

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
August 16, 2018

OFFICE OF ACCREDITATION
OFFICE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION

- C. Approval to revise State Board Policy Part 3, Chapter 36, Rule 36.3: Policies for Carnegie Unit Credit (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comments)

Background Information: In accordance with Mississippi Code Annotated § 37-16-7 and State Board Policy, Part 3, Chapter 36: Graduation Requirements, each student must meet the minimum requirements established by the State Board of Education and its local board of education in order to receive a high school diploma.

The proposed revisions will provide guidance to the Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) regarding State Board Policy, Chapter 36, Rule 36.3: Policies for Carnegie Unit Credit to clarify that once a student earns a Carnegie Unit in any course, the course may not be retaken to earn a new or an additional course grade. This policy includes any Carnegie Unit credit that may be awarded at a private/ non-public school after the student has earned an initial Carnegie Unit credit in a course. The public comment period was open through July 16, 2018. This item has cleared the APA process with no public comments.

The proposed revisions were approved by the Commission on School Accreditation on June 7, 2018.

This item references Goals 1, 2, 5, and 6 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2016-2020 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

Chapter 36: Graduation Requirements

Rule 36.3 Policies for Carnegie Unit Credit.

1. Any Mississippi public school student shall not be awarded Carnegie Unit credit unless the core objectives identified in the Mississippi College and Career-Ready Standards or Mississippi Curriculum Framework have been mastered.
2. For students entering a Mississippi public school from a regionally accredited private school or public school in another state for which the school did not award a Carnegie Unit even though the student successfully completed a course, the district may accept the course as meeting the requirement for the *Required Subjects* for a diploma in the state of Mississippi provided the district determines that the content of the course taken is comparable. However, the total *Carnegie Unit* requirement for the *Curriculum Area* remains the same.
3. Students entering a public school in Mississippi from any regionally accredited public or private school that awarded a Carnegie Unit for the successful completion of a course, the district may accept the course as meeting the requirement for the “Required Subject” in Appendix A of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards*.
4. Any student previously enrolled in a Mississippi public school that failed a SATP exam and later transfers credit for the same SATP course from either a private/nonpublic school that is accredited regionally or by the state of Mississippi or an out-of-state public school must meet one of the graduation options in State Board Policy Chapter 36, Rule 36.4 (former State Board Policy 3803).
5. Once a student earns a Carnegie Unit in any course, the course may not be retaken to earn a new or additional course grade. This policy includes any Carnegie Unit credit that may be awarded at a private or non-public school after the student has earned an initial Carnegie Unit credit in a course.

Source Code: *Miss. Code Ann. §§ 37-16-7 and 37-17-6 (Revised 6/21/2018)*