement all components of Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards for Science through agricultural programs, computer science, engineering or robotic engineering programs. These funds are being awarded to LEAs to ensure that these programs are provided with the opportunities to ensure their academic success.

Eligibility: All local educational agencies are eligible to apply through the Request for Applications (RFA) process. Priority will be given to those LEAs that did not receive STEM funding in prior year.

Funding Source: Mississippi Legislative Appropriated Funds

Basis for Awarding the Grants:

Funds will be awarded based on the following methodology:

This grant will provide technology upgrades and educator training to implement the Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards for Science through agricultural programs, computer science, engineering or robotic engineering programs. Awarded districts will be funded 100% equipment, software, and connectivity hardware necessary to fully implement the curricula. It is understood that some districts will be in a greater state of readiness for this project than others. Priority will be given to schools that were not funded in prior year.

Selection Criteria:

A Review Committee authorized by the MDE will evaluate proposals using a competitive, selection criteria. The Review Committee will recommend the proposals to be funded to the MDE Office of Career and Technical Education, the State Superintendent of Education, and the State Board of Education.

Funding will be provided for the necessary equipment, software and connectivity hardware for the offerors who have the highest points and are comprehensive and

responsive as determined by the evaluation committee. The MDE reserves the right to reject any proposals and to negotiate with the best offerors to address issues other than those described in the proposal.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None