

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
March 11, 2021

OFFICE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION

C. Approval of methodology to award funds to school districts in support of the implementation of the Mississippi Online Course Application (MOCA) process

Background and Purpose: The Mississippi Virtual Public School began in 2006-2007 school year, operating through competitively bid vendor contracts until State law changed during the 2018 legislative session. In accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §37-161-3, since the 2018-2019 school year, the Mississippi Virtual Public School providers have been chosen through the Mississippi Online Course Application (MOCA) process and local educational agencies (LEAs) have been reimbursed using state funding.

Eligibility: Only LEAs are eligible to receive grant funds.

Funding Source: State and Federal funds. Grant awards are subject to availability of funds contingent upon legislative and federal appropriation.

Basis for Awarding the Grants: Formula
Funds will be awarded based on the following methodology:

I. Base Allocation:

$$\frac{\text{Funds available}}{(0.10 \times \text{Statewide 12}^{\text{th}} \text{ Grade Enrollment})} = \text{Per-Pupil Amount (PPA)}$$

$$[\text{PPA} \times (0.10 \times \text{District 12}^{\text{th}} \text{ Grade Enrollment})] = \text{Maximum District Allocation}$$

NOTE: If the number of course credits successfully completed is less than 10% of District 12th Grade Enrollment, the District Allocation will be based on the number of successfully completed course credits.

If all funds are not allocated to districts based on the above criteria, remaining funds may be distributed on a per-pupil basis for completed course credits.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None